

Approaching sailaway in Singapore and Egersund



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Towards the end of June, the Ekofisk 2/4 L accommodation and field center platform will set sail for Norway. And in mid-July, the Ekofisk 2/4 Z wellhead platform will be shipped out from the yard in Egersund. The two new platforms are important components in ConocoPhillips' long-term commitment on Ekofisk..

'We are now in the final stages of completing the Ekofisk 2/4 L topsides before it leaves the SMOE yard in Singapore,' says project manager Gaurang Haldipur. The Osprey transport vessel will carry the topsides to Norwegian waters. The topsides were skidded over to the vessel on Friday, 15 June, and final preparations are underway to ensure that everything is ready for departure from the yard in late June, as planned. The voyage will take around 29 days.

The topsides will arrive at Mekjarvik in late July, before embarking on the final leg to Ekofisk a few days later. The helicopter deck will be lifted off in Mekjarvik, in preparation for lifting the topsides onto the jacket in August. The jacket was built by Kværner Verdal and was installed on Ekofisk last year.

The Ekofisk 2/4 Z topsides is also nearing completion (picture). It will be transported out to the field and lifted into place in July.

'We are approaching mechanical commissioning of the important disciplines – important as far as being able to produce oil,' says project manager Olav Henriksen. Commissioning of systems and equipment, takes place seven days a week. 'The more we can test and commission at the yard in Egersund, the easier it will be to achieve our goal offshore; producing oil by the end of the year,' says Henriksen.

Ekofisk 2/4 Z is a wellhead platform, with space for 35 new production wells. It will contribute to increased production from the Ekofisk field in the years to come. The platform jacket was built at Dragados offshore in Spain, and installed in 2012.