

ESCRAVOS FIELD, NIGERIA:

FSO Escravos LPG External Turret



Scope of Work

SOFEC designed and constructed an external turret mooring system for a MODEC purpose-built FSO installed in 42m water depth. The FSO handles the refrigeration and depressurization of LPG for Chevron Nigeria Ltd.

This SOFEC external turret mooring system is ABS classed.

General Description

Client Name: Contract Award: Installation Date: Vessel Size: Storage Capacity: Water Depth: Fabrication:

Chevron Nigeria, Ltd. February 1995 June 1997 37,100 dwt 54,000 m³ 42.4m (139ft) Turret – Houston, Texas, USA Vessel – Japan

Design Environmental Criteria (100-year storm)

Significant Wave Height: Wind Velocity: Current: 3m (10ft) 30m/s (55.6 knots) 1.2m/s (2.2 knots)

Mooring System

6-leg Asymmetric catenary: 3-in. ORQ chain Anchor pile

Turret

External Cantilevered Bow

Fluid Swivel Assembly

Swivel:

LPG:

2 x 8-in. piggable toroids (690 psi design / 1,035 psi test) Hydraulic Control 8 passes (3,000 psi operating, 4,500 psi test)

Riser System

2 x 8-in. Flexible riser

Comments

The purpose of this project was the Nigerian goverment's decree to stop flaring gas from offshore fields. The LPG FSO converts ethane, propane and butane components of the gas stream into liquid products. The liquid products are stored in tanks of the FSO hull prior to being offloaded to LPG tankers that are used to transport the LPG to the market.