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Introduction to Ecosse Subsea Systems



Personnel

- ESS provide a specialist personnel and resourcing support business service across the full spectrum of offshore requirements.
- Today more than £350 million of subsea projects are managed by ESS personnel resource for and on behalf of our clients.

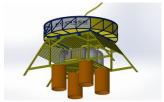


• Ecosse offer bespoke engineering and design solutions with a team combining a vast experience curve, specialist subsea expertise, coupled with procurement, fabrication, and installation know-how.

Pipe-lay Engineering

ESS Pipe-lay technologies comprises of innovative patented offerings specifically developed over more than 25 years to address subsea operational challenges. These include trenching, cable/pipe-lay, and lifting applications.





- ESS subsea lifting and positioning technologies
- Ambient lifting is a flexible mechanism using incompressible gas which facilitates control of the ascent, descent and underwater positioning of offshore structures.

Equipment Hire



A wide range of equipment is available for hire to support and deliver subsea installation projects. Including 800-2000Te Carousel, 10Te Hydraulic Tensioners, SCAR Plough in its four configurations and PREP (Plastic Reeled Elastic Pipe-lay System).







Subsea Services that are focused on being:

- Client focused
- Safe
- Simple
- Robust
- Cost Effective
- Off-the Shelf Components
- Negate the requirement for specialist vessels
- Installable by local people and vessels
- Recoverable, recyclable







- Conservative estimates predict market expenditure in UKCS is likely to exceed £35bn before 2040
- Market forecasts indicate that decommissioning expenditure in the North Sea could be between £1.1bn and £2.6bn per year
- There are in excess of 1500 registered installations in the North Sea and only 12% of these have been decommissioned to date
- The timing of these decommissioning activities will be influenced by several factors including the revenue generated from the asset, the market value of the commodity, the costs incurred to maintain the asset and the costs to decommission
- There is a 35% gap between the actual and desired capacity in the decommissioning supply chain
- Huge potential to reduce costs and simplify operations exist through the application of innovative approaches and technologies

^{*} Source – Decommissioning in the North Sea – Demand vs Capacity (ARUP 2014)



- Small, independent Scottish company with different ideas....that can make a big impact
- Safe, Simple, Robust & Cost Effective way of thinking
- ESS can act as main Contractor
 - More likely to act as sub-contractor depending on work-scope
- ESS has the tools and personnel to execute:
 - Removal of subsea architecture (all sizes)
 - Burial of Pipelines and/or Bundles



Operational Capabilities

- Ambient Lifting:
 - Simple lifting apparatus large or small structures
 - Used as a receptacle for small pieces of subsea architecture (subsea skip!)
- SCARMax:
 - Burial of Pipelines and/or Bundles
- Multi-Functional ROV Cutter, Grab & MFE Configuration:
 - Used to cut/grab/dredge smaller items of subsea architecture







- Ambient lifting is a flexible mechanism that allows accurate control of the ascent, descent and underwater positioning of subsea structures.
- Innovative subsea lifting without use of heavy-lift vessels.
- Ambient lifting can be used in a variety of industries including Oil & Gas, **Decommissioning**, Offshore Wind, Wave & Tidal Energy.
- Designed with a focus on minimising Client costs:
 - Spread cost is more than halved
 - Weather risk is significantly reduced
 - Vessel choice is increased



Ambient Lifting – Technical and Commercial Features

Technical:

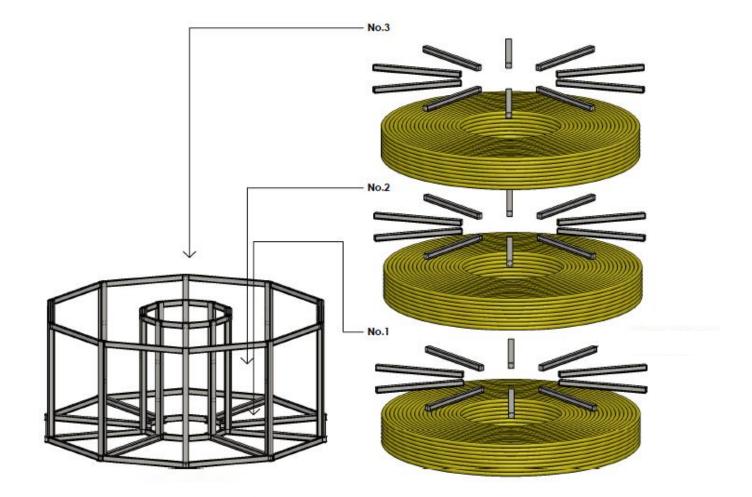
- Safe, simple & robust
- Buoyancy and ballast pressure containing system
- Fully scalable
- Can lift <1Te to >1000Te
- Suited for confined operating spaces
- All testing/commissioning done on land
- Controlled descent & ascent for underwater ROV or diver positioning
- Low sensitivity to surface weather conditions for installation
- Recovery process is reverse installation process

