

ISO Offshore

In March, BW Offshore received three ISO certifications: ISO 9001 Quality Management, ISO 14001 Environmental Management and OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management.



ABOVE Reward for job well done. **From left** Knut C. Langaard, Principal Surveyor DNV, Torfinn Buarøy, Director Operations Division, Benedicte L. Barthold, Manager HSEQ & Business Improvement, Svein Moxnes Harfjeld, CEO and Svein Flogland, Head of Department Offshore Classification Technology, DNV.

We have seen that customers are increasingly requiring contractors not only to have management systems implemented, but also to have them certified," says Svein Moxnes Harfjeld, BW Offshore CEO. "We saw the advantage in developing a management system which covered all phases of our work," he says, "which is building, converting, owning, leasing and operating FPSOs and FSOs and their related equipment and installations."

"We set ourselves a high level goal: to establish a management system encompassing all three standards, and I am proud to see that we have reached this goal."

BARRIER TO ENTRY

The process of developing the system was demanding, especially in a period where the overall activity in the company has increased and the workload on personnel has been high. However, staff have worked hard to codify BW Offshore's working methods

and develop new procedures. Berge Helene was used as a pilot in the process of developing operating procedures, in close cooperation with the client.

"This certified management system will ensure transparency in our methods and procedures," says Harfjeld. "Moreover, the introduction of certification has increased the barrier to entry for the FPSO market, and leading players like BW Offshore now have better access to projects than new entrants and more speculative players."

ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

One of the most important tasks to achieve ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 standards has been the identification and evaluation of environmental and health risks.

"We held a seminar where all employees in Oslo contributed to identify and evaluate risks, and define goals and activities in order to minimise the risks and consequences of our business," says Benedicte Barthold,

Business Improvement and HSEQ Manager. "All divisions, projects and FPSOs will set yearly HSE goals and conduct a range of activities to seek continuous improvement of BW Offshore's HSE performance."

REVIEWS AND AUDITS

The certification process included a DNV document review in August 2005, an audit of the Head Office in November 2005 and an audit of the Berge Helene and the base office in Nouakchott in January 2006. DNV were pleased with their findings. "The DNV audit onboard Berge Helene did not reveal any non-conformities in the standards. That is an impressive result," says Barthold.

"BW Offshore has done a good job in preparing the system prior to certification," says Knut C. Langaard, Principal Surveyor, DNV. "This created a common platform for all employees from which to depart on a continual improvement voyage." ●