

Upstream

Technip awarded umbilical supply contract

Technip has been awarded a contract to supply umbilicals to the Block 15/06 East Hub Development offshore Angola by Eni S.p.A. The contract covers about 15 kilometres of dynamic and static steel tube umbilicals.

<http://www.technip.com/en/press/technip-awarded-umbilical-supply-contract-eni>

Production begins from Bonga Phase 3

Shell has announced they have begun production from the Bonga Phase 3 project, offshore Nigeria. Bonga Phase 3 is an expansion on the existing Bonga field, Nigeria's first deep-water development, which has been in production since 2005.

<http://www.shell.com/global/aboutshell/media/news-and-media-releases/2015/shell-commences-production-from-bonga-phase-3-project-in-nigeria.html>

Shell hopeful on new Gabon discovery

Shell has announced a potential new discovery offshore Gabon. According to a company official, the Leopard Marin discovery may be a new commercial field. It could be the first multi-tcf (trillion cubic feet) find in a new gas play.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/29/us-shell-gabon-idUSKCN0SN00U20151029>

Midstream

Ghana pays overdue Nigerian gas bill

The Ghanaian government has announced they will pay a \$170 million bill they owe a Nigerian consortium by February 2016. The consortium had threatened to cut gas supplies to the country if the payment wasn't made. Ghana currently receives 25% of their energy resources from Nigeria.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFL8N12K2BZ20151020>

EG FLNG to be brought online by 2019

Ophir Energy has announced that they expect to have their FLNG project offshore Equatorial Guinea brought online by 2019. Financial investment decision (FID) is expected in 2016 and the operating company feel confident that first gas production from the vessel will commence by 2019.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/tanzaniaNews/idAFL8N12T3JV20151029>

Eni to decide on Mozambique LNG investment

Eni has stated they are looking to secure debt financing for their Coral LNG project in Mozambique and that FID is expected by the end of the year. Eni are in talks to acquire 60-70 percent of the financing for the project.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFL3N12U1ZH20151030>

Downstream

Sudan and Russia sign GTL agreement

The Sudanese Oil Ministry has signed an agreement with GTL for the construction of a gas to liquids plant at the Neem field in Sudan, which will cost \$70 million. The project will be financed by the shareholders: 51% hold by Sudapet and 49% by GTL. In February 2016, GTL will begin to manufacture and deliver equipment for the plant. Completion is expected within 18 months.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article56601>

Topsoe awarded technology contract for Tanzania fertiliser plant

Haldor Topsoe will deliver the engineering design, licensing, proprietary hardware and catalysts for what will be the first fertiliser plant in Tanzania. The Tanzanian Petroleum Development Corporation have made a joint venture with Ferrostaal Industrial Projects GmbH, Haldor Topsoe A/S and Fauji Fertilizer Company Ltd to build the first fertiliser plant in the country. The plant will produce 1.3 million tons of fertiliser per year and is expected to start up in 2020.

<http://www.topsoe.com/news/2015/10/topsoe-technology-chosen-billion-dollar-fertilizer-plant-tanzania>

Power

South African Power Plant begins operations

The 335MW gas-fired Dedisa Peaking Power Plant has entered commercial operations in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. It is the country's largest independent power project as was developed by a consortium which includes Engie, Mitsui and several local companies.

<http://www.powerengineeringint.com/articles/2015/10/south-african-independent-gas-fired-power-project-starts-operation.html>

Ghanaian power plant enters commercial operations

The expansion of Ghana's Takoradi 2 Power Plant has been successfully completed, developers Taqa and state-owned Volta River Authority have announced. The project saw the plants original simple-cycle unit replaced by a more efficient combined-cycle one, increasing the capacity of the plant by 110MW

<http://www.esi-africa.com/ghana-t2-thermal-power-plant-expansion-contributes-15/>

\$450 million contract awarded for East African HVDC Link

A consortium of Siemens and Isolux Corsan have been awarded a contract to construct a World Bank funded high voltage direct current transmission line between Ethiopia and Kenya. The 2,000MW line will connect Suswa in Kenya with Sodo in Ethiopia, a distance of around 1,000km. Siemens will be supplying the HVDC technology, while Isolux Corsan will construct and install the converter and AC substations.

<http://www.isoluxcorsan.com/en/communication/press-releases/siemens-isolux-consortium-wins-450m-hvdc-contract-in-ethiopia-and-kenya.html?texto=&idCategoria=0&fechaDesde=&fechaHasta=>

Renewables

SkyPower to build 200MW of solar power in Djibouti

Canadian solar power developer SkyPower have signed an agreement to build 200MW of solar projects in Djibouti. The projects will be built in four phases over the next four years, and will represent an investment of around \$440 million.

<http://www.rechargenews.com/solar/1412884/skypower-continues-deal-spree-with-200mw-djibouti-pv-plan>

U.S financing for South African solar project

The US Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) have signed an agreement which will see \$400 million in debt financing committed to the 100MW Redstone Concentrating Solar Power project in Northern Cape, South Africa. The agreement was signed between OPIC and project's developers SolarReserve and ACWA Power.

<https://www.opic.gov/press-releases/2015/opic-partners-solarreserve-and-acwa-power-develop-landmark-south-african-solar-energy-facility-0>

Work to start on 750MW Zambian hydropower plant

Zambia's state-owned power company Zesco have announced that SinoHydro will commence construction work on the Kafue Gorge Lower Power Station in December. The \$2 billion scheme will be complete in around four years.

<http://www.esi-africa.com/zambia-development-of-750mw-hydro-plant-to-commence-in-december/>

First power for Ethiopian hydropower

The Gilgel Gibe III hydropower plant in Ethiopia has begun to generate power for the first time. The 1,870MW capacity plant will more than double the country's generation capacity and will export power to neighbouring countries.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201510140248.html>