Commercial:

- Low cost materials
- •Off-the-shelf components
- •Can be built by local contractors
- •Rapid fabrication, sized to suit application
- Re-usable
- Installed by small vessels
- •Negates the need for expensive heavy lift vessels

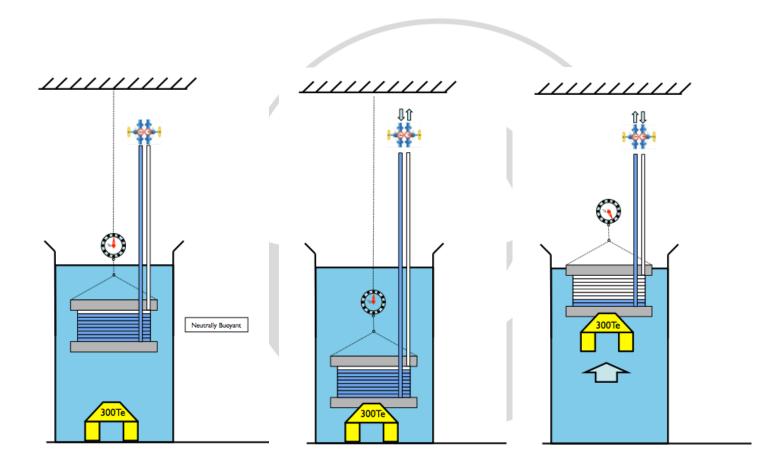


