

# **Floating Offshore LNG Receiving and Regasification Facility**

## **For the Gulf of Mexico**

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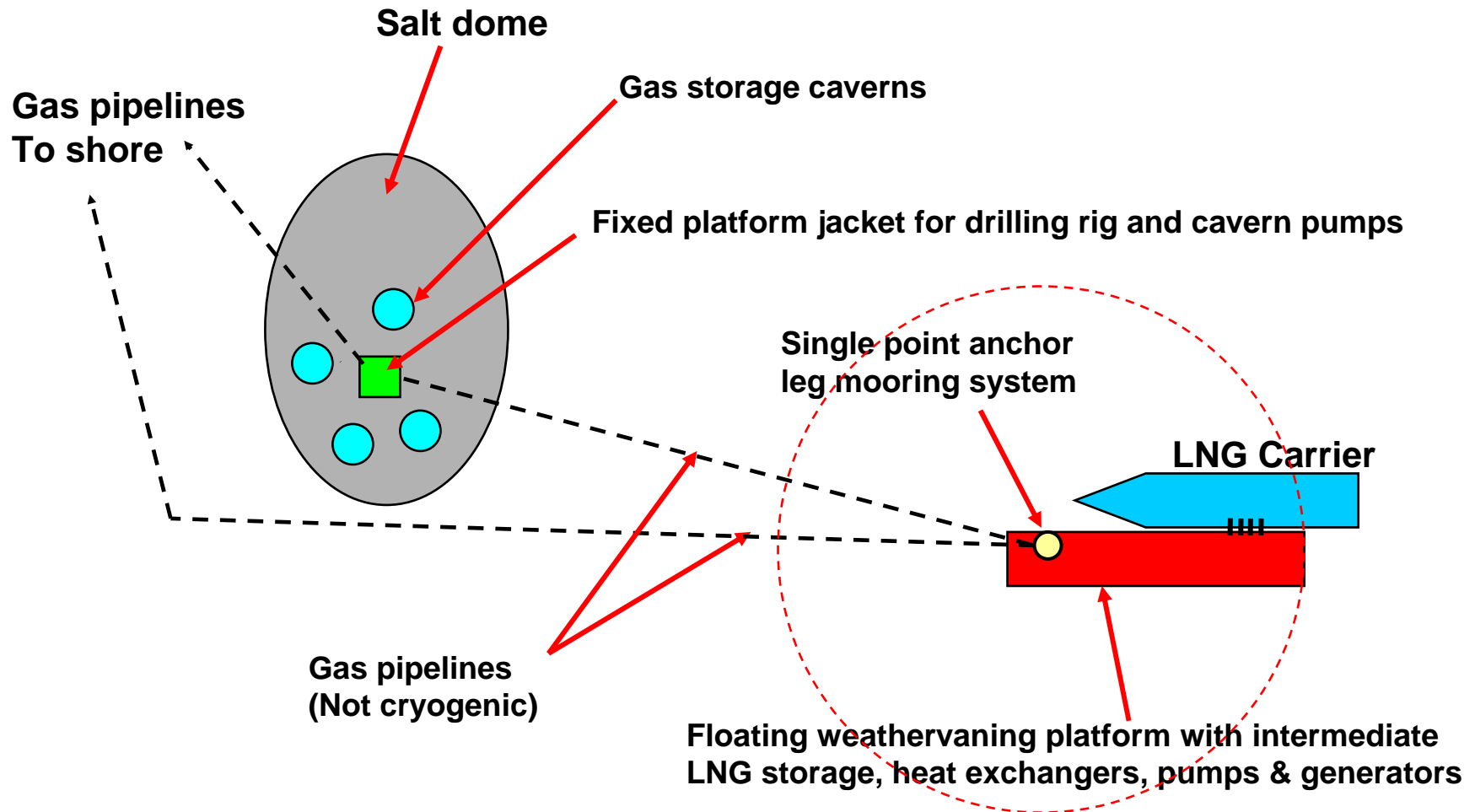
# FMC Energy Systems

## FMC SOFEC Floating Systems



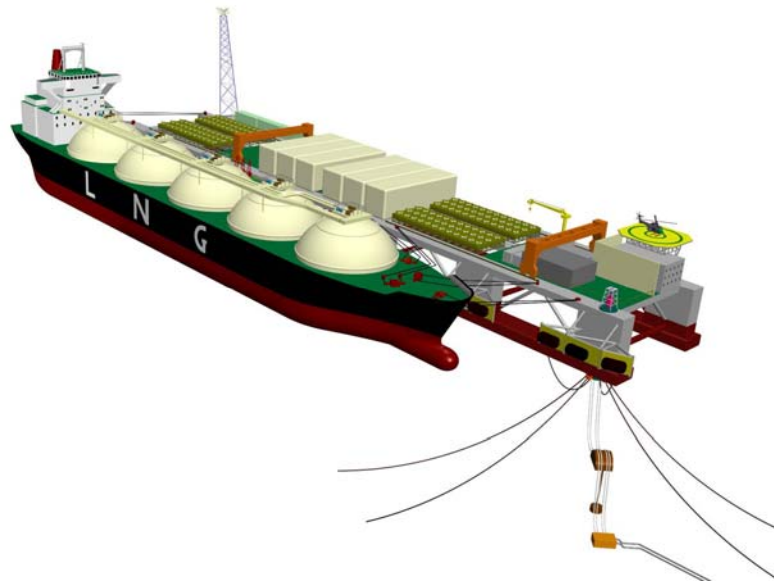
# Floating Offshore LNG Terminal - Gulf of Mexico With Gas Storage in Salt Caverns

(One of many possible arrangements)



# Operational LNG Offloading Objective for a Floating & Weathervaning LNG Regas Facility

- **Safely berth/unberth carriers 99% of time in Gulf of Mexico**
- **Design Conditions:**
  - **Berth Carriers in 2.5m Hs (8.2 ft)**
  - **Offload in up to 3.5m Hs (11.5 ft)**





# LNG Ship Berthing at a Shore Facility

Gaztransport & Technigaz GT No 96 Membrane Containment



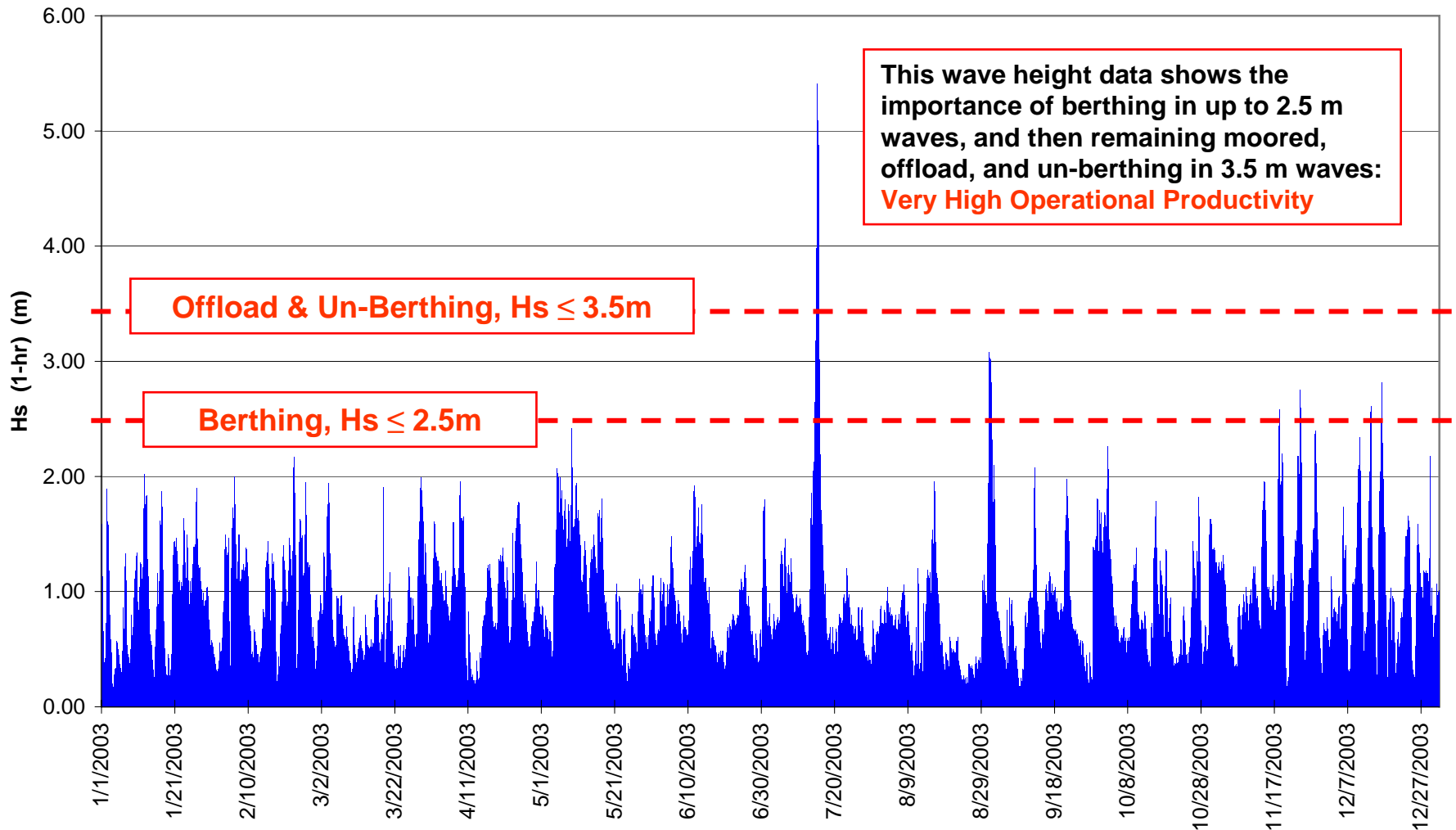
# Seagoing Tug Operations



- Limitations of large seagoing tugs:  
[Ref: OCIMF Mooring Equipment Guidelines, p.18, Oil Companies International Marine Forum]
  - Limited to 1.5 m waves in conventional push handling on hull sides of ships due to tug motions, especially with the tug broadside to the waves
  - Excessive power of tugs can result in over compression of fenders and damage to the ship's side
- Advantages of tug operations with the FMC Floating Offshore Re-Gas Facility
  - Eliminates need for tug pushing on ship sides while rolling in heavy seas, berthing accomplished in **2.5 m waves**, use hawsers only
  - Seagoing tugs can safely tow ship in over **3.5 m waves** when tugs not broadside to the waves  
(2.5 m = 8.2 ft, 3.5 m = 11.5 ft)
  - Platform **moves to** the stationary ship while held by tugs fore and aft while berthing
  - Platform **moves away** from ship when un-berthing

