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More Drillship Control Systems for Converteam

Converteam closed 2008 with more contract success for their C-Series of integrated ship control systems.

Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering (DSME) of South Korea awarded Converteam with further contracts to engineer supply and commission the cutting edge integrated control systems for two newbuild drillships. These latest orders follow the several earlier drillship contracts from DSME and other major shipbuilders.

Due for delivery in 2010 and 2011 respectively the drillships, rated for water depths of up to 10,000 feet, are owned by Odebrecht S.A. of Brazil and will be contracted to work in the Campos Basin region of offshore Brazil on behalf of Petrobras.

Converteam's distributed control system, the C-Series, scope of delivery embraces a full vessel automation system, a power management system, fire/gas and emergency shutdown systems, load and stability calculator and a full Class 3 triple voting dynamic position control system. An extensive data recording system is included as is a full complement of sensors and auxiliary equipment.

For the first time Converteam will supply a riser management system and fully integrate it with the C-Series dynamic position control system.

Neil Barford, Offshore & Merchant Business Manager for Converteam UK Ltd says "that these latest contracts are particularly noteworthy since they represent further confirmation of Converteams position as market leader in the field.



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“We believe our approach to this business area is unique” says Barford. “Converteam is essentially an engineering and systems integration company, so what we offer goes way beyond a standard offering of ‘off the shelf’ components. We make sure that our systems are designed and engineered with the needs of the shipbuilder and the end user in mind. Where we really earn our position as market leader is by our engineering and the integrating third party equipment to ensure we avoid unexpected difficulties at any stage in project implementation. It’s what we do: system engineering”.

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About Converteam

Converteam Group is a world leader in power conversion engineering. Building on over a century of experience, it is firmly placed at the leading edge of technology and innovation with a global reputation for excellence in the conversion of electrical energy. Converteam develops and provides solutions built around three core components: rotating machines, drives and process automation. Serving specialised sectors as well as its core markets in Marine, Oil & Gas and Offshore, Energy and Industry, its 4,600 staff members provide power conversion solutions worldwide. At year-end 07, the Converteam sales totalled EUR 875,000,000.

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