Ambient Lifting – Typical Configuration



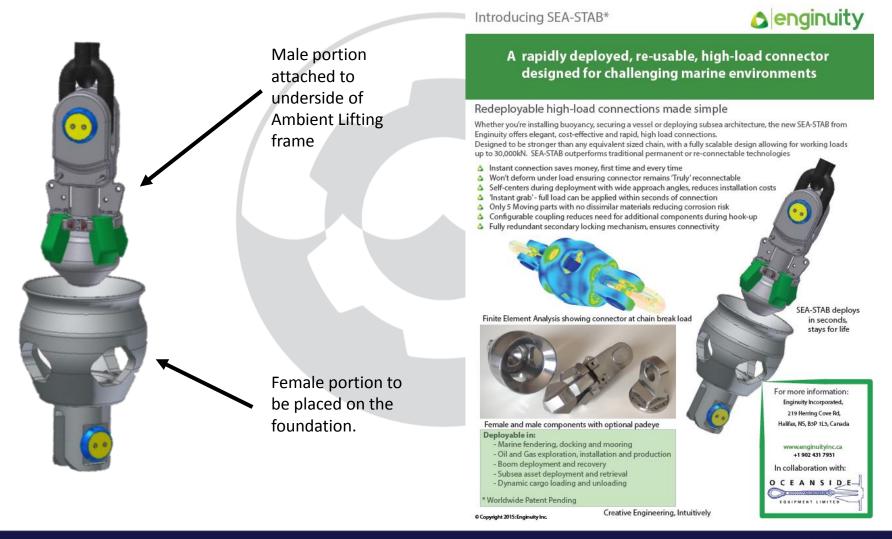


Ambient Lifting – Lifting Principle



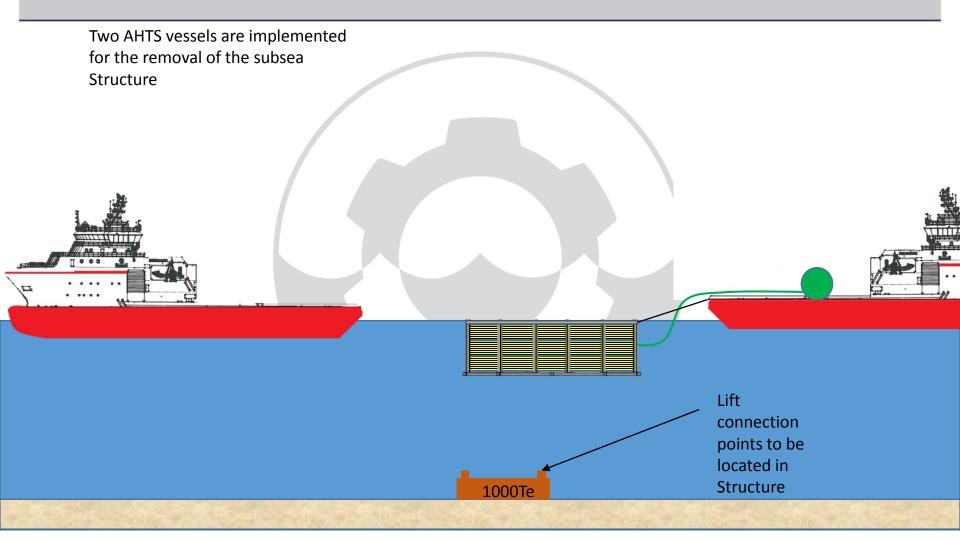


Ambient Lifting – Innovative Mechanical Connection Option



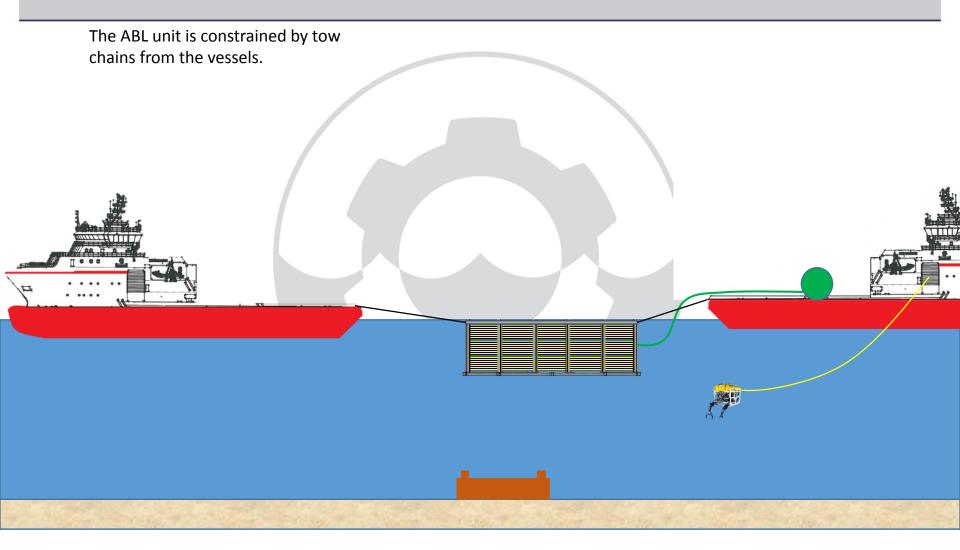


Ambient Lifting – Large Structures Example (1 of 5)



