PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Desired End Preparation

Split frame lathe technology delivers field machining solutions



A supermajor operator planned to install a 36 inch subsea pipeline off the coast of Trinidad and Tobago in the Dragon Field. While the initial CAPEX budget gained approval, the final project schedule witnessed constraints and delays. Due to this schedule extension the said pipeline was stored in location open to the natural environment. Upon project kick-off approval, inspection noted that the pipe ends suffered terminal corrosion damage. Further investigation provided a technical review and the said operator elected to remove each metal loss pipe end.

SCOPE OF WORK

• 7100 Field machine cuts total. SIMOPS mandate

TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENTS & BENEFITS

- BlueFin averaged 90-100 field machine cuts per day
- Project management provided daily oversight of 46 technicians
- BlueFin managed clear chain of command and communication amongst multiple clients contractors: Engineering (Technip), Marine installation (Saipem), Coatings (Bredero Shaw)
- Fabricated rack system enabled SIMOPS capability, pup joint retreiveability, and decreased limb exposure
- Project completed ahead of schedule with zero incidents



LOCATION

Trinidad, West Indies

SPECIFICATIONS

Outer Diameter: 36 inch Wall Thickness: 1.000 inch Purpose: Subsea Installation

CHALLENGE

Develop a project work plan to safely perform mechanical SIMOPS with careful attention to project budget.

