

Decommissioning P11-E

Platform P11-E in the Dutch North Sea, production ceased in May 2020, will be decommissioned in the coming month.

The decommissioning will be done in two parts: removing the topside and removing the jacket. Wednesday, 6 September, the vessel called Gulliver departed and will deliver the topside of the platform to the storage yard of SAGRO. After delivering the topside, the Gulliver will return to the location and pick up the jacket. A survey of the seabed will be done before departing location, to ensure no foreign objects are left behind. After removal, the P11-E platform will be loaded-in at a storage yard for storage and refurbishment or dismantling.

P11-E Platform

The P11-E platform was installed in 2016 and became the first offshore development managed by ONE-Dyas. CGG described the P11-11 field as "the fastest turn around in the Dutch offshore of the last 13 years" There were only 28 months between the discovery and the first gas. Production ceased in May 2020 after the platform produced 636 million Nm³.

Powered by wind and solar energy

In terms of safety, the platform is equipped with a fully closed fire- and explosion-resistant wall, gas and fire detection independent dedicated high-pressure water and foam fire extinguishing system. In addition, the focus was on keeping the environmental impact as low as possible. The platform has been constructed from a lightweight design, saving 500kg CO₂ per ton of steel. Energy generated by solar and wind power, stored in batteries, provided near-zero emission. Because the platform was unmanned, helicopter and supply boat activities were kept to a minimum.

According to Energie Beheer Nederland (EBN), the safety execution and the lower carbon energy in cost-effective manner demonstrated the way forward through the energy transition.