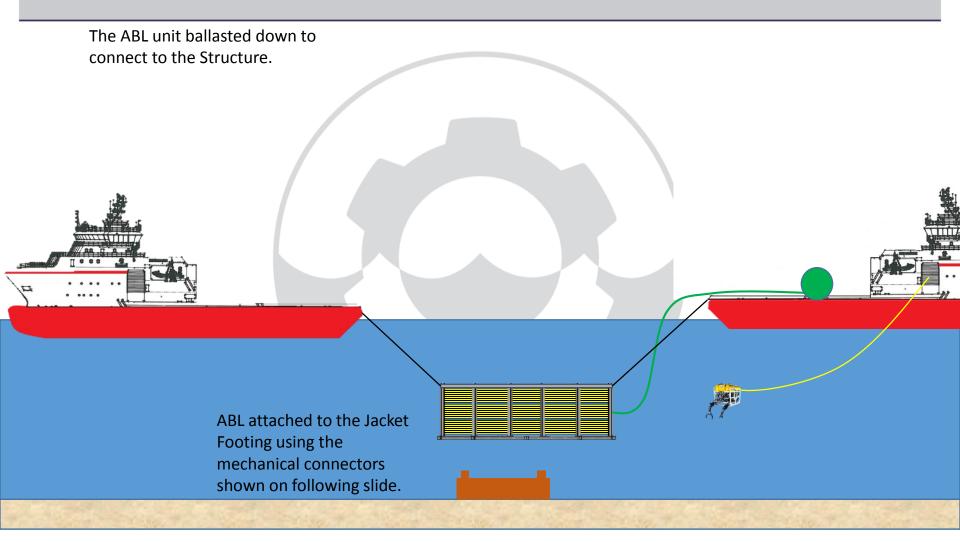


Ambient Lifting – Large Structures Example (2 of 5)



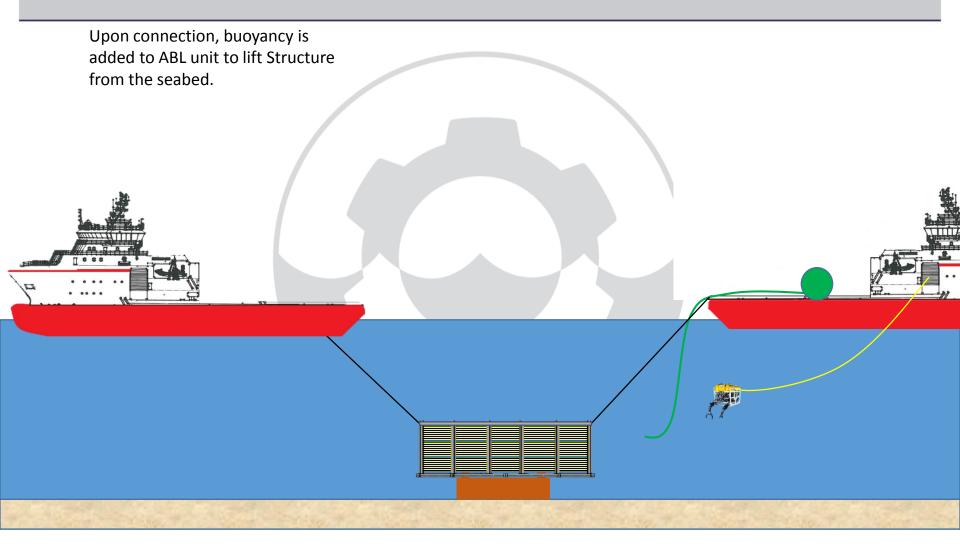


Ambient Lifting – Large Structures Example (3 of 5)



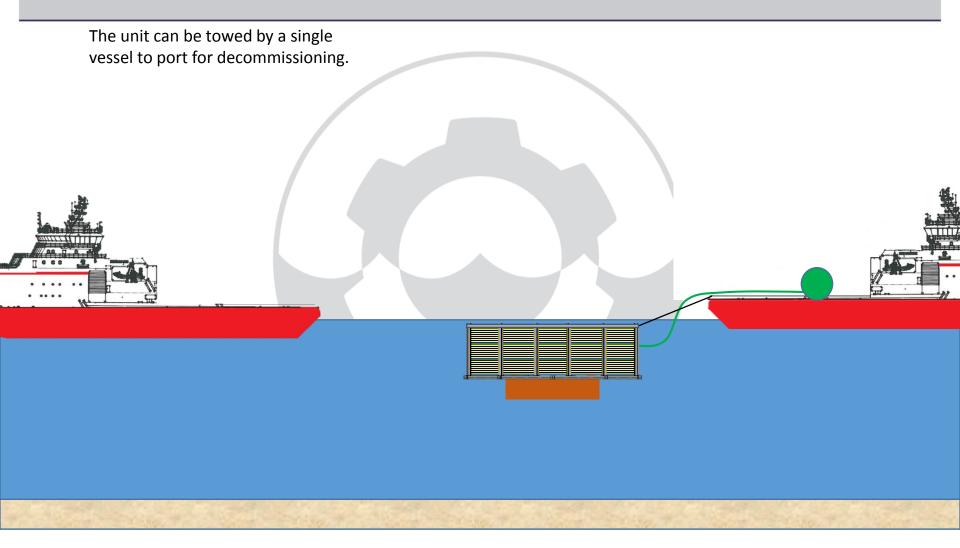


Ambient Lifting – Large Structures Example (4 of 5)





