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Odfjell Drilling is a leading international drilling company with 40 years of industry experience.

Odfjell Drilling is an established and respected drilling company, founded in 1973, with a proven track record of outstanding performance in the harsh environment and ultra deepwater oil extraction markets.

We’ve been at home in some of the most operationally hostile environments on the planet, such as the North Sea, for the past 40 years. In that time the company has gained huge experience and honed its industry expertise, emerging as a preferred partner for a host of leading global energy businesses.

Odfjell Drilling can now offer its valued customers a portfolio of integrated services that is custom-made to help them achieve their business objectives. Our range of services (drilling, well services and engineering) combine to create the optimum results, and value, while our motivated and highly qualified staff are committed to delivering first class standards for all our customers, right across the world.

We are now present in 20 countries, employ more than 3000 skilled team members and have the most technologically advanced fleet of drilling assets in the industry.

We are proud of our achievements, proud of our customers’ successes, and proud to be chosen for our experience and expertise.
Past success builds future promise. At Odfjell Drilling we pride ourselves on 40 years of outstanding performance in some of the most demanding natural environments in the world. This experience has laid the foundations for our unparalleled expertise, while shaping our understanding of future industry opportunities, and the challenges that inevitably lie ahead.

We are committed to offering state-of-the-art drilling assets, first class employees - who are motivated, highly-skilled and fulfilled in their roles - and, through this high-tech and human combination, delivering outstanding results, safe and efficient operations, great value, and optimum performance for our customers.

We have a track record of success in these objectives and, through our well-defined and ingrained corporate culture, we are perfectly positioned to build upon that as we grow this business.

Our customers understand our abilities - as we implicitly understand their business goals and requirements - and together we have formed long-lasting and valued relationships that have yielded high quality results, time after time.

Today we face a future that we believe is very bright, regardless of the weather fronts that gather over our hostile ‘home’ environments. Odfjell Drilling is the established partner of choice for harsh conditions and ultra deepwater drilling operations, with the best minds, technology and understanding in the market.

We aim to retain and consolidate that position - facilitating on-going success, not just for us, but for all our customers and stakeholders.

Our new horizons are close at hand. We hope to help you reach yours too.

Odfjell Drilling has a history of rising to the most demanding challenges… and a future rich with the potential of reaching new horizons.
Value focused
Odfjell Drilling has created and maintained a culture of success through a focus on the company’s five core values.

Every individual within the business is united in their adherence to these values. We pride ourselves on being committed, safety conscious, creative, competent and result orientated.

Our management teams embody these standards and we, as an organisation, invest heavily in their development – giving them the motivation and skills to continually improve and push for new challenges, while helping them create the open, friendly and responsible working environment that defines our company.

This helps us maintain the highest standards and create a team bond that, we believe, is unique. This is what makes us Odfjell Drilling.

The safe choice
Safety always comes first for all our employees.

An established QHSE culture, with rigorous regulations and first class standards, sits at the very heart of Odfjell Drilling. We are focused on maintaining the highest safety standards and protecting the health of our employees, and all others associated with our operations. This is achieved by existing personnel injury, and harm to health, and reducing risks through effective risk management. We also monitor, review and continually improve HSE performance through objective-based management.

We have crystallised this approach into what we call our ‘zero fault philosophy’, which is now our main corporate goal. The company’s dedication to this philosophy results in far-reaching and tangible benefits for our people, our operations, our clients and all other Odfjell Drilling stakeholders.

It is our ambition to be recognised for our culture, results, strong environmental profile and proactive QHSE initiatives. We are as determined to be an industry leader for QHSE as we are for our technology, performance and, of course, the quality of all our people.

Environmental care
Respect for the environment is fundamental to assuring a sustainable future. Odfjell Drilling aims to minimise any harmful impacts our operations may have upon the environment whenever we can, and is committed to working through a continuous improvement process. We are dedicated to conducting our operations responsibly, according to sound, rigorous and defined corporate environmental principles that support our HSE Policy.

A zero fault culture
Recognised for our strong environmental profile
Odfjell Drilling prides itself on its past heritage, present fleet and future potential in the field of mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs).

Through 40 years of operational success in harsh environments - with semi-submersibles, drillships, jack-ups and modular drilling units - the company has accrued enormous experience and expertise, which has been embedded in the design and construction of each new unit delivered.

Unique understanding
It has now utilised this managerial and operational understanding to create the market’s most technologically advanced fleet, unlocking new potential, value and horizons for our customer base.

Our recently renewed fleet now comprises state-of-the-art sixth generation ultra deepwater drilling units, built and maintained to meet both stringent North Sea regulatory requirements, and to tackle the world’s most demanding environmental conditions in ultra deep waters.