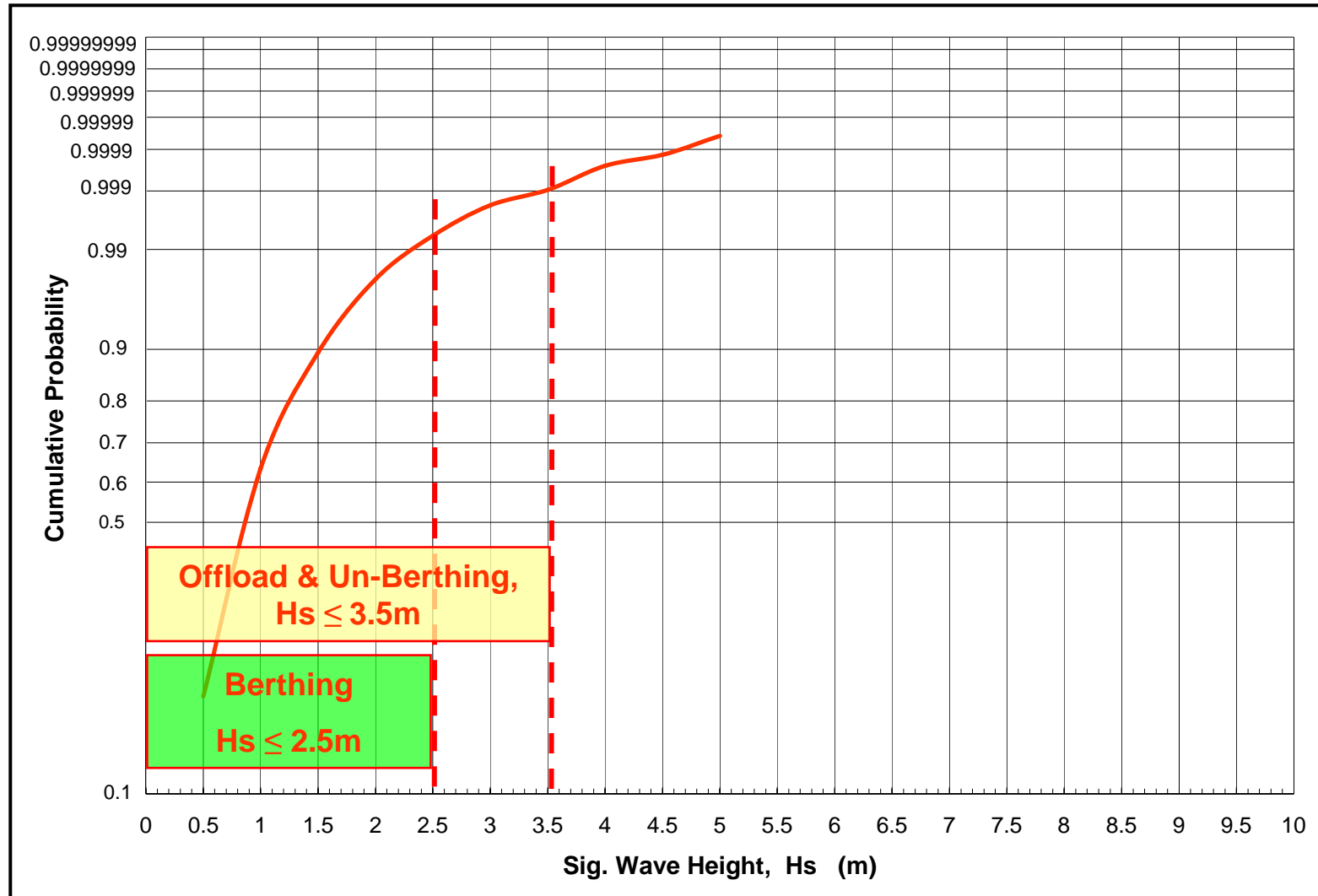
# Wave Height Data (Hs) vs Date – Shallow Water Location

Significant Wave Height at Buoy 42035 in GOM (2003)



# Wave Height Data (Hs) – Shallow Water Location

## Cumulative Probability Distributions of Waves at Buoy 42035 in GoM

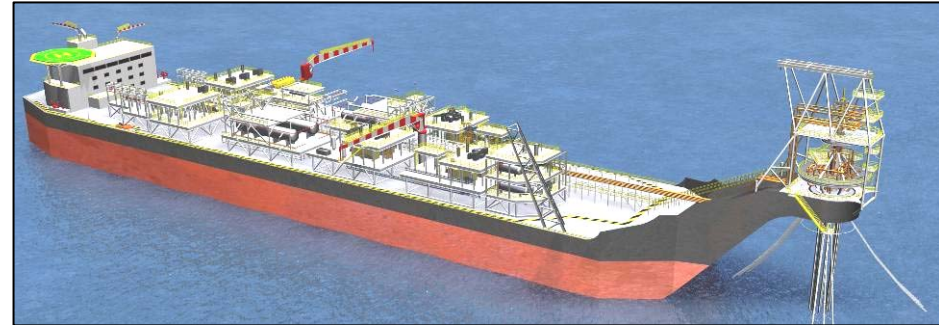




# Hull Structures for Weathervaning Terminals

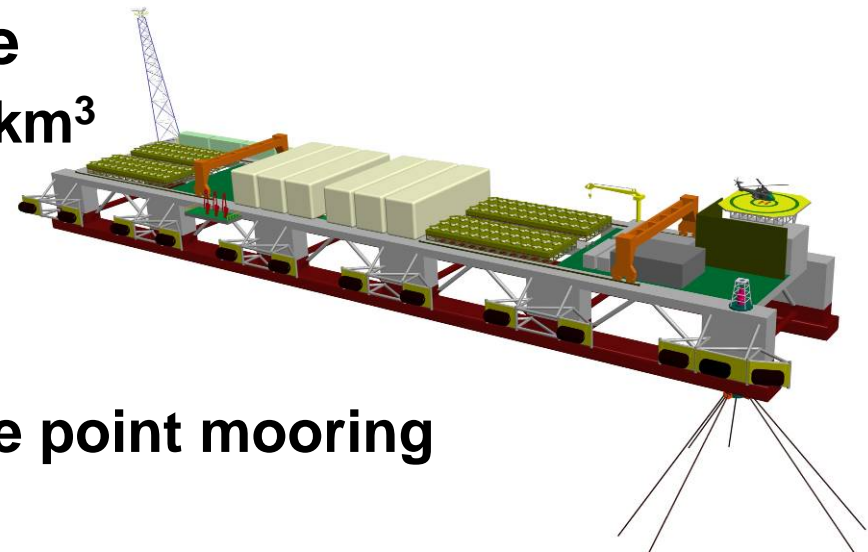
- **Monohull (ship type)**

- Large LNG storage
- Long shipyard delivery
- Motions larger
- Slower to swing around single point mooring (SPM)



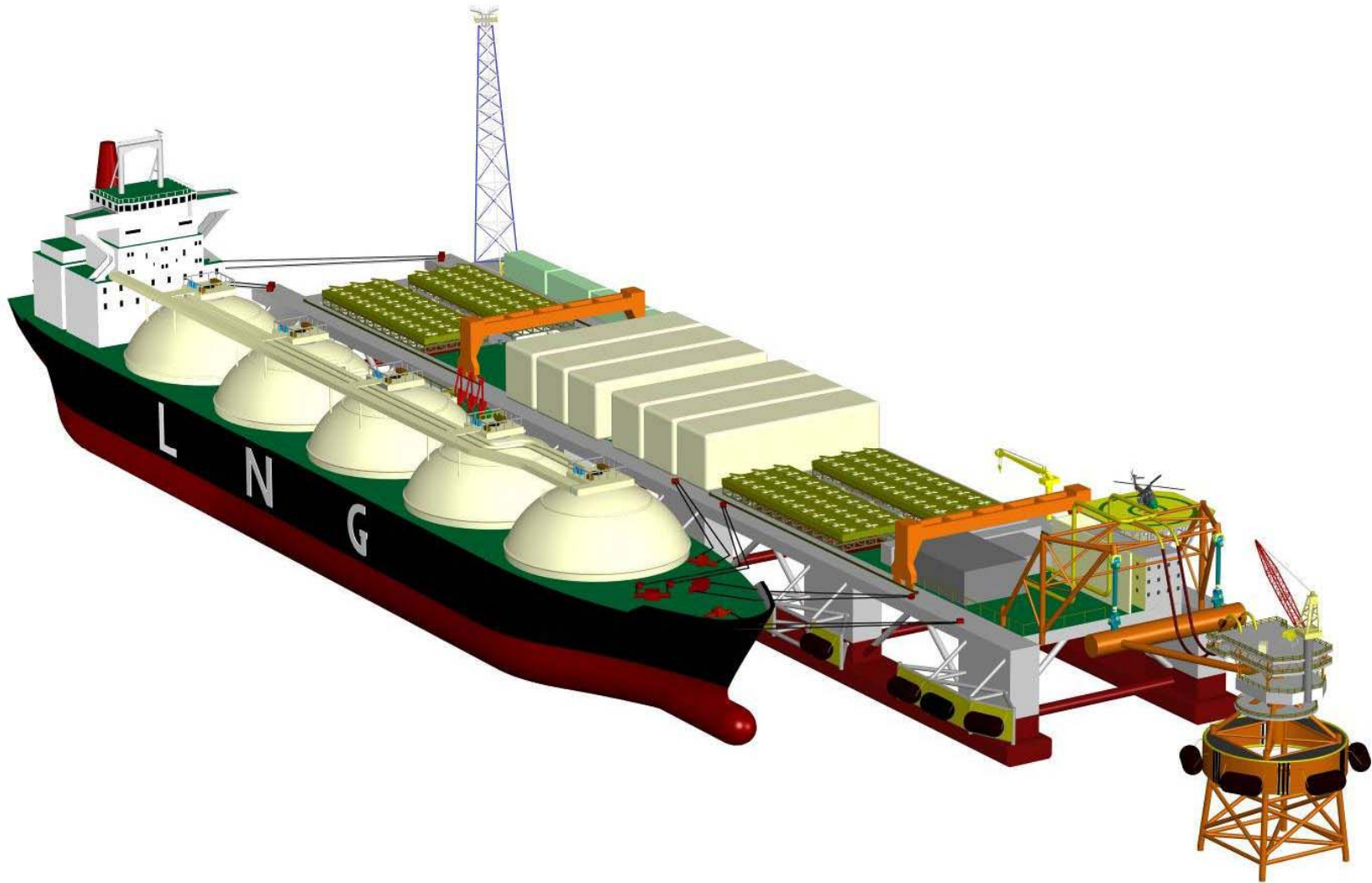
- **Column stabilized structure**

- LNG storage 25 km<sup>3</sup> to 38 km<sup>3</sup>
- Fab-yard construction
- Delivery time faster
- Vessel motions smaller
- Faster swing around single point mooring



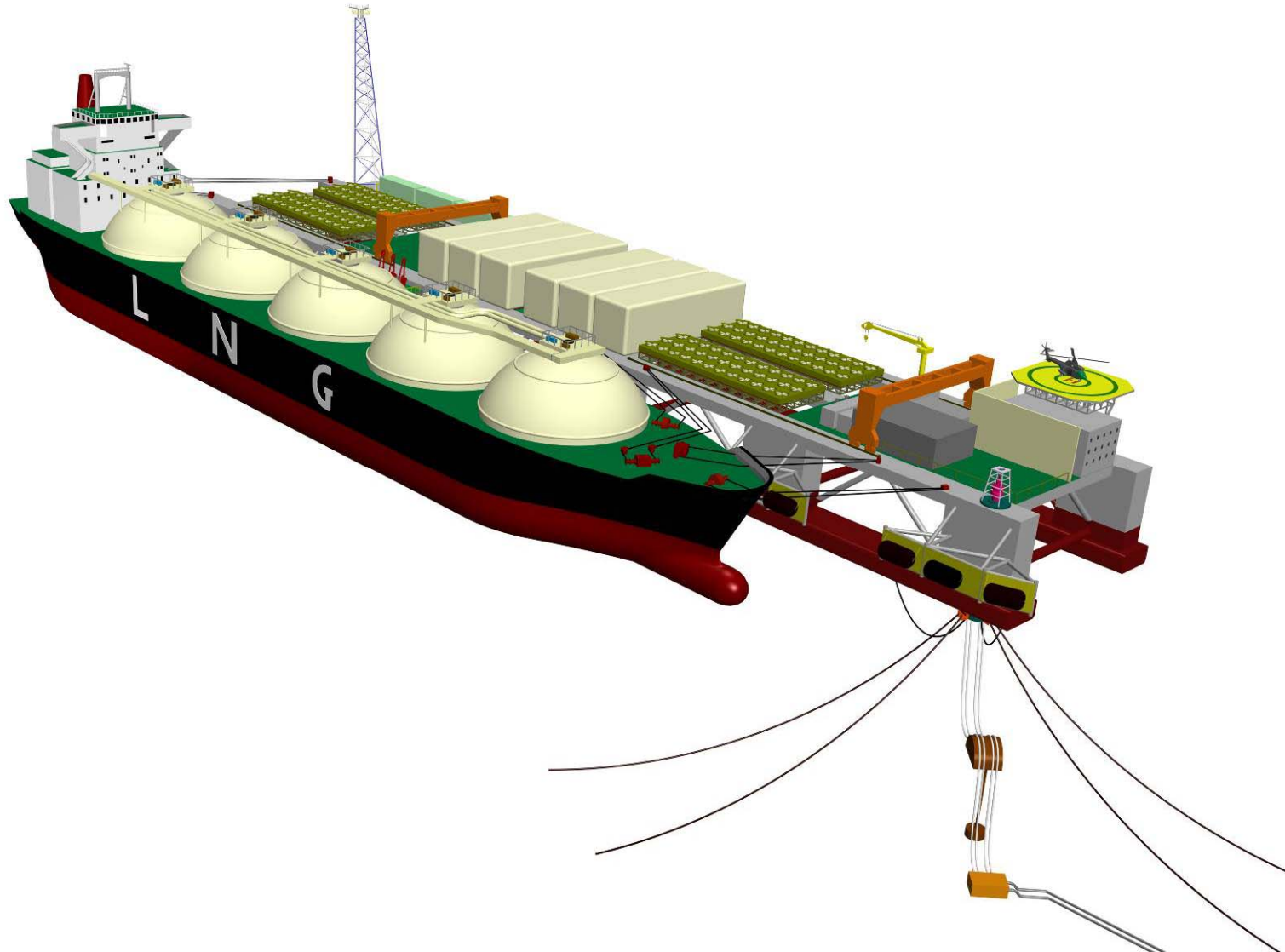
# FMC SOFEC LNG Floating Platform

Column Stabilized Platform for Shallow Water, under 40 m (131 ft)



