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UXOcontrol Completes Contract with Landmark Wind Farm

UXOcontrol, the Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) risk mitigation solutions expert, which was appointed as specialist contractor to complete the UXO identification campaign for the Kincardine Offshore Wind Farm, has now completed the scope on time and under budget.

Located approximately 15km off the south-east coast of Aberdeen, at water depths ranging between 60m to 80m, Kincardine Offshore Wind Farm is the world's largest project of its kind with a nominal capacity of 50 MW, comprising offshore floating wind turbine structures, an offshore export cable, a landfall and an onshore export cable.

UXOcontrol's first UK contract as the rebranded joint venture of N-Sea and BODAC, was awarded by Cobra Wind International Ltd., a subsidiary of Spanish developer and construction company Grupo Cobra, which has been contracted to undertake the engineering, design, supply, construction and commissioning of the wind farm.

Following geographical survey works, the identification campaign commenced in May 2020, with the mobilisation of UXOcontrol's fully-equipped UXO clearance vessel, the Noordhoek Pathfinder (NHP), which conducted works at water depths varying from 13.9m to 87m over a period of four weeks.

The contract engaged 40 of UXOcontrol's highly-skilled offshore personnel, in addition to six of its onshore experts. Productivity during project execution resulted in it being completed under budget.

N-Sea CEO, Arno van Poppel commented: "The renewable energy sector is one of UXOcontrol's key markets and we are excited to showcase our capabilities and expertise by working on a project as significant as the Kincardine Offshore Wind Farm.

"Our experts offer an unrivalled level of international UXO experience and we have worked closely with Cobra Wind International Ltd. to eliminate any UXO-related risks, ensuring the successful completion of the Kincardine project."

UXOcontrol combines the expertise and experience of its two parent companies. N-Sea, a leading survey and IMR subsea solutions provider, delivers effective and cost-efficient subsea support services to asset operators and tier one contractors within the energy industry, whilst BODAC, a leading UXO risk mitigation company, is certified in UXO surveying, identification and neutralising explosives in the marine environment.

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Notes to Editors:

About Grupo Cobra

Cobra, is a company within the ACS group, which has acquired a strong reputation in the global market with extensive experience in the development, construction, operation and maintenance of power plants and industrial facilities in the energy, renewables and oil & gas markets.

About UXOControl

UXOControl is the new name for the successful joint venture between N-Sea and BODAC BV first established in 2016 and combining their extensive expertise and innovative technology.

With a proven track record in the surveying, identification and disposal of UXO, in The Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Scandinavia and the Baltic States, UXOControl is the only specialist contractor providing complete risk mitigation solutions, from Desktop Studies and Survey to Identification and Disposal - and ultimately the ALARP certificate.

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Originally founded in 1933 as a shipping company with operations in the south-western part of the Netherlands, N-Sea has evolved to become a leading integrated subsea infrastructure services provider, offering a wide range of assurance and maintenance services to the renewable energy, oil and gas, and civil contracting communities.

The company supports customers operating their maritime infrastructure, such as windfarms, pipelines, cables, oil and gas platforms and their maritime civil infrastructure through survey, inspection and assessment of these assets. N-Sea also installs, inspects, repairs and maintains infrastructures throughout their entire lifecycle.

With a safe environment of the highest priority, N-Sea aims to deliver sound solutions to its customers, realising that in harsh and challenging environments, the best solutions are often simple ones. N-Sea works with a variety of business partners depending on the project.

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BODAC, the UXO Clearance Company, was founded in 1999 and is based in the Netherlands. Since January 2006, BODAC has been a full subsidiary of the family business Den Ouden Group. Its overarching goal as the Den Ouden Group is to pass on a healthy, fertile and liveable world to the next generation. BODAC is contributing to this goal by ensuring that no explosive remnants of war will compromise the safety of (subsea) construction projects.

BODAC has extensive international experience in land and underwater explosive ordnance surveys, identifying and neutralising explosive remnants of war. It provides innovative, technically advanced and individually tailored solutions.

BODAC's UXO risk management framework is based on mitigating the UXO risks towards ALARP, by setting up desktop studies, threat assessments, implementing a risk mitigation strategy and bespoke UXO investigation and neutralisation methodologies.

Depending upon the environment and the depth of UXO objects, BODAC will use underwater survey equipment, a remotely operated vehicle, dredge (ROV/ ROD) or divers to identify, relocate and clear individual objects or designated areas.

All BODAC's operations are carried out in accordance with the relevant national and international rules, regulations and industry guidance. Its personnel are educated and certified for the task at hand.

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