

Ekofisk 2/4 Z in place



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The 8000-tonne topsides for the new wellhead platform has now been installed on the Ekofisk Complex. The platform is scheduled to start production in the 4th quarter of this year.

Installation of the platform's topsides marks an important milestone for the Ekofisk South project. The heavy lifting vessel Saipem 7000 carried out the lift. The topsides were placed on the platform jacket on 14 July – two days after they sail-away from the shipyard in Egersund.

Work will now continue on commissioning and completion before the platform will be handed over to the operations department in the autumn and oil production can start. Around 150 people from different disciplines, such as mechanical and electrical, will take part in this work.

Four production wells have been pre-drilled on Ekofisk 2/4 Z. The pre-drilling was carried out by the Mærsk Gallant drilling rig, and the wells will now be integrated with the platform. All in all, the platform will have 36 wells, of which 35 are production wells, and one well is for return of drill cuttings.

The Ekofisk South project also includes the Ekofisk 2/4 VB subsea facility – with eight wells for injecting water into the reservoir. The facility started water injection from the first well on 16 May this year. Overall, the project will result in improved recovery corresponding to 25-35 million Sm³ of oil equivalents.