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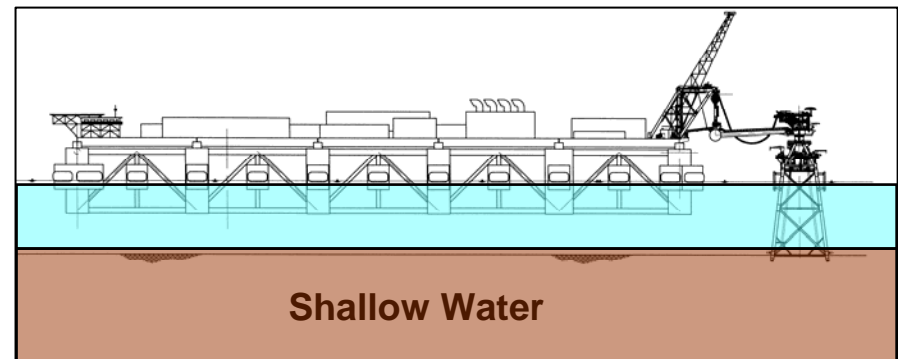
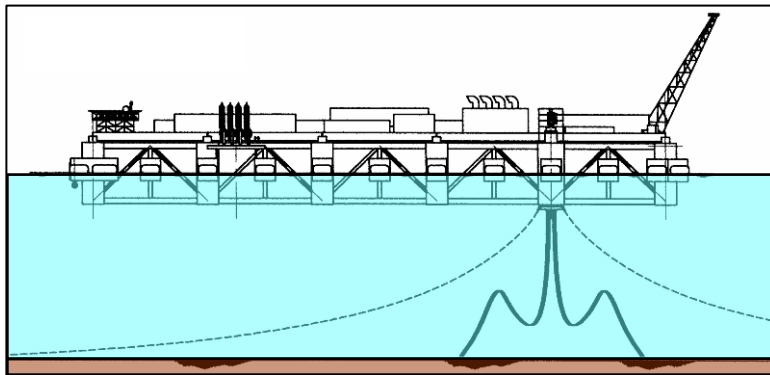
Column Stabilized Platform for Deep Water, over 40 m (131 ft)



# FMC SOFEC LNG Floating Platform

## Concept Advantages

- Platform design suitable in any water depth (deep or shallow)
- Ample deck space for space separation of modules = safety
- Achieves minimum relative motions between platform & ship = improved operational availability
- Active position control using thrusters = higher operational safety for carrier mooring
- Construction efficiency, float out completely tested system
- Least introduction of new technologies
- Size scalable as needed for increased gas throughput





# Weights & Dimensions – LNG Storage 25,000 m<sup>3</sup>

## Column Stabilized Platform for Deep Water over 40 m (131 ft)

- Deck Load 10,000 t
- LNG & storage tanks 18,000 t
- Structure 26,000 t
- Displacement 54,000 t
- Dimensions
  - L = 334 m (1096 ft)
  - B = 62.8 m (206 ft)
  - Depth = 26 m (85 ft)
  - Draft = 11 m (36 ft)



- Compare displacement with loaded 250k m<sup>3</sup> LNG carrier:  
Carrier displacement approx. 175,000 ton  
Platform weight (displacement) = 31% of LNG carrier wt.



# **Vaporization Process, Marine Equipment & Components**

# Many Vaporization Processes Are Suitable for FMC SOFEC Floating Terminal

- **Submerged combustion vaporizers (SCV's)**
- **Seawater vaporization**
  - Shell & tube heat exchangers
  - Closed loop or open loop
- **Ambient air vaporization**
  - Mustang Smart™ Regasification System
  - Supplementary SCV's
- **The choice of vaporization equipment depends on location site, economics, and circumstances**

# FMC SOFEC Floating Platform

with Mustang Smart™ Ambient Air Vaporizer System



# Tandem FPSO & FSO Oil Offloading to Tankers

The Future for LNG?



## LNG Cryogenic Hose

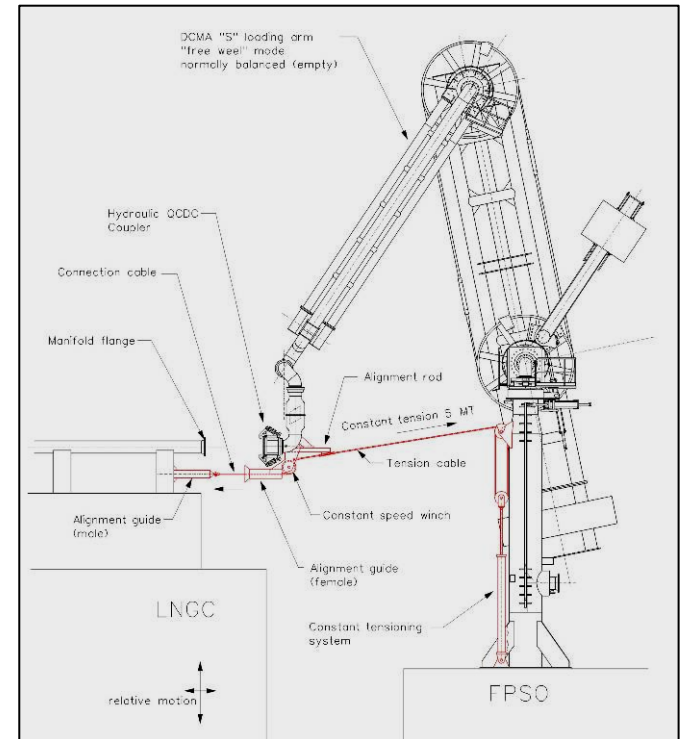
- Floating Hose - Not commercially available yet
- In-Air Cryogenic Hose – Maybe soon

**But until then.....**



# LNG Loading Arms Tested for SBS (Side by Side) Loading

- Cryogenic hose motion envelope?
- No new LNG manifolds on LNG carrier



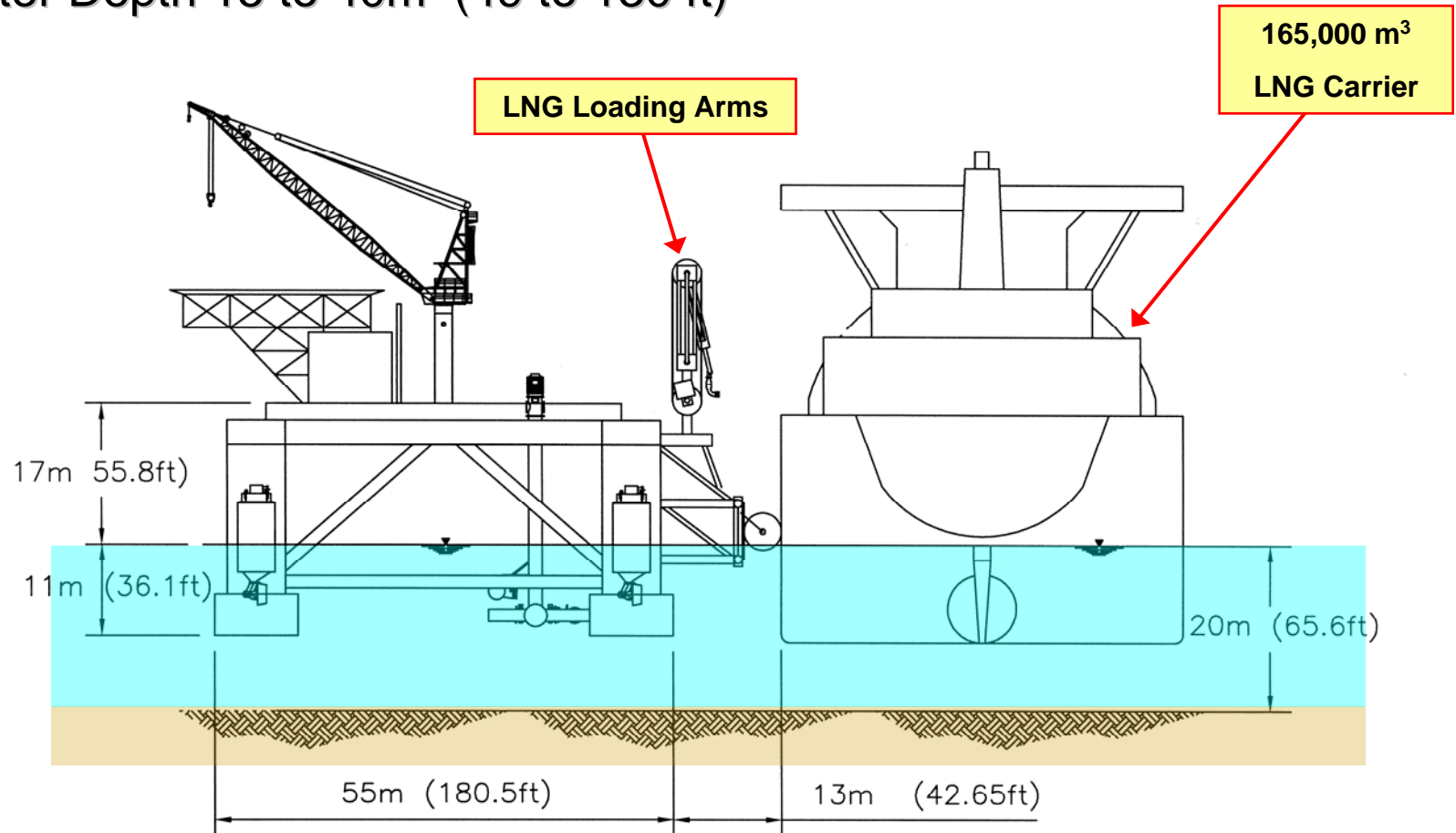
- Full scale connect testing of 16" arm in 2003 for Shell Global Solutions by FMC
- Flange **Connection** Motion
  - 4 m vertical motion range @ 0.85 m/s
  - 5 m horizontal motion range @ 1.15 m/s
  - 10 m surge fore-aft (design)
- FMC Targeting system assistance for flange connection in very severe dynamic conditions.
- Simple mechanical system.
- Connects to conventional mid-ship manifolds



# FMC Marine Loading Arms for LNG

Shown on Shallow Water Weathervaning Platform

Water Depth 15 to 40m (49 to 130 ft)



# Marine Fenders

- **Desired Characteristics**

  - Commercially Available

  - Proven Applications / Passive

- **Design Basis**

  - 165,000 m<sup>3</sup> LNG Carrier / 0.8 knots / 15 deg. Berthing angle

  - Berthing, Sway and Yaw Kinetic Energies considered

  - Mooring Line Effects

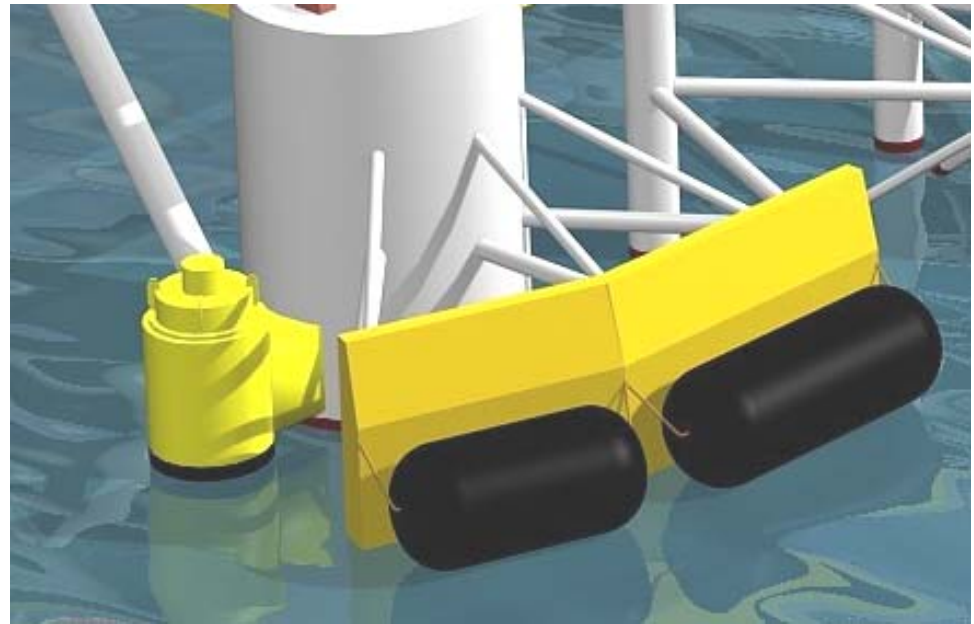
- **Marine Fender Selection**

  - Yokohama Pneumatic Fender 4500x9000 P50 - normal operation

- **Catastrophic Event**

  - Defined as a collision energy of 14,000 kJ by DNV & LRS.