40 years of operational success in harsh environments

Our ‘zero fault philosophy’ is the cornerstone of all operations, as Odfjell Drilling’s QHSE dedicated team members strive to achieve optimum performances (whatever the conditions) and contribute towards continual operational improvements.

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Odfjell Drilling’s Deepsea Metro 1, an ultra deepwater drillship built by Hyundai Heavy Industries in South Korea, entered service in 2011, quickly engaging in demanding deepwater drilling activities in Tanzania.

Its success in the field has been immediate and on-going, with Odfjell Drilling’s highly experienced and skilled team - committed to our ingrained zero fault philosophy - achieving remarkable results in the vessel’s first 20 months in operation.

A close collaboration between onshore and offshore personnel ensured that the Gusto P-10000 design ship passed through stringent acceptance tests and was made available to the client on budget and on time. This smooth start continued with a safe and efficient initiation of activity off the southeast African coastline, which has seen the crew achieve an average economical uptime of 99.5% and technical uptime of 96.5% (first 20 months).

During that period, MODU’s staff have drilled 11 wells for the client, all ahead of schedule, and installed a DST (drill stem testing) package on the vessel, within the set timeframe and budget. The crew has now performed the first two DST operations in the region, without any major recordable incidents.

The key to this success? Those working on the project believe that the Odfjell Drilling culture of safety, efficiency and focusing on high quality deliverables underpin their accomplishments, while the collaboration between on and offshore teams has facilitated the unit’s smooth progress from the yard to the drilling frontline.

In addition, clearly visible, ‘hands on’ leadership has ensured an open, enjoyable and satisfying working environment, and first-rate standards, with thorough ‘safe card’ program reporting, low staff turnover and low sick leave. A happy team and a happy client – the best result for everybody.
The fleet

Our fleet consists of highly advanced offshore drilling units. They are all designed for harsh environment and/or deepwater operations.
Drilling & Technology is growing fast, with a prime position in the North Sea. Odfjell Drilling has provided platform drilling services on the Norwegian Continental Shelf since 1981, and is now rapidly expanding its base in Aberdeen after a decade of successful operations in the UK. The company is currently involved in the Statoil Mariner project, which is the largest field development on the UK Continental Shelf for a decade.

Together we’re stronger

Effective collaboration, advanced technology and dedication to the philosophy of continuous improvement are central to our ambitious development. Our Onshore Operations Centres (OOC) embody this approach.

Odfjell Drilling has developed the innovative OOC concept to provide our customers with a new level of efficiency and high quality service. The OOCs employ skilled staff with long offshore experience to provide administrative, planning and engineering expertise and support to offshore crews. The latest IT and communication technology connects the on- and offshore environments, allowing them to work as one team to deliver first class results – in terms of QHSE standards and operational performance.

This collaborative solution is optimising operations and helping our clients achieve genuine efficiencies, and even better business results.

At present, Odfjell Drilling runs platform drilling operations for Talisman Sinopec Energy, BP, TQA Bratani, Statoil and Wintershall, across a total of 20 platforms in Norway and the UK. A new operational model

Odfjell Drilling has, over the course of several years, been working systematically to develop a highly efficient Operations Model. This model is built on a foundation of collaboration and knowledge transfer, and facilitated through a powerful combination of the best technology, people and work processes.

The company has invested in Onshore Operations Centres (OOC) to obtain the highest quality results from our offshore operations. We have succeeded in moving administrative work, engineering support and planning activities from offshore to our skilled and experienced OOC staff. This has enabled our offshore supervisors to focus their time in the field on achieving the optimum QHSE and operational standards.

As a result of this, the POB figure has been reduced by approximately 10%, with absolutely no compromise in terms of safety or efficiency. This Operations Model has now been implemented on the Norwegian Continental Shelf, and is currently intended for a gradual roll out to the UK Continental Shelf.
Leading the way in world-class services

Odfjell Drilling has built its international success upon its extensive experience of delivering optimum results in the most demanding environments. The business has, through its drilling and technology expertise, secured a position as a sector leader, offering an integrated service portfolio that is underpinned by a desire to offer collaborative solutions, engineering and maintenance excellence, and true management and operational pedigree.

World-class
Our Drilling & Technology division prides itself on delivering world-class engineering and project management services to offshore drilling rig owners, offering clients access to a combination of the best minds and technology in the market.

The team combines highly skilled, qualified, motivated, and QHSE-focused individuals, with the use of modern, efficient equipment and cutting-edge technology. This combination translates to business success, with projects - such as yard stays and newbuilds - executed within schedule and budgets.