Ambient Lifting – Large Structures Example (1 of 5)





Ambient Lifting – Current Status

- Prototype constructed, 1:10 model
- Test tank procured for ESS Workshop
- Successful prototype trials undertaken
- Trials witnessed by potential Clients
- Secured 1st Project
 - Installation of gravity based foundation
 - 400Te foundation on-bottom weight
 - Detailed design complete Q4 2015
 - Installation Q1/Q2 2016 using multi-cats in extreme currents
- Evaluating and implementing feedback on system e.g. contingency measures









- SCARMax is a modular seabed system:
 - designed with deep burial of pipelines/umbilicals/bundles
- Modular chassis:
 - depths of 2m or 3m during first pass.
- In-trench ploughing configuration:
 - facilitates achievable depths >4m
- 1000Te max load capacity.
- Road Transportable
 - for cost effective shipping and mobilization globally.
- Mobilised to Anchor Handling Vessels for operational flexibility:
 - Stern Roller launched
 - No requirement for heavy A-frames or cranes offshore.
- Trench completed alongside existing product with product guided in simultaneously or on a subsequent pass through roller cradles.



SCARMax – Current Status

- Fabrication completed October 2015
- Trial assembly completed November 2015
- Available for mobilisation currently assembled at quayside storage location
- location
 Advanced discussions regarding sea trials taking place with vessel owners and current/potential clients.
- Actively being offered and discussed as a solution for interconnectors and offshore renewable export route burial.







SCARMax – Post Lay Burial – Trials







ESS Multi-Functional ROV (MFR)

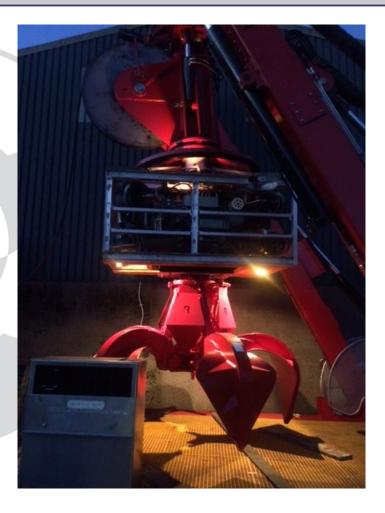


- ESS's MFR system, is a Multi Function ROV with an attachment point on the underside for various tooling such as hydraulic grab, cutter or MFE.
- This system is an fast and accurate way of carrying out subsea relocation or dredging works.
- The depth of the MFR is determined by the length of armoured umbilical, up to a maximum depth of 2000m.
- Weight: 4.5 tons in air and 4 tons in water
- 2.5m long, is 2.0m wide when closed and 3.0m wide when open.
- Height of 3.9m when closed and 3.5m when open
- The MFR Grab is design to lift up to a max subsea weight of 8 tons and has a closed grab capacity of 1.5m³



MFR Grab – Boulder Grab System

- The MFR is launched from a dedicated A frame, either off the side of a vessel or though a moonpool.
- System is capable of work in shallow water and higher sea states than crane launched systems.
- No surface hydraulic feed required ROV provides power for subsea tooling.





- ESS have available a range of robust complementary technologies that can be used to complete Decommissioning scopes in a safe, simple, yet costeffective manner.
- ESS can also provide engineering services, consultancy and project management.
- Ambient lifting: used to recover/relocate small to large subsea structures and to recover smaller items of subsea architecture.
- SCARMax: deep burial of pipelines, umbilicals and bundles.
- Multi-Function ROV: shear cutter or grab attachment for recovery/relocation of subsea pipelines or smaller architecture. MFE for burial/de-burial of pipelines/umbilicals or foundations.
- All designed for rapid mobilisation onto many standard offshore vessels from any UK offshore port.
- ESS has recently signed vessel framework agreement with Siem Offshore so guaranteed access to vessels at known rate.



Thank you

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