  - Further study/definition required based on marine operations, site specifics and risk analysis.



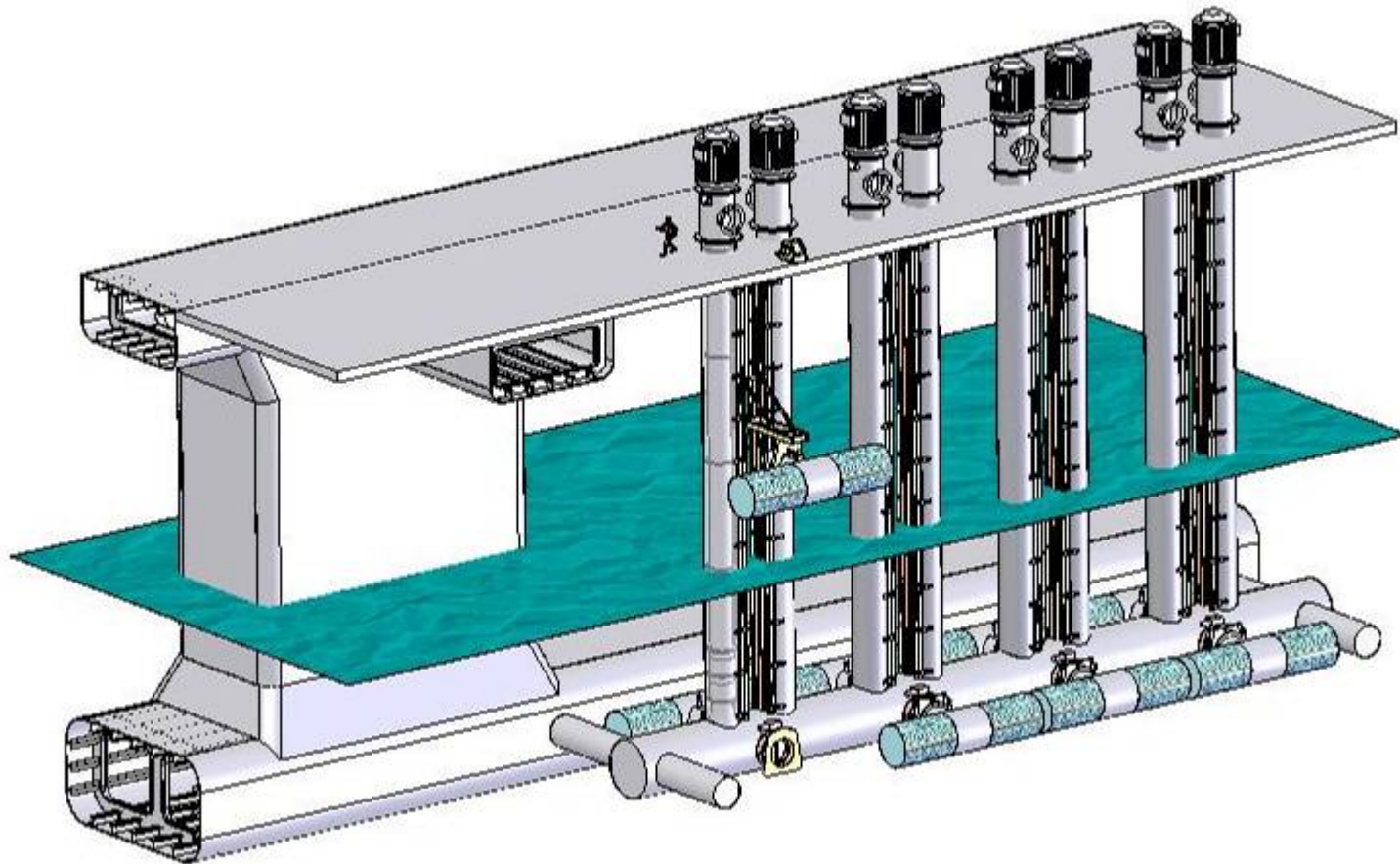
# Platform Pelican Hooks for Mooring Lines

## Remote Release, Load Monitoring System



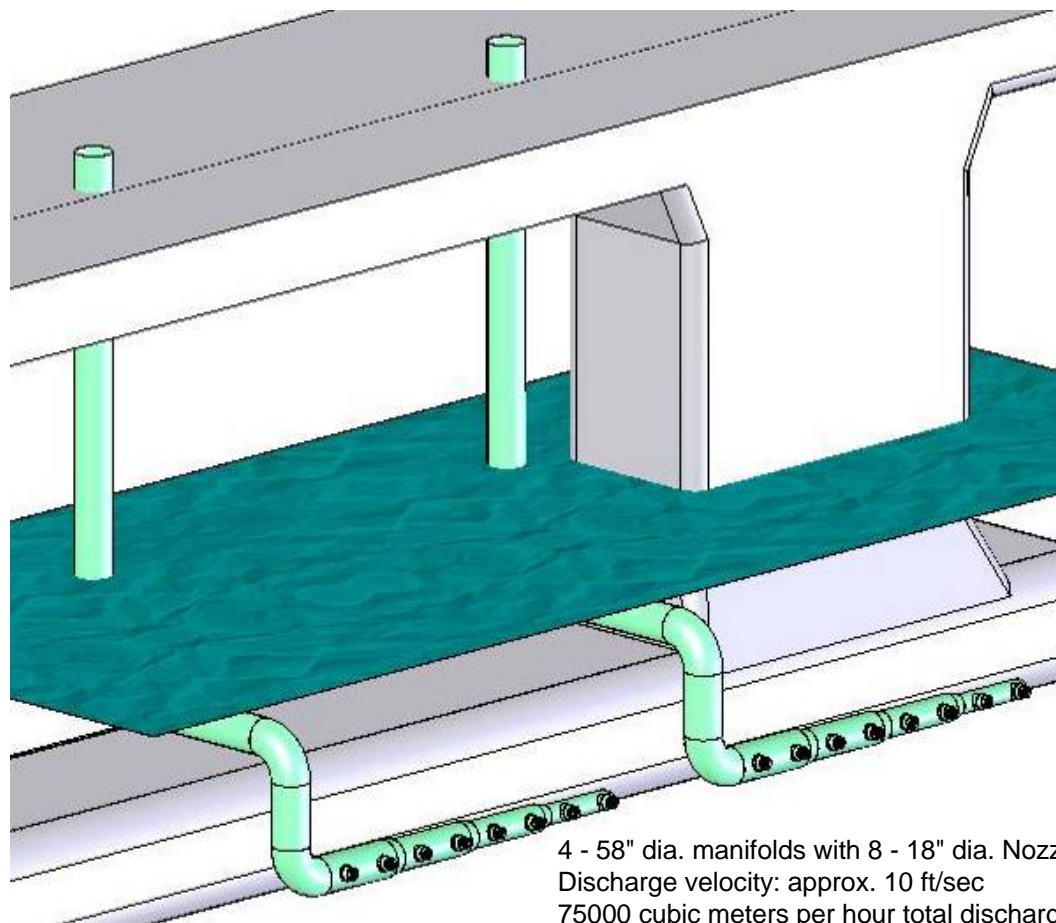
# Seawater Lift System for 3.9 Bcf/d Vaporization (7500 m<sup>3</sup>/hr LNG)

Eight Pumps, 42" 3000 HP each, 33,000 GPM each



# Seawater Discharge System

## 3.9 Bcf/d Vaporization



4 - 58" dia. manifolds with 8 - 18" dia. Nozzles each

Discharge velocity: approx. 10 ft/sec

75000 cubic meters per hour total discharge volumetric flow rate (330,000 gpm)

Discharge Water Temp. : 50F (10C)

Ambient Seawater Temp. : 70F (21C) data from buoy shows this is average temp. for 8 months excluding winter.

Current Speed: 0.25 ft/s

Zone of cool water influence approx. 3 meters from nozzle (defined by a deltaT of 3F or greater)



# High Pressure Gas Swivel

900 Lb (2200 Psi) Dry Gas Rating

1.8 Bcf/d @ 1900 Psi & 40F

1.8 Bcf/d @ 1200 Psi & 35 F

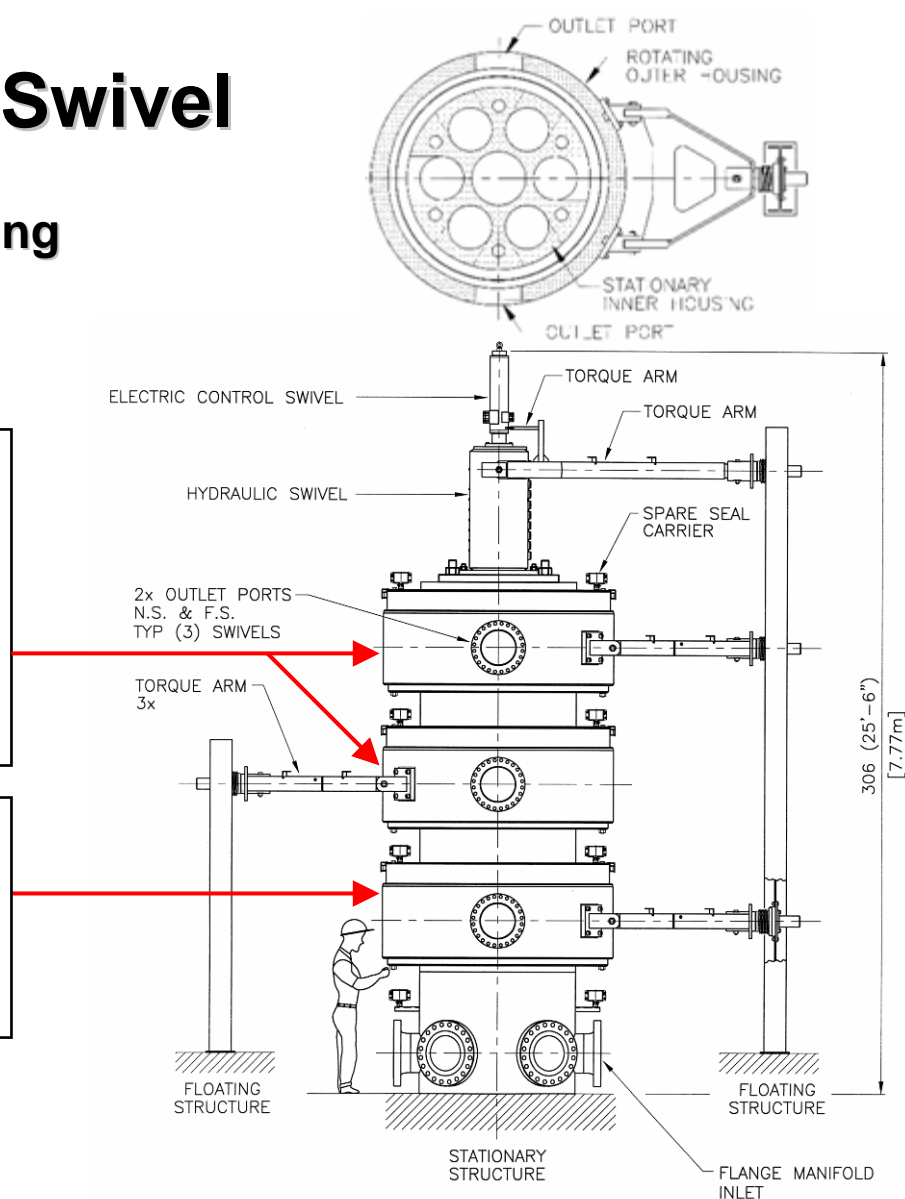
## Two (2) separate swivels

For two separate flow paths

- 2 ports per swivel
- Each port: 14" (12.12" ID)
- Total of 4 ports, 14"

## One spare swivel

- One separate flow path
- 2 ports, 14"