In the five years from 2006 to 2011 Drilling & Technology’s experienced project managers oversaw the delivery of four state-of-the-art drilling assets from South Korean shipyards. The four high-tech units are custom-built to offer individual strengths and specifications for clients, but have one thing in common - they were all delivered as expected, on time and on budget.

Two of the newbuilds were cutting-edge, sixth generation semi-submersibles - Deepsea Atlantic and Deepsea Stavanger, both from DSME in Korea - while two were enhanced deepwater, harsh environment drillships - Deepsea Metro I and II from the HHI shipyard.

The Drilling & Technology team ensured that objectives were met and expectations passed by retaining a stringent focus on cost, time and quality. Site teams were dispatched to the yards to supervise construction, with constant communication (and collaboration) between those on-site experts and Odfjell Drilling’s head office in Norway.

The teams, numbering around 40 for each yard, monitored and followed-up the yard and specialised subcontractors through all phases of construction, engineering, commissioning, and the final handover to the customer and operations team.

Their care and attention, alongside the hard work of the yards’ teams, ensured that Drilling & Technology stayed true to its aim of delivering reliably outstanding results for every project.

In our experience, that reliability builds lasting trust, and that trust translates to long-term, mutually beneficial relationships.

Many specialisms, one focus
Odfjell Drilling’s vast industry experience means that we understand exactly what customers need.

As such, our offering is tailored to those requirements, giving leading energy businesses proven management skills and maintenance performance, ensuring that all maintenance and operation requirements and principles are fully satisfied in every project we undertake.

Our portfolio of integrated drilling and engineering services includes engineering services (EPCI), maintenance technology, yard stays, new build projects and technology development. Our core business is topside equipment and systems, and we execute modification and improvement projects on all types of offshore drilling units.

Building expectations, delivering satisfaction
Odfjell Well Services (OWS) combines advanced technology with an outstanding service ethic to deliver satisfaction, innovation and quality results to its growing customer base around the world.

The division, which has now established a business footprint in some 20 international markets, provides an integrated service portfolio to E&P clients, including: drill tool rental, tubular rental, well bore clean up, fishing, casing drilling and tubular running services.

Investing in the best
A constant programme of investment ensures that the OWS team is equipped with the latest technology, including in-house solutions that have been specially crafted to help customers meet some of the most demanding drilling challenges in the sector.

It’s this level of dedication to fulfilling client requirements that forms the backbone of OWS’ development. We understand the industry – appreciating both opportunities and challenges – and have developed a reputation for supplying the tools, knowledge and innovations to help it prosper.

OWS offers safe, reliable and efficient services, utilising state-of-the-art, radio-controlled, remote-operated technology, and the latest range of high-tech handling equipment.

A passion for customer service has led us to open bases where our clients need them most, with local offices now established in Norway, the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Romania, Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

European record for Odfjell Well Services

Odfjell Well Services achieved a European first in April 2013. Working on the Totea Deep field in southwest Romania, the OWS team used casing drilling techniques to drill a 20-inch column to a depth of 505m. This achievement is a casing drilling record in terms of drilling column diameter and depth.

The record was set during the drilling of phase one of Well 4545 Totea for OMV Petrom, southeast Europe’s largest oil and gas producer. The well is expected to reach an estimated total depth of 3,500m.

Casing drilling, which has traditionally been used in the mining and water-well sectors, was first transferred to the oil industry in 2002. The innovative approach combines the drilling and casing of one section of a well into a single operation. This results in a series of compelling benefits for the well owner, including an overall reduction in operational costs, drilling time and incidents caused by stuck pipes.
Offshore drilling is a people business. It may seem unusual to say this about a sector so reliant on advanced technology, but it’s our people that drive this company forward.

Odfjell Drilling actively looks for, invests in and helps develop the best people in the industry. That’s the secret to delivering the best service and standards for our clients.

We now have over 3,000 team members doing just that. 3,000 highly qualified, committed and motivated employees that – everyday, all over the world – satisfy requirements and surpass expectations.

Discover your potential

Odfjell Drilling has established a name within the drilling sector for recruiting people of the highest standard. We offer our clients a highly qualified, motivated and committed workforce that accept ambitious goals and work towards them as a team.

We now have a 40-year track record of achievement worldwide, and we’re setting our sights on new horizons. As a result of fresh contracts and continued growth we’re looking for more outstanding individuals to join our team. Do you have the ambition and skills to fulfil your potential with one of the world’s leading drilling companies? If so, we’d like to hear from you.

To find out more, and for a full list of our vacancies, visit odfjelldrilling.com.

The human factor

People power