

MURCHISON DECOMMISSIONING

2016 - 2017

Discovered in 1975 and operational since 1980, Murchison was one of the largest of North Sea platforms and was one of the UK's largest oil fields.

Murchison had cross-border ownership:

77.8% CNR International (UK)

22.2% Wintershall (Norway)

CNR International (CNRI) owned and operated Murchison since 2002.



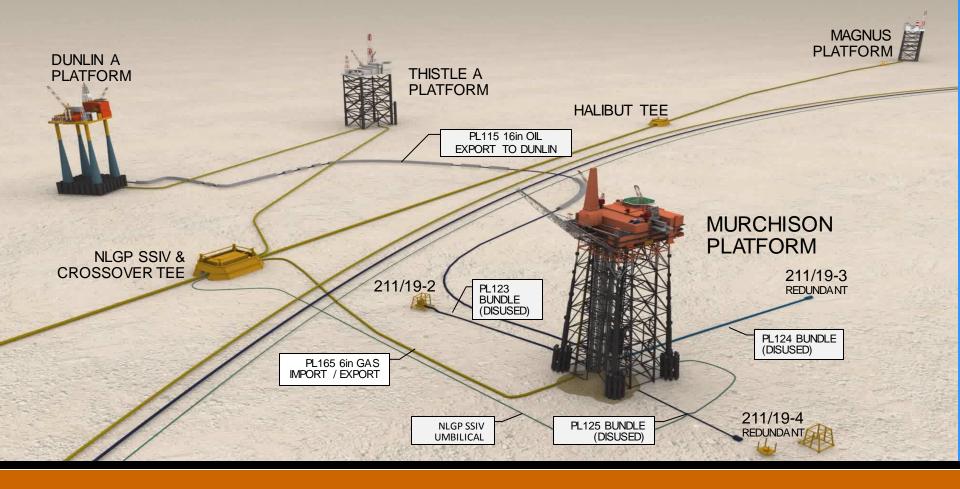
The Murchison Field – Background Information

OIL WAS SENT TO SULLOM VOE OIL TERMINAL VIA THE DUNLIN AND CORMORANT PLATFORMS.

FUEL GAS WAS IMPORTED VIA THE NORTHERN LEG GAS PIPELINE (NLGP).

The platform was located approximately 240km north east of the Shetland Islands in 156m water depth.

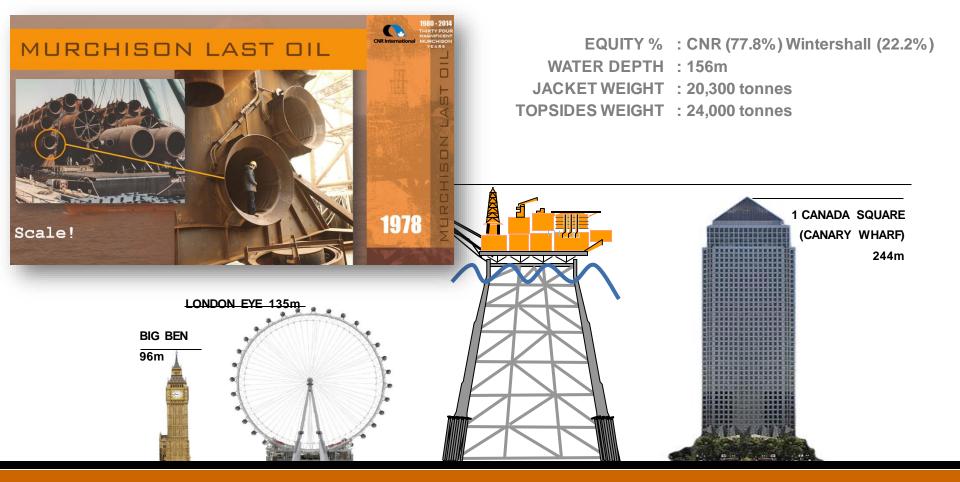






The decommissioning programme consisted of several distinct phases:

- 2014 Well Plug & Abandonment
- 2015 Engineer Down & Clean
- 2016 Topsides Removal & Disposal
- 2017 Jacket Removal & Disposal
- 2017 Subsea Removal, Cleaning & Disposal
- Post-Decommissioning Surveys.