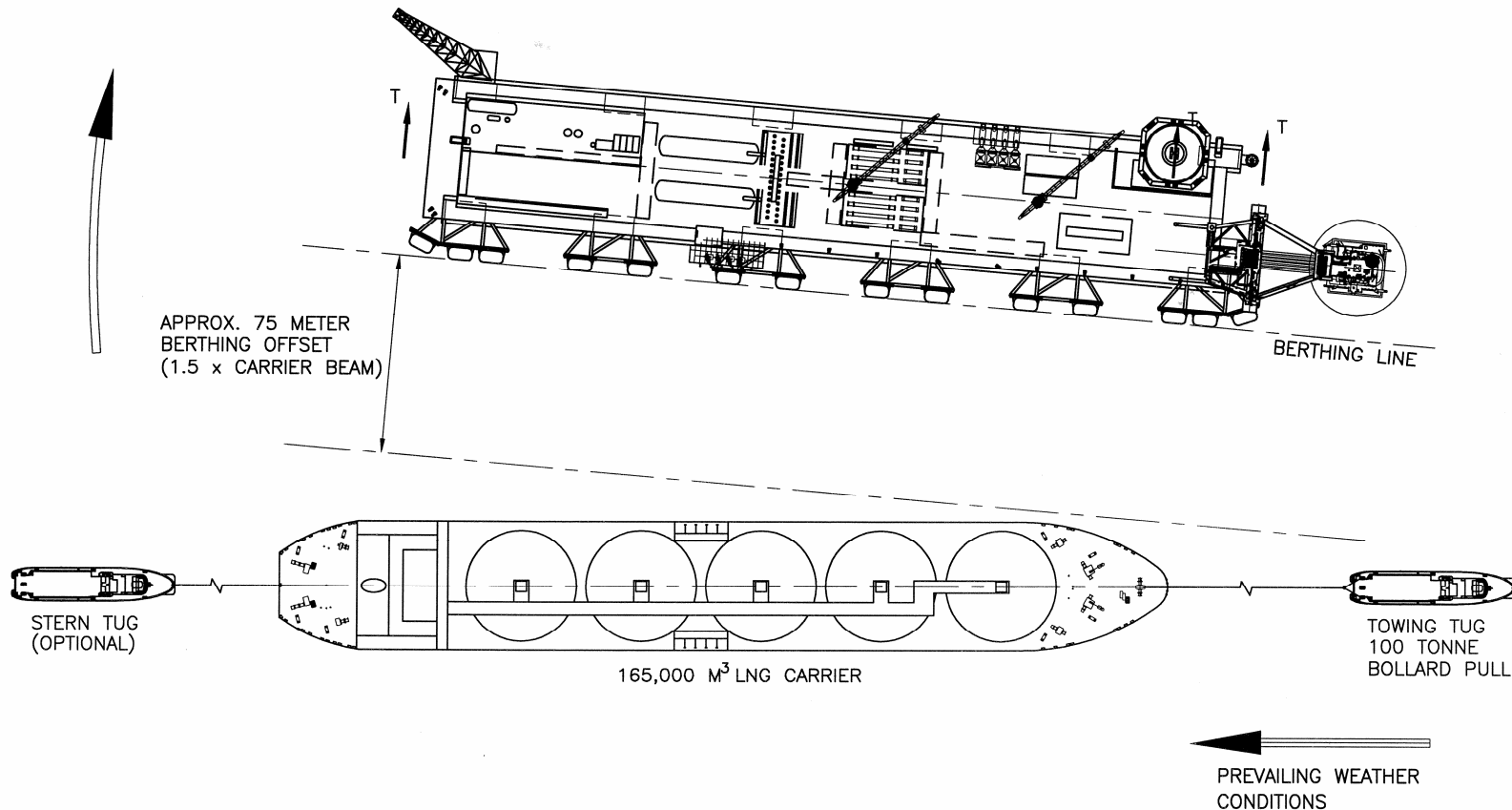
Est. Wt. 131 Ton (289,000 Lb)

# Marine Operations & Ship Docking

# Carrier Berthing Operations

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Berthing  $H_s \leq 2.5$  m (8.2 ft)      Offload  $H_s \leq 3.5$  m (11.5 ft)

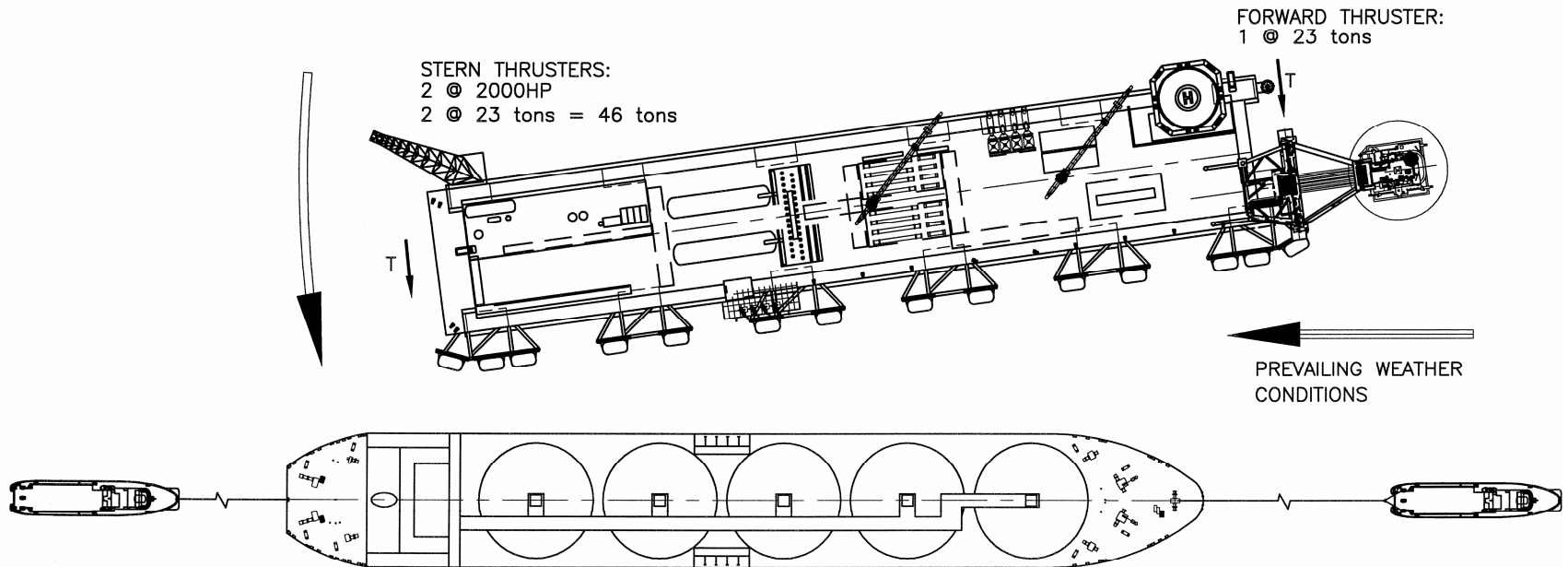


- 1.1 SWING PLATFORM AWAY FROM SHIP BERTHING LOCATION
- 1.2 WITH MOORING MASTER ABOARD, TOW SHIP TO BERTHING POSITION WITH TUGS HEADING INTO SEAS
- 1.3 USING TUGS, STOP SHIP'S HEADWAY & HOLD AS STATIONARY AS PRACTICAL NEAR BERTH POSITION

# Carrier Berthing Operations

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Berthing  $H_s \leq 2.5$  m (8.2 ft)      Offload  $H_s \leq 3.5$  m (11.5 ft)



2.1 CONTINUE HOLDING SHIP NEAR BERTH LOCATION WITH TUGS HEADING INTO SEAS

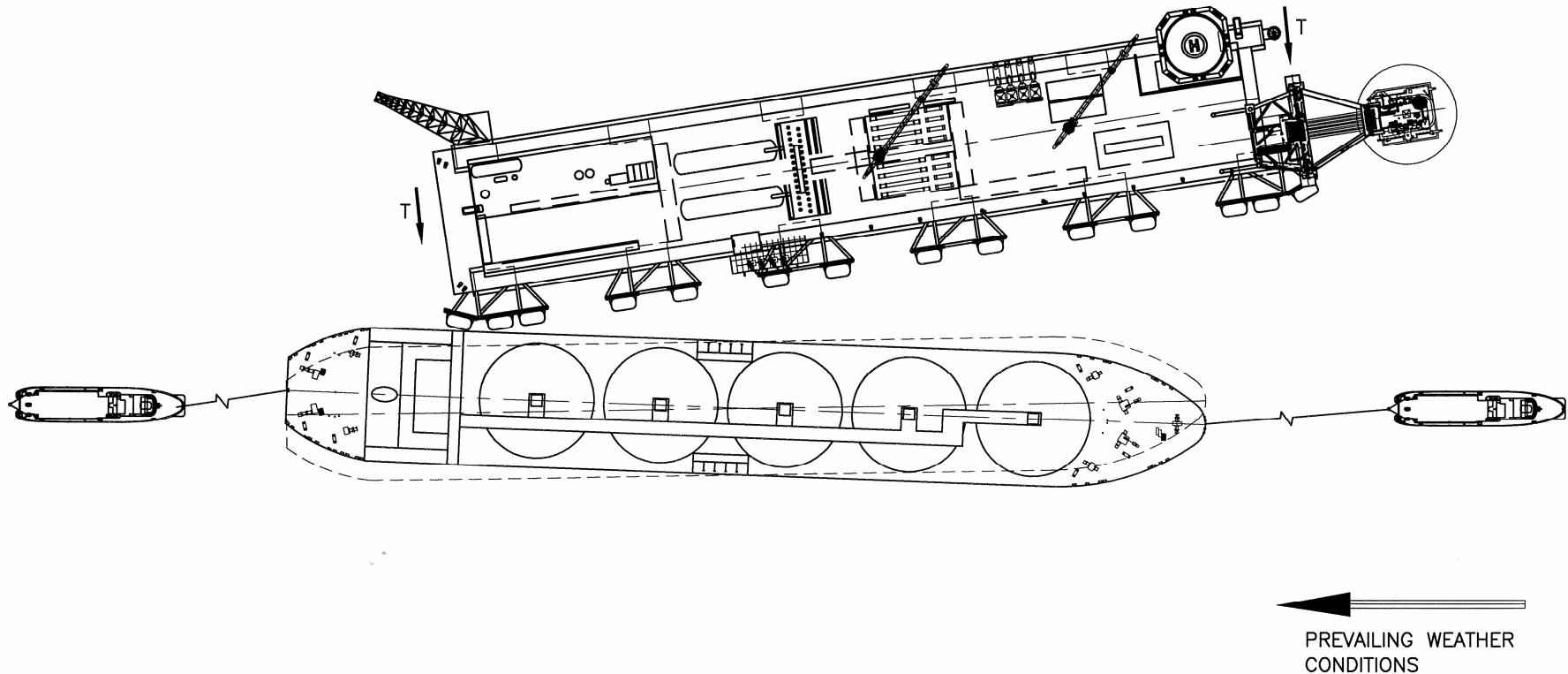
2.2 SWING PLATFORM TOWARD SHIP USING PLATFORM THRUSTERS

T = THRUST

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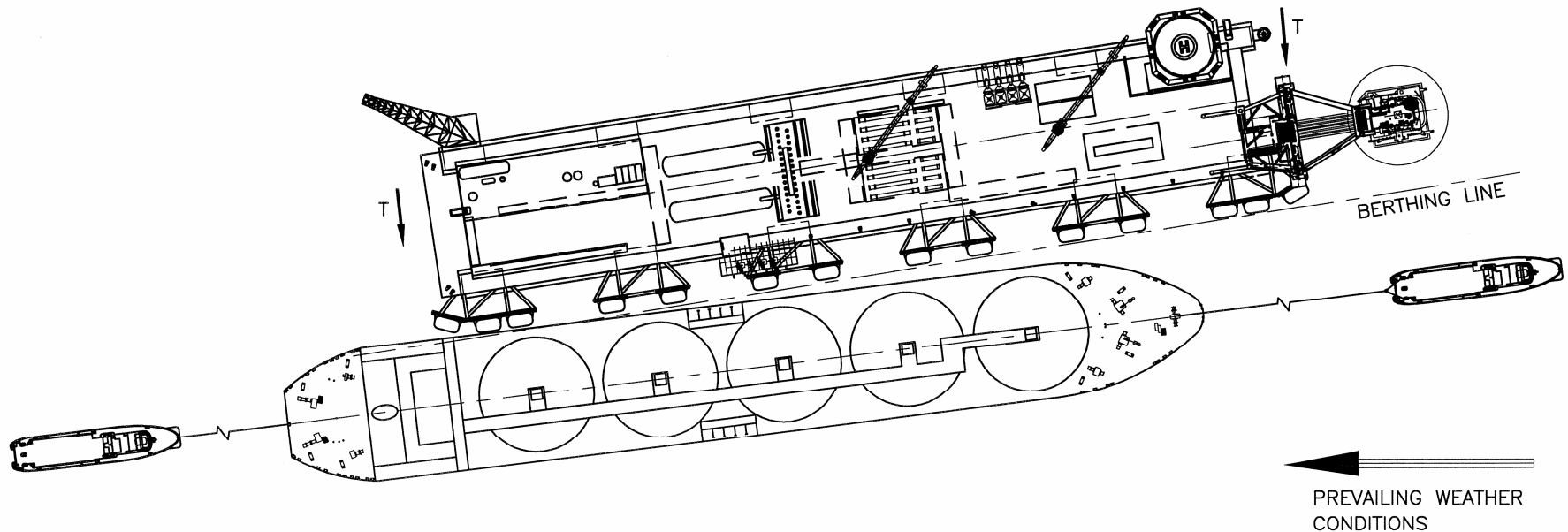
- 3.1 CONTINUE HOLDING SHIP NEAR BERTH LOCATION WITH TUGS HEADING INTO SEAS
- 3.2 USING PLATFORM THRUSTERS, BRING PLATFORM AFT FENDERS TO BEAR ON SHIP
- 3.3 COORDINATE THE PLATFORM SWING WITH SHIP YAW MOTION



