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Good cooperation on Service Operation Vessels (SOV)

Good experience is being gained during work at the offshore wind farms Baltic 2 and Butendiek.

Duties with the two purpose built Service Operation Vessels (SOV), the “Esvagt Froude” and the “Esvagt Faraday” in the offshore wind farms, the Baltic 2 and the Butendiek are well underway and both Siemens and ESVAGT are gaining excellent experience.

Not only are the new vessels built for an entirely new service concept for offshore wind farms, the SOVs also have newly developed equipment: The

transfer boats STB12 and STB7 are, like the Walk-to-Work gangway system, new to ESVAGT.

“Everything is working very well,” says Bjarne Karlskov, Chartering Manager for ESVAGT:

“The “Esvagt Faraday” has been busy with both gangway transfers and transfers with the STB12. Goods are also being transferred with the STB7. We are gaining valuable experience with the equipment in the settings that we had intended to work in – and so far things have been going very well,” he says.

Having the ESVAGT crew and customers living and working together is also new – and working out well, says Head of Commercial for ESVAGT, Ib Hansen:

“Cooperation is working and the atmosphere is a good and constructive one. Both sides are working on optimising vessel operations and defining day-to-day life, and there is a healthy dialogue. Siemens are making more of the potential of the vessel now – for example by utilising the vessel’s capacity to assist other offshore wind farms,” says Ib Hansen.

SOV’S IN DRY FIGURES

ESVAGT’s two purpose built wind service operation vessels “Esvagt Faraday” and “Esvagt Froude” have been busy during the first six months of operation.

“Esvagt Faraday” has provided Siemens with:

8,445 meals served

3,765 gangway transfers to WTG’s

2,848 overnight stays

1,809 washings in the laundry

706 approaches to WTG’s

279 STB12 transfers

143 crane operations to WTG's

22 'SOV-days' (all CTV's had to stay in port due to weather conditions)

0 personal injuries

ESVAGT is a dedicated provider of safety and support at sea, founded on an experienced and well-trained offshore crew and unmatched rescue capabilities.

We support the offshore Oil & Gas industries with a wide range of specialized services: Standby, Emergency Response and Rescue Vessels (ERRV), Oil spill response, Firefighting, Tanker assists, Rig moves, Supply services and Interfield transfer of cargo and personnel.

In 2010, ESVAGT brought the dedicated offshore wind Service Operation Vessels (SOV) to the market. The SOVs provide accommodation for up to 40 technicians, storage for small turbine parts and a workshop, plus personnel and equipment transfer capabilities by either Walk-to-Work gangway system or Safe Transfer Boats.

ESVAGT was founded in 1981 and has a fleet of more than 40 vessels and more than 900 employees on- and offshore.

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