Waiting for a heavy lift barge, then two come along at once! Week 07 Hermod 2016 Thialf

Drone Cam



2016





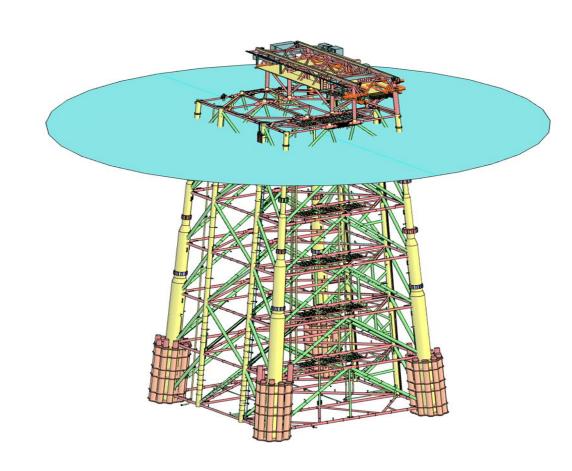




Overview

- Removal remaining ½ MSF section (MSF East)
 - 2,350mT
- Jacket removal
 - 27,600mT total weight
 - 12,100mT to be removed
- Jacket footings to remain at 108m derogation height



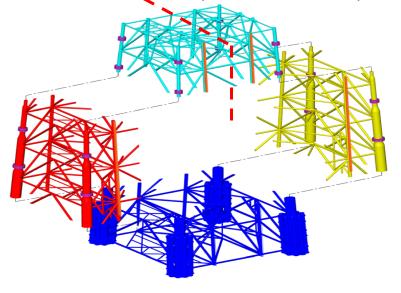


Offshore Campaign

- Offshore activities to commence early April 2017 to June 2017
 - Hermod (60 day campaign)
 - Thialf (30 day campaign)
 - 2 x heavy lifts for MSF (Hermod)



- 4 x heavy lifts of the jacket
 - 2 with Hermod (upper sections)
 - 2 with Thialf (lower sections)



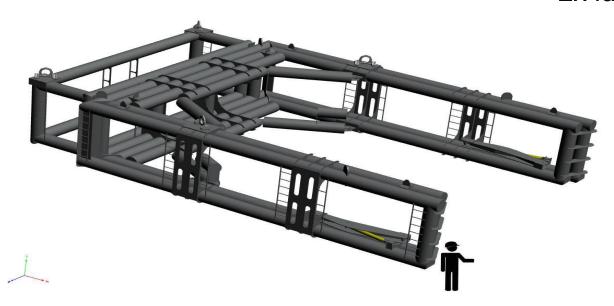
Cutting Tools

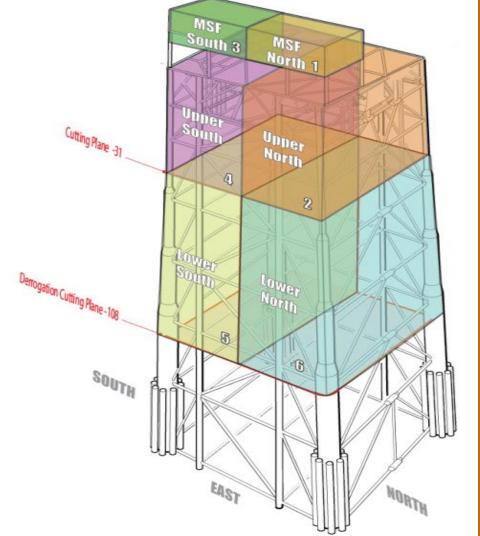
- Diamond Wire Cutting Tools (cutting bracings and jacket legs)
 - 50", 58" & 64" DWCTs positioned by ROV and docked onto structure
 - 120" (2m dia. legs incl. launch runner) positioned by crane onto cutting tool support frame (CTSF)
 - 240" (6m dia. legs) positioned by crane onto cutting tool support frame (CTSF)
- Shear cutter
 - 4 x Flowline risers at EL-108m





