



NEWSLETTER

Ampelmann Company



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Dear Sir / Madam,

The Ampelmann team is proud to present you its latest newsletter, this time, emphasizing on the last two operations the Ampelmann systems A-01 and A-02 have been supporting. In both projects, the Ampelmann system was providing access from vessels that were used as accommodation vessels to the particular platforms. It shows that the combination of a large vessel with big accommodation capacity and an Ampelmann system is a very safe and cost effective solution for workovers and commissioning jobs.

AMPELMANN A-01 - Operational in the Bass Street



From November 2009 on, the Ampelmann A-01 is working in the Bass Street, between Australia and Tasmania, providing access to the Yolla-A production platform. The job consists of a wellhead intervention job and is planned to be finished around march this year. The Yolla platform has an unusual platform design, hence the operator (Origin Energy) decided to mount a specific construction with two access points for the tip of the Ampelmann system.

For this job, the operator chose for the [Polarbjorn](#). This very high standard Arctic survey vessel provides accommodation for 100 crew, who are crossing the Ampelmann system twice each day. Mounted amidships on SB, the Ampelmann system has worked up to $H_s = 3m$.



Comparing the day rates of a jack-up accommodation rig or a semi-submersible with the Polarbjorn + Ampelmann, total costs of the intervention job turn out to be 30% less, even taking the days of non operational (adverse weather) into account. These days, crew transfer is done with helicopters if possible. However, feedback from the crew reveals that they prefer the Ampelmann system, as it is quicker, easier and safer.

AMPELMANN A-02 - Operational in the Adriatic Sea



Mounted on the MPSV Bourbon Pearl the Ampelmann has been providing access to the Annamaria A and B platforms in the Adriatic Sea from mid October '09 till mid January '10. For this job, which enhanced the commissioning of the two new gas platforms, the Bourbon Pearl was used for accommodating 60 crew. Again, the Ampelmann shows to be a very safe and cost effective alternative against the small crew boats that were going to be used instead to transfer crew from the Facility Platform to the Annamaria A and B platforms. Not only by saving transfer time, but also by increasing the weather window from $H_s = 1,5\text{m}$ (for the crew boats) to $H_s = 2,5\text{m}$.



With only three mornings in three months not operating because of too large vessel motions due to extreme weather, the entire crew was transferred four times per day to and from the platforms. Each crew change of 60 crew took about 15 minutes.

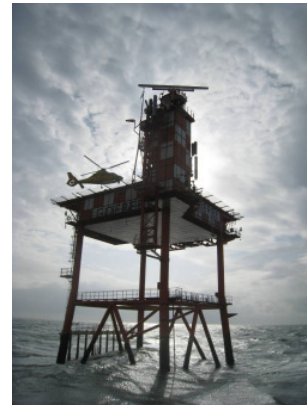
Most of the times, wind and waves came from the prevailing direction, enabling to land onto the same balcony every day (at around 13m above LAT). During the days that a different landing point was required, the Ampelmann operator picked a suitable new access balcony and created a new landing area within 5 minutes.

To summarize the advantages of using the Ampelmann system on your accommodation vessel:

- Day rate of the accommodation vessel + Ampelmann are up to 50% lower than day rate of semi-sub or jack-up
 - No installation time of accommodation vessel
 - No travel downtime compared to small crew boats or helicopters
 - Multiple landing areas in different sea states
 - No or minor adaptations to structure for landing the Ampelmann
 - Making offshore access as easy as crossing the street
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AMPELMANN - Offshore Demonstration

On Friday the 19th of February 2010, the Ampelmann company had organized an offshore demonstration of the Ampelmann system. For the demonstration the Ampelmann system was mounted on the Multi Purpose Offshore Support Vessel the Normand Pioneer and as landing platform the Lichteiland Goeree (LE) of the Dutch Government was chosen.



For a detailed description and some movies of the demonstration, please see the [website](#).

AMPELMANN - What's next ?

Ampelmann has started building a third system, which will be ready for operations soon. This system will be designed to fit in standard containers to make transportation easier and more cost effective. For any questions about pricing and availability of any of the systems, please contact the Ampelmann sales department: p.schols@ampelmann.nl or + 31(0)6 21822720.



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