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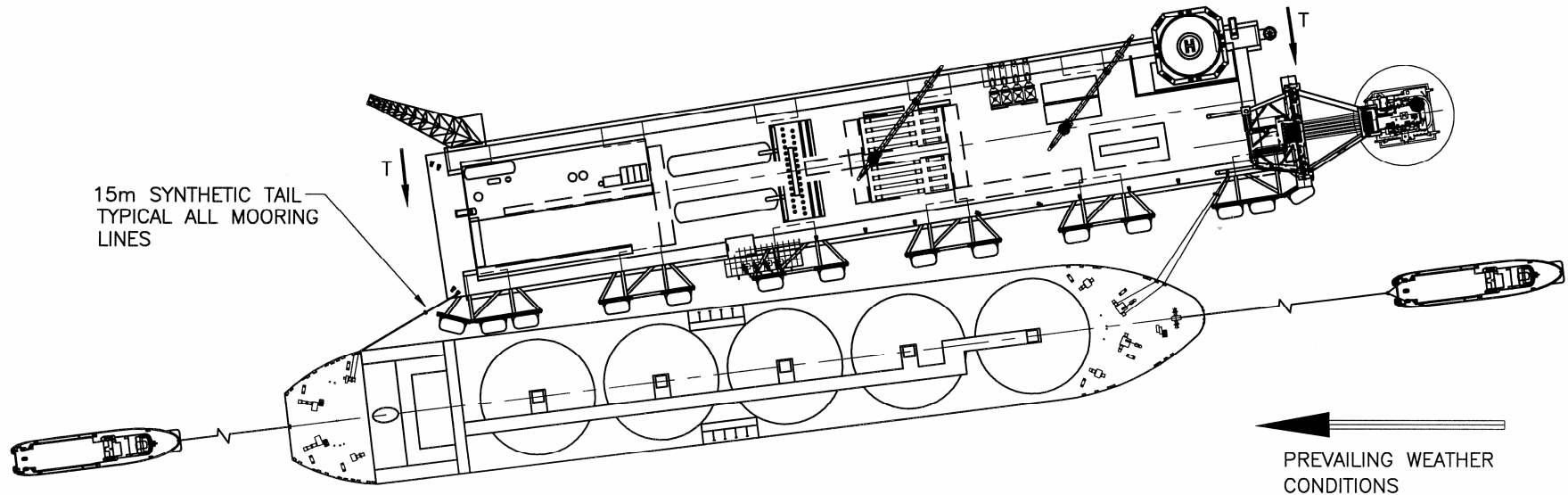


- 4.1 CONTINUE PLATFORM PUSHING ON SHIP TO BRING SHIP HEADING AROUND TOWARD PLATFORM BERTHING LINE
- 4.2 TUGS CONTINUE HOLDING SHIP STATIONARY FORE & AFT AS IS PRACTICAL

# Carrier Berthing Operations

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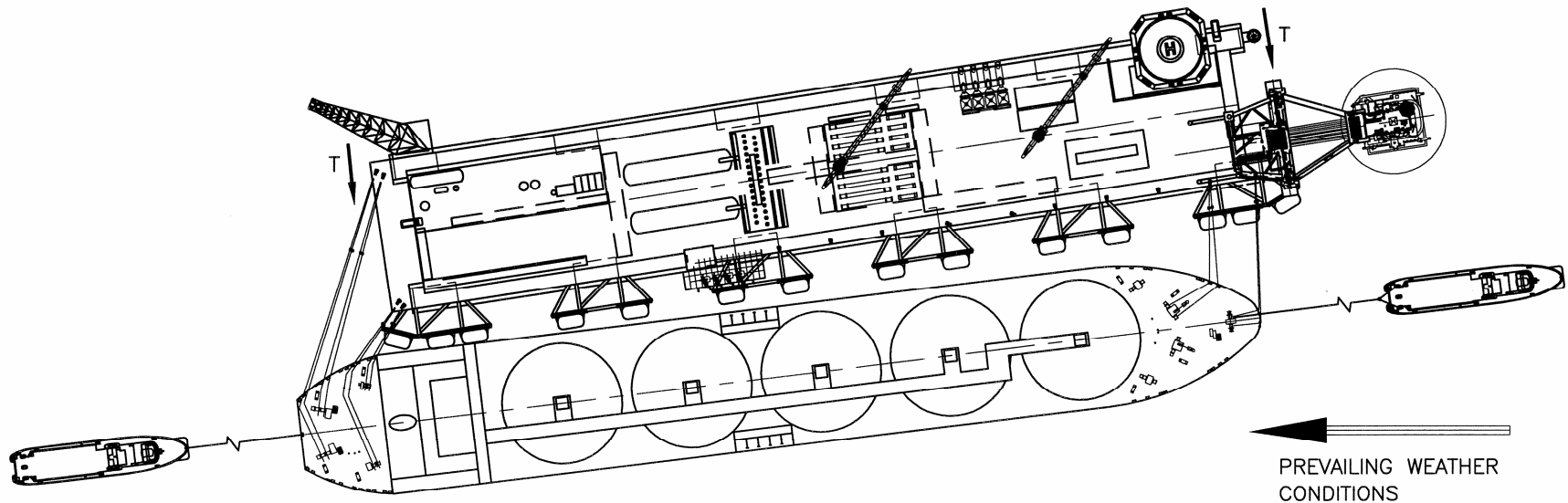
5.1 TRANSFER SHIP'S MOORING LINES TO PLATFORM PELICAN HOOKS

5.2 MAINTAIN SHIP POSITION AGAINST PLATFORM FENDERS USING TUGS FORE & AFT  
AND BY PLATFORM PUSHING SHIP PARTLY BEAM-ON TO THE WIND

# Carrier Berthing Operations

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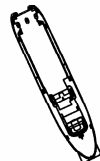
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- 6.1 USING MOORING LINES AND TUGS FORE & AFT, MOVE SHIP FORWARD TO ALIGN MIDSHIP MANIFOLD WITH LNG LOADING ARMS
- 6.2 FINISH ALL MOORING LINE PRETENSIONING
- 6.3 CONNECT LNG LOADING ARMS

## 7

Offload  $H_s \leq 3.5\text{m}$  (11.5 ft)



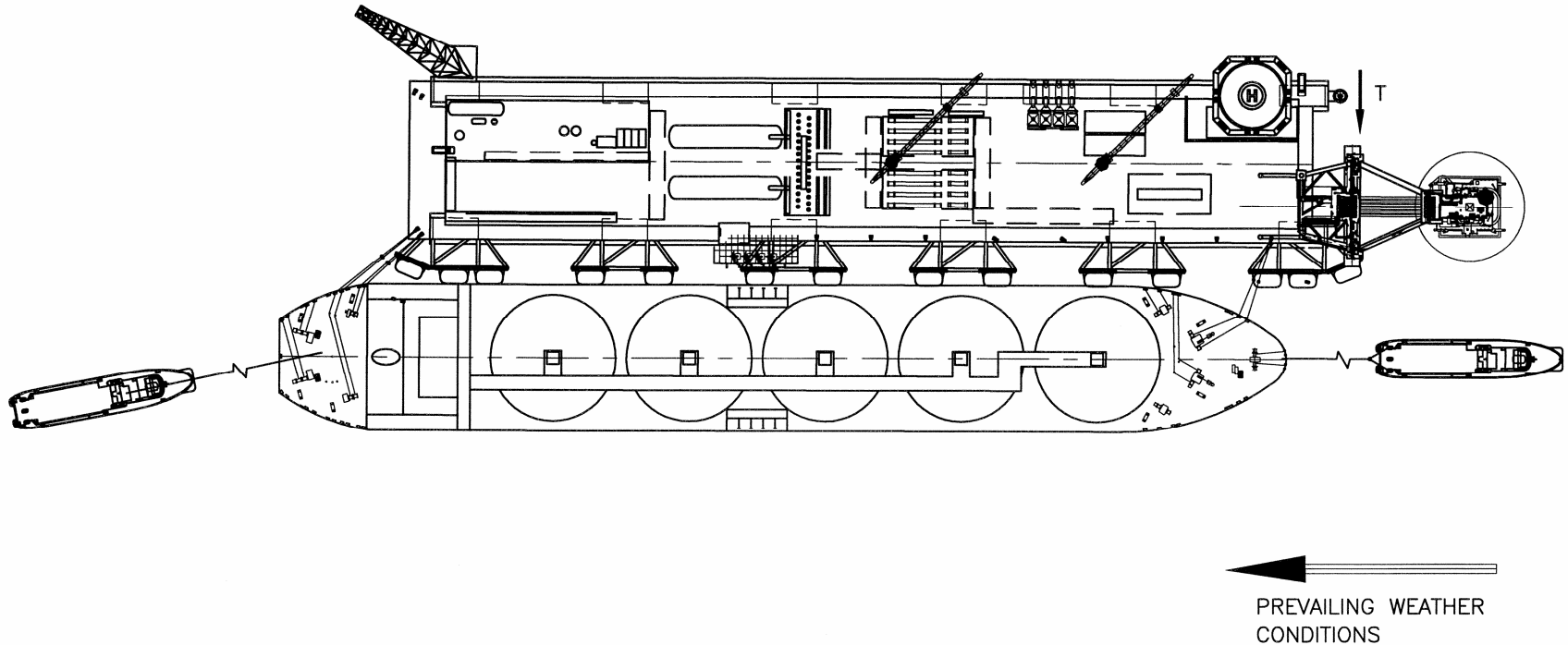
- 7.1 WITH ALL MOORING LINES SECURE, TUGS CAN MOVE TO STANDBY LOCATION
- 7.2 STARTUP REGAS PROCESS, BEGIN LNG COOL-DOWN AND OFFLOADING
- 7.3 PLATFORM AND SHIP CAN FREELY WEATHER-VANE IF SHIP MOTIONS REMAIN SATISFACTORY
- 7.4 IF NEEDED, USE PLATFORM THRUSTERS TO ADJUST PLATFORM AND SHIP HEADING TO MOST FAVORABLE DIRECTION TO WEATHER DURING LNG OFFLOADING TO MINIMIZE SHIP ROLL MOTION
- 7.5 MONITOR LOADS IN ALL MOORING LINES CONSTANTLY DURING OFFLOAD, AND ADJUST PRETENSION IF NECESSARY



# Carrier Un-Berthing Operations

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Offload & Un-Berth in Wave Height  $H_s \leq 3.5\text{m}$  (11.5 ft)