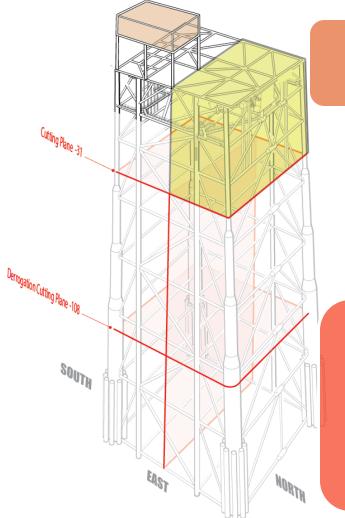
- 6m cutting tool
- Developed by Cut UK in Aberdeen
 - 2x identical tools











Jacket Top North

Week
03















121m 121s HEADING 307°

TMS PAYOUT

NORTHING 47°26'48.1968"N -0.50m 0.3

Shear Tool in Action









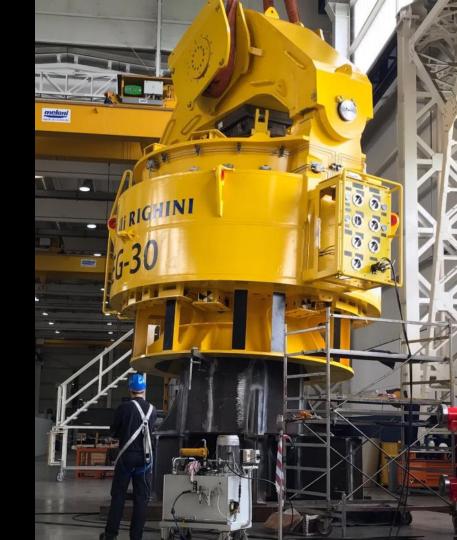
MURCHISON DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT Activity 3.1 Assist Deployment of Shear Tool

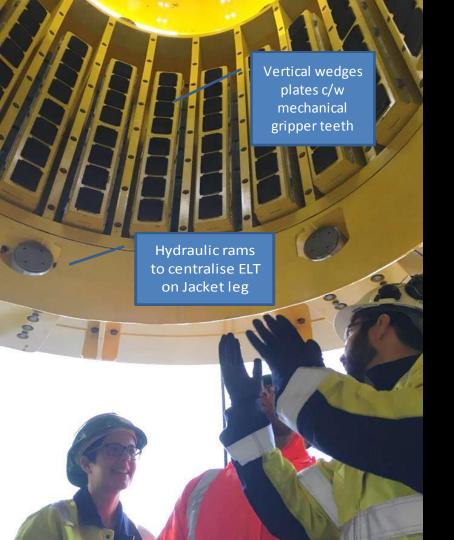
Righini Lifting Tool

Each of these tools have been certified to lift up to 2045mT.

Each of the tools shall lock onto the main Jacket legs at -31m.

