

Recognition



Recognition. It's a fundamental human need. It's not what drives us to excel, but it makes our accomplishments all the sweeter. Whether it's the Academy Awards or the Pulitzers, professionals of all walks of life gather annually to recognize the accomplishment of peers. In that spirit, each year OTC announces nominations for Distinguished Achievement Awards for individuals and companies, organizations and institutions. I am looking forward to this year's nominees. Talking about OTC, this issue of Offshore Industry deals with two main offshore events: the Dutch On & Offshore trade fair and of course OTC Houston. Especially OTC is regarded as a precise seismograph of economic trends in the offshore sector. The outlook for the two trade fairs is good: there is an economic set back but the demand for (new) energy continues.

Back to recognition. First of all I'd like to express my gratitude and thanks to all companies and organizations who have expressed their faith in the launch and formula of this offshore magazine by forwarding us their editorial contributions, by warmly inviting us to visit their premises, their vessels and platforms, and last but not least, by considering this magazine as preferable communication vehicle for their marketing and sales efforts. Due to this tangible support we are able to provide the Dutch and international offshore industry a distinguishing and branch dedicated magazine. With this special trade fair issue this magazine has reached a print volume of 5,500 copies. In the near future, the target circulation is expected to rise to about 7,500 copies after careful selection. I am convinced that this edition of Offshore Industry will again play an important role in expanding international business contacts. In compliance with the other companion magazines published by our publishing house, this magazine is also intended as an export vehicle by promoting new ideas and technology and their benefits to offshore companies, suppliers, and operators worldwide.

Vital reading...!

Dennis Vinkoert,

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Front cover: Ridderkerk based NAMI Constructions B.V. successfully completed a turnkey refurbishment project E18-A on behalf of operator Wintershall. The project included the complete overhaul of the topdeck and the construction of a new 1,200 t jacket (left page). Photo courtesy of Dennis Vinkoert.