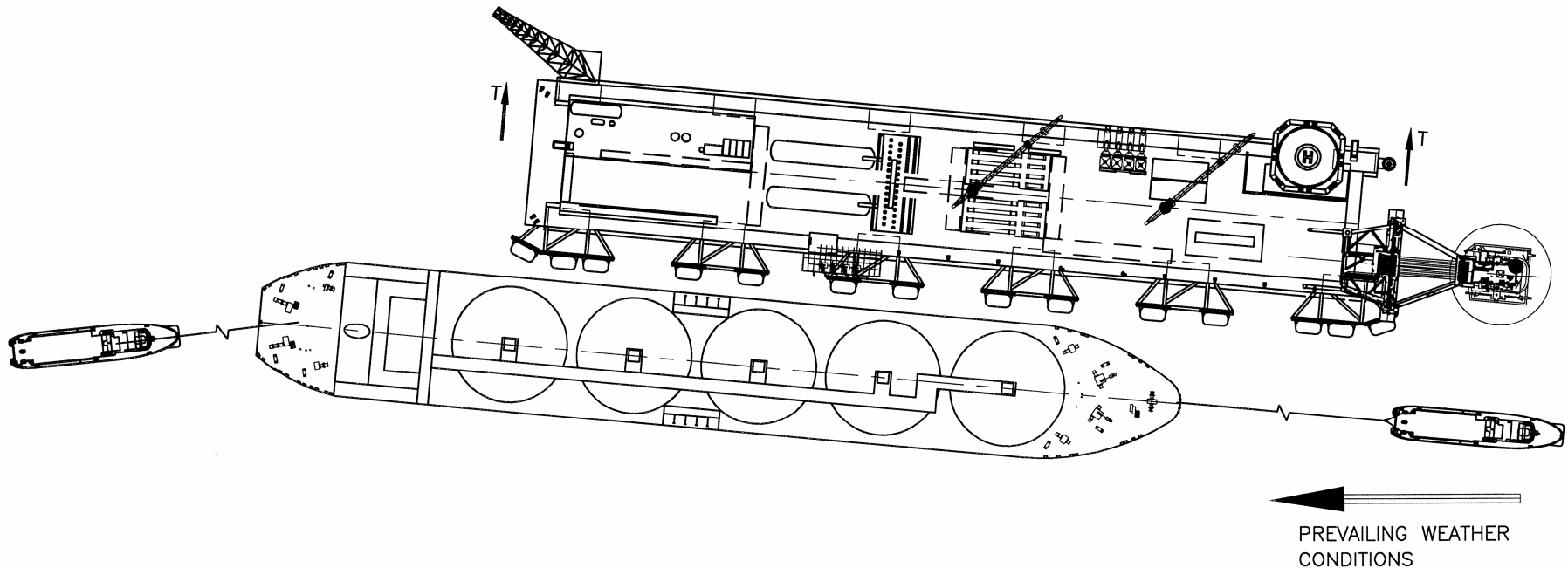


- 8.1 UPON COMPLETION OF OFFLOADING AND SHUTDOWN SEQUENCE, DISCONNECT LNG LOADING ARMS
- 8.2 RECONNECT TOWING LINES TO TUGS (IF DISCONNECTED)
- 8.3 POSITION TUGS FORE & AFT FOR SHIP DEPARTURE

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Offload & Un-Berth in Wave Height  $H_s \leq 3.5\text{m}$  (11.5 ft)



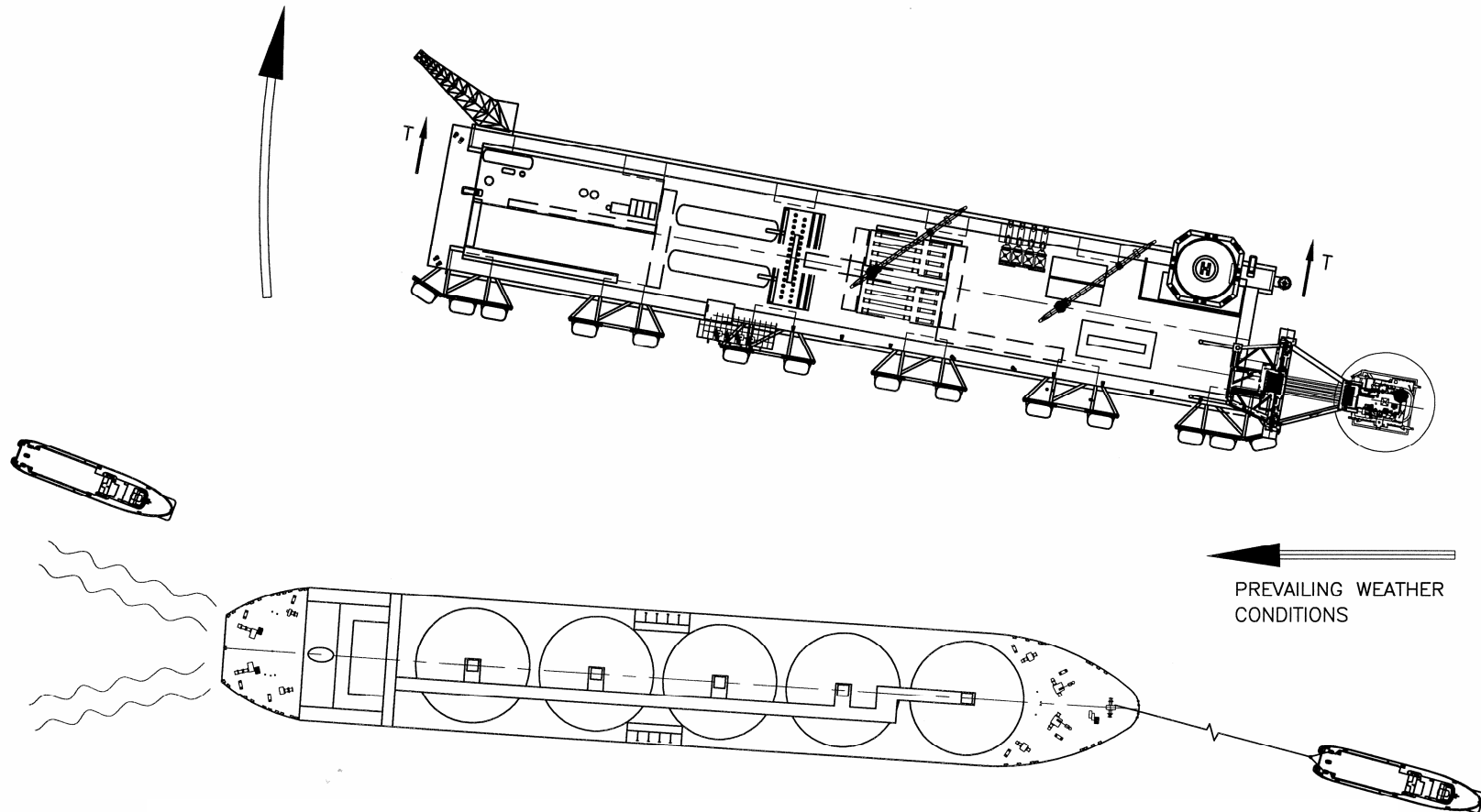
- 9.1 USING THRUSTERS, SWING PLATFORM AND SHIP TO CREATE A LEE ON THE PLATFORM FENDER SIDE
- 9.2 RELEASE PELICAN HOOKS AND RECOVER MOORING LINES TO SHIP
- 9.3 AS MOORING LINES ARE RELEASED, BEGIN RAPID PLATFORM SWING AWAY FROM SHIP USING THRUSTERS
- 9.4 TUGS BEGIN MOVING SHIP ASTERN AND SWINGING BOW AWAY FROM PLATFORM USING WIND DIRECTION TO ASSIST
- 9.5 TUGS CONTROL SHIP HEADING FOR DEPARTURE AND TOW SHIP TO CLEAR PLATFORM

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# Carrier Un-Berthing Operations

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## Offload & Un-Berth in Wave Height $H_s \leq 3.5\text{m}$ (11.5 ft)



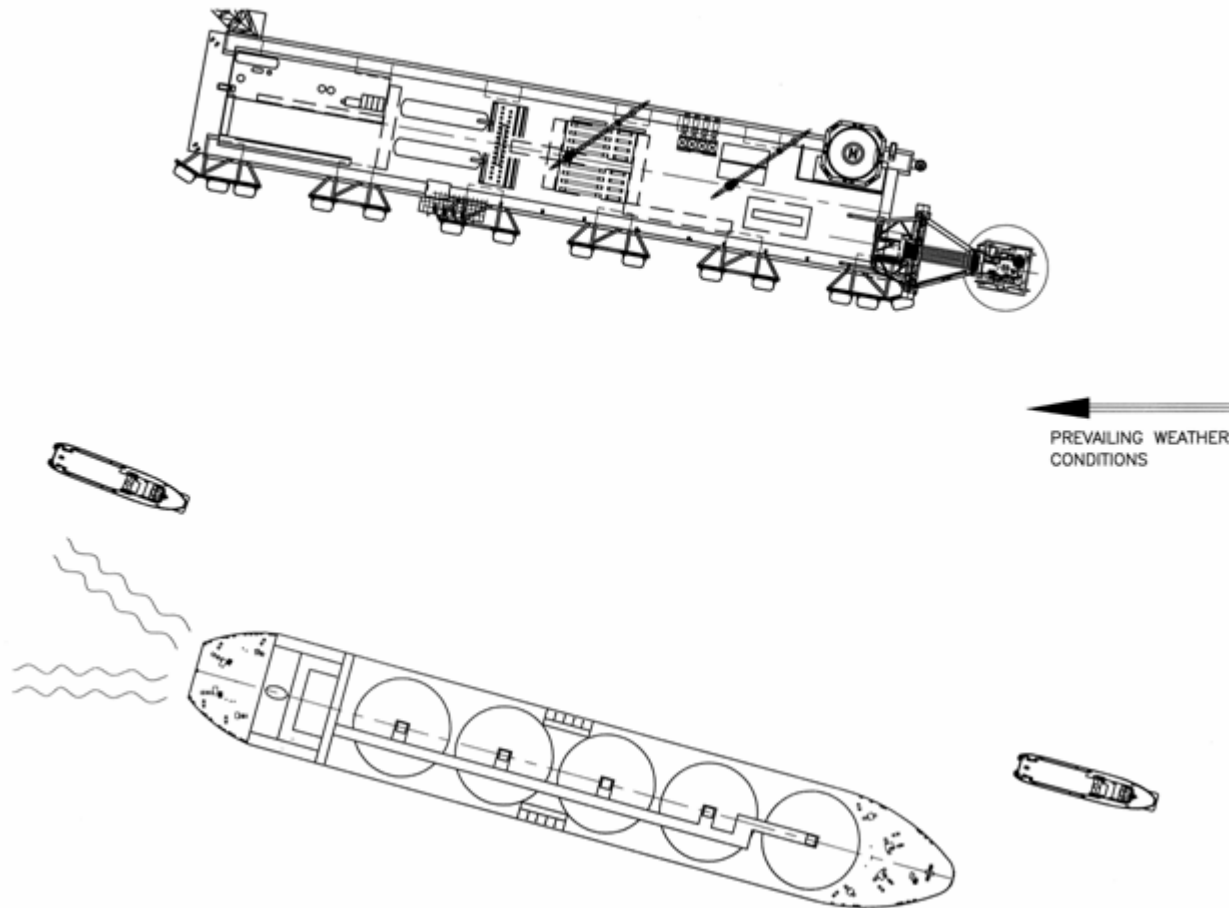
### 10.1 TUGS AND SHIP CONTINUE MOVING AWAY FROM PLATFORM

## 10.2 WITH SHIP UNDER POWER, RELEASE TOWING LINES

# Carrier Un-Berthing Operations

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Offload & Un-Berth in Wave Height  $H_s \leq 3.5\text{m}$  (11.5 ft)



11.1 TUG ESCORTS SHIP UNDERWAY TO SAFE ZONE BOUNDARY

11.2 MOORING MASTER RE-BOARDS TUG FOR TRIP TO NEXT WAITING SHIP



# LNG Terminal Loads & Motions – Shallow Water

Comparison of Tower-Yoke Loads & Motions - 20m Water Depth

Parameter	QHD 32-6 FPSO	LNG Terminal	Unit
<b>Storm Conditions</b>			
Significant Wave Height, Hs	5.2	9.2	meters
Wind Speed	26.6	41.2	m/s
Current Speed	2.05	1.1	m/s
Vessel Displacement	201,380	39,000	m. tons
<b>Vessel Motions (@ FP)</b>			
Surge, Max	5.4	2.1	meters
Surge, Min	-9.8	-8.8	meters
Sway, Max	10.96	7.8	meters
Sway, Min	-15.42	-3.9	meters
Yaw, Max	38.5	29.1	degrees
Yaw, Min	15.1	20.9	degrees
<b>Tower Forces</b>			
Fx- Longitudinal Force	-861	-724	m. tons
Fy - Transverse Force	-320	166	m. tons
Fz - Vertical Force	-367	-209	m. tons
Fxy - Resultant Force	871	724	m. tons
Fxyz - Resultant Force	908	750	m. tons
<b>Max Tension</b>	742	695	m. ton

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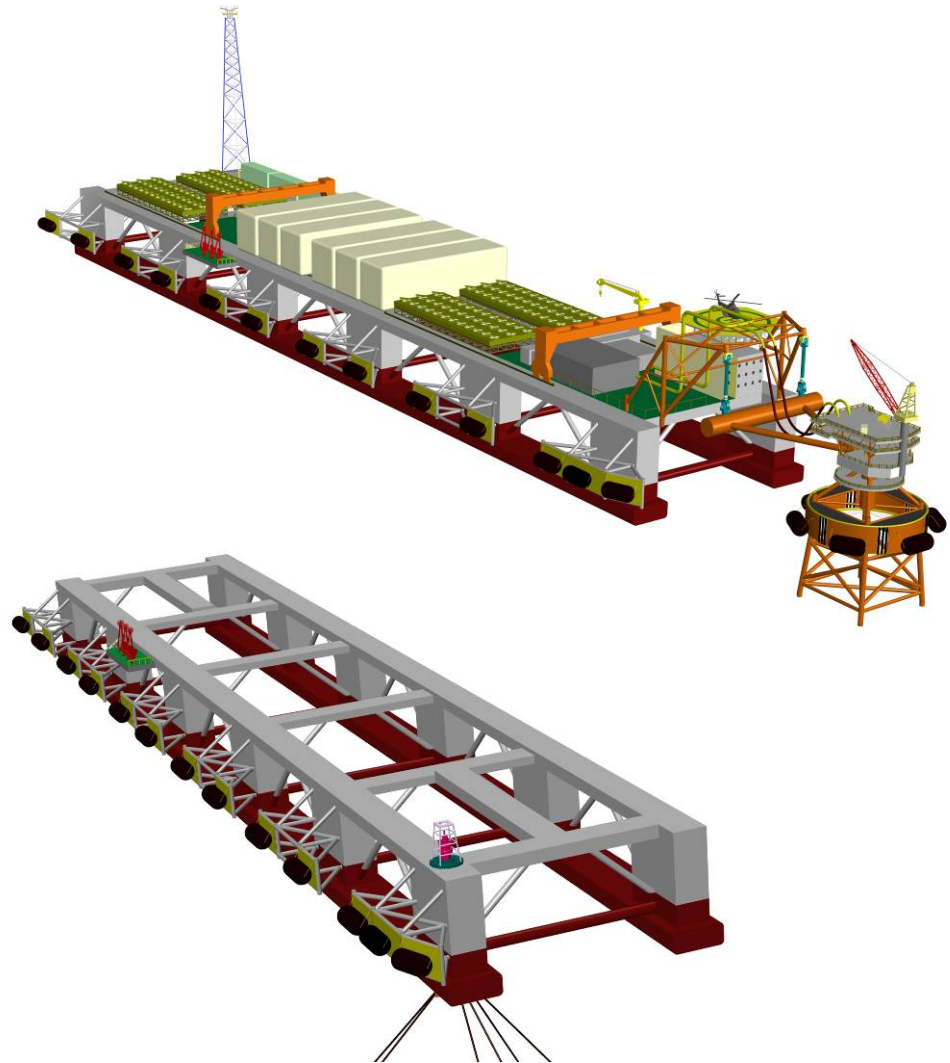
## Side-by-Side Offloading Loads & Motions - 20m Water Depth

Parameter	Offloading	Berthing	Unit
<b>Storm Conditions</b>			
Significant Wave Height, Hs	3.5	2.5	meters
Wind Speed	32	28	m/s
Current Speed	0.40	0.35	m/s
<b>LNG Carrier</b>	165,000	165,000	m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Relative Motions (@ Loading Arms)</b>			
Surge, Max/Allowable	82%		
Sway, Max/Allowable	76%		
Heave, Max/Allowable	50%		
<b>Max Mooring Lines Tension</b>	53		MT
<b>Safety Factor</b>	2.0		
<b>Max Pull-in Wire Tension</b>		71	MT

# Platform Construction & Schedule

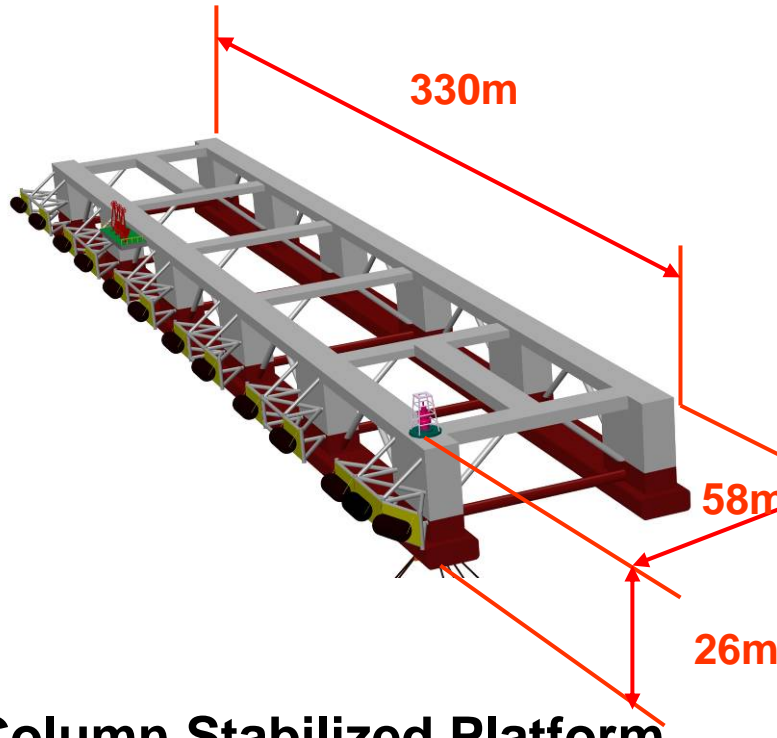
# Platform Construction Advantages

- Shipyard drydock not required
- Tubular and flat plate construction, fabricate in domestic or foreign fab yards
- Lends itself to modular construction
- Dockside testing of all onboard process & power generation units
- Offshore construction spread is minimal
- Install offshore & commission in a few weeks time



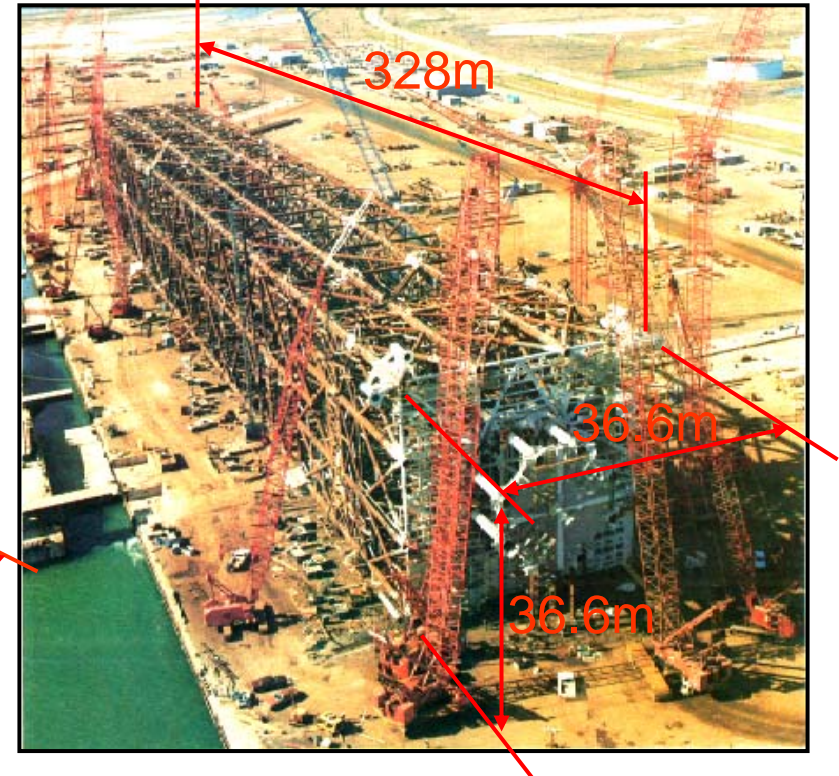


# Floating Platform Size



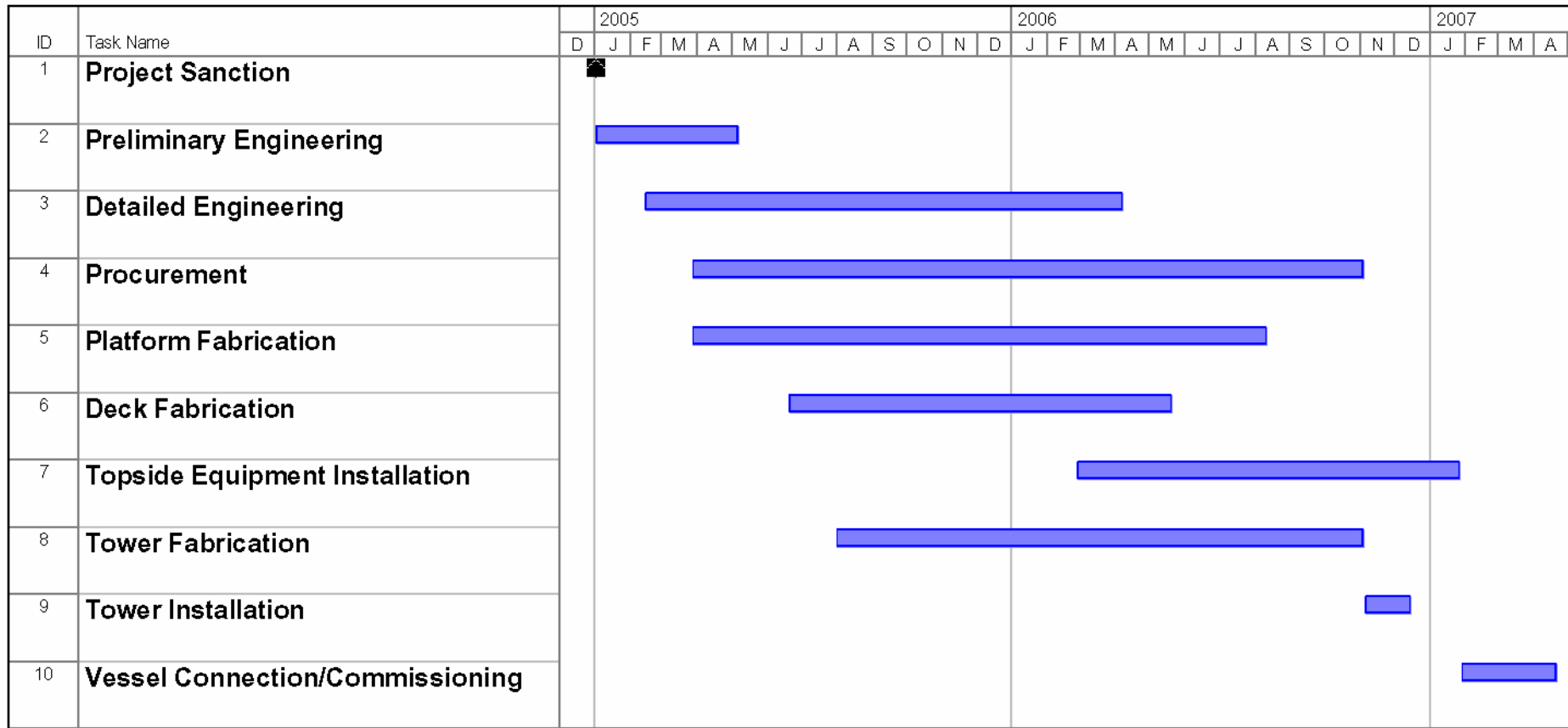
- Column Stabilized Platform
- 58m W x 26m H x 330m L
- 26,000 ton steel w/o payload
- Fab yard: GoM or SE Asia

*OCEAN INDUSTRY, April 1983*



- Exxon Lena Guyed Tower
- 36.6m x 36.6m x 328m
- 24,000 ton trussed tower
- Brown & Root Harbor Island Yard, 1983

# Schedule for Floating Platform Design, Fabrication, Installation



**Total Elapsed Time: 26 months**

# Conclusion

- **No technology gaps to hinder permitting, design, & construction completion of a floating LNG receiving terminal within 28 months**
- **FMC Energy Systems can fully support the import facility construction requirements for this project by**
  - **participating in the port permit application process**
  - **by supplying hardware systems including:**
    - **LNG loading arms**
    - **Platform, gas swivel, risers, & mooring**
    - **Cavern wellheads, subsea or dry trees**
    - **Gas metering**