Hydraulic rams with gripper teeth 6m high by 4.5m diameter

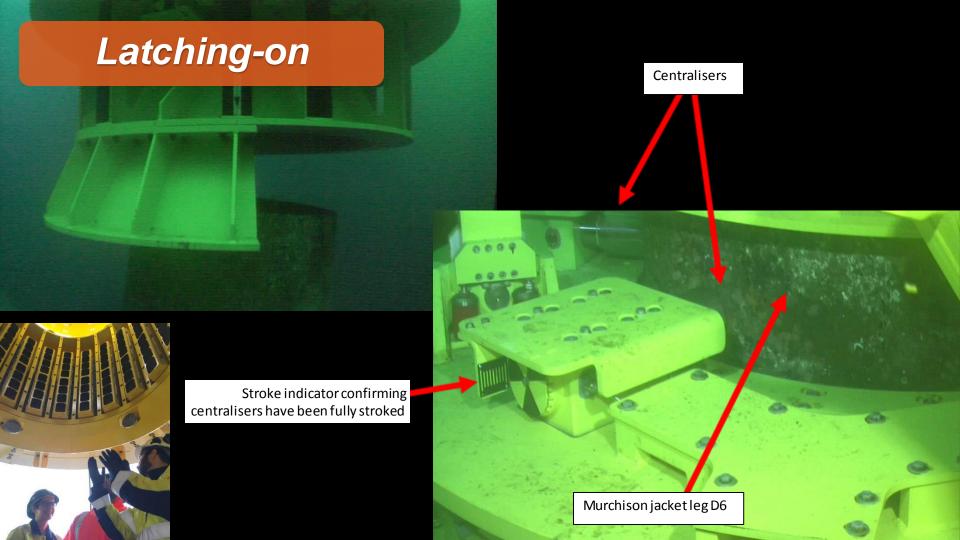




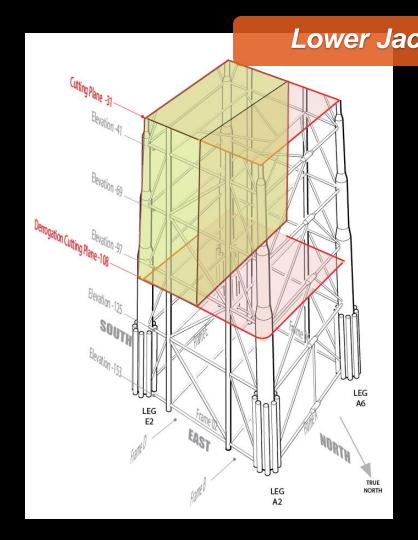
The circular hydraulic rams seen at the bottom of the tool will be used to centralise the device round the jacket leg to a tolerance of 25mm.

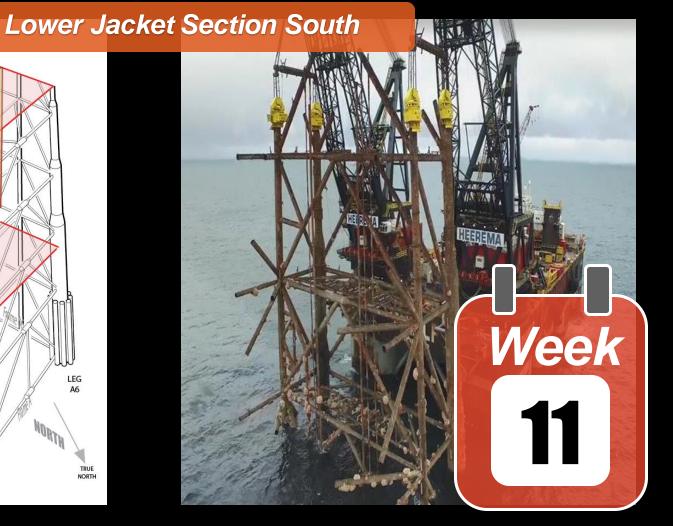
Once positioned the vertical wedge plates complete with the dark coloured mechanical gripping teeth plates will be activated, engaging inwards and locking onto the external surface of the main jacket members.

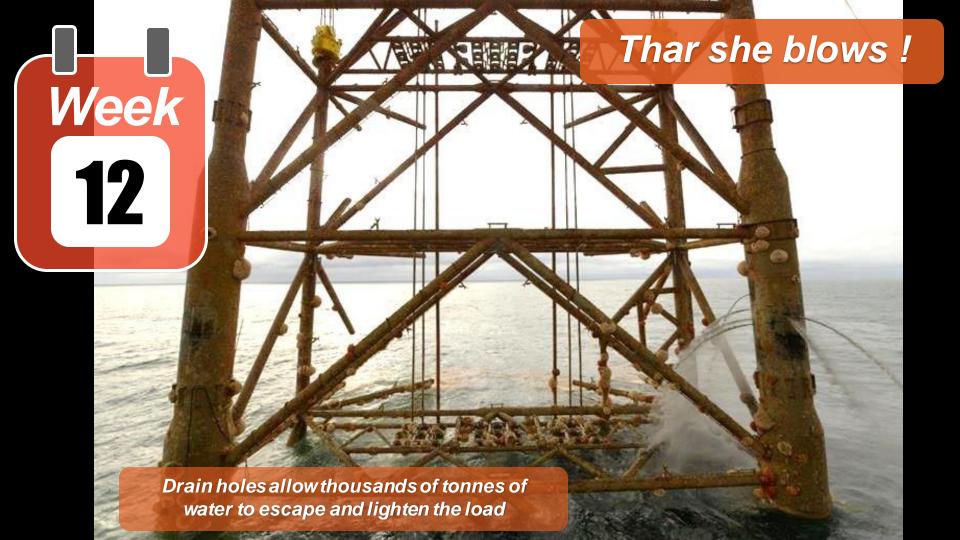
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Meanwhile... back at VATS





Marine Samples

Samples of marine life growing on the jacket are being collected for University researchers.

The end of an era...



Remaining footings.