

Oceaneering Team in Trinidad Enables Operator to Overcome Challenge of Closed Borders

Trinidadian ROV crew executes time-critical work scope



Project Overview

In September 2020, a major operator contacted Oceaneering in search of support for their well drilling operations being executed in Trinidad.

Issues

Major hurdles challenged the operator. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Trinidad had closed its borders and, therefore, the only solution that could meet the project's requirements would include the use of a locally-based team.

The Oceaneering Solution

Oceaneering has had a local presence in Trinidad and has employed a highly-experienced team of Trinidadians since 2013. Fortuitously, our Trinidad-based ROV crew was in the process of demobilizing two Oceaneering remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) that had completed their contractual obligations from a rig with the intent to ship the equipment back to the United States. This advantageous scheduling alignment meant that Oceaneering was poised to meet the customer's requirements in an extremely challenging situation.



Execution Plan

The team in Trinidad successfully demobilized the ROV system while the accompanying crew members went into quarantine prior to receiving the equipment quayside. Preparations included critical maintenance, load testing, and ROV commissioning.

Once fully prepared for the new project, the ROV system was installed on a vessel the customer had chartered. A team of five local Supervisors and technicians were able to board the vessel, install the ROV