

## **ENSCO 5004 leaves Malta**

The oil rig ENSCO 5004 today left Malta after spending seven and a half months in Grand Harbour. A local company, Ablecare Oilfield Services Group, co-ordinated all the works needed to enable the rig to be recertified and upgraded.

The rig was towed to Malta from Brazil and is now heading for North Africa. Paul Abela, Chairman of Ablecare Oilfield Services Group, said: “Our clients were very satisfied with the services we provided and were impressed with Malta’s strategic location in the Mediterranean.

“This challenging project was successful thanks to the efficiency and co-operation received from Government and local authorities, and this success has laid the foundation for further projects to be undertaken in Malta.”

The extensive work was carried out with the direct deployment of no less than 75 Maltese skilled workers daily, and apart from the foreign contractors over 30 local sub-contractors provided a variety of ancillary support services, like transport, accommodation and catering.

All works were carried out on part of the former Malta Shipbuilding site, which was temporarily refurbished to accommodate the services and workers on this specialised project.

The project left a significant amount of added value to the economy and the local workforce excelled in meeting oil and gas industry standards, especially the rigorous health and safety requirements of this specialised sector.

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*Maltese translation on the following page*

## Jitlaq minn Malta ENSCO 5004

Ir-rig taż-żejt ENSCO 5004 illum telaq minn Malta wara seba' xhur u nofs fil-Port il-Kbir. Kumpanija lokali, Ablecare Oilfield Services Group, ħadet ħsieb tikkordina x-xogħol kollu li kien hemm bżonn biex ir-rig jerga' jiġi ċertifikat u għax-xogħol ta' titjib (upgrade).

Ir-rig ingieb Malta mill-Brazil u issa sejjer l-Afrika ta' Fuq. Paul Abela, Ċermen ta' Ablecare Oilfield Services Group, qal: "Il-klijenti tagħna kienu sodisfatti ħafna bis-servizz li tajnihom u bil-post strateġiku ta' Malta fil-Mediterran.

"Dan kin proġett li ġab miegħu sfidi kbar u temm b'suċċess grazzi għall-effiċjenza u l-koperazzjoni kemm mill-Gvern u l-awtoritajiet lokali. Grazzi għal dan is-suċċess poġġejna s-sisien għal proġetti oħrajn f'Malta."

Ix-xogħol estensiv sar minn mhux inqas minn 75 haddiem Malti tas-sengħa kuljum u apparti mill-kuntratturi barranin, iktar minn 30 industrija different lokali ħadu xogħol ta' sub-contracting ta' servizzi anċillari, fosthom trasport, akkomodazzjoni u ikel.

Ix-xogħol kollu sar fuq parti mis-sit tal-eks Malta Shipbuilding li ġie attrezzat temporanjament biex dawn is-servizzu jistgħu jingħataw minn dawn il-haddiema fuq dan il-proġett speċjalizzat.

Il-proġett halla kontenut għoli ta' valur miżjud fl-ekonomija lokali u l-haddiema marru tajjeb ħafna biex laħqu l-istandards tal-industrija taż-żejt u l-gass, speċjalment ir-rekwiżiti rigorużi ta' saħħa u sigurtà ta' dan is-settur speċjalizzat.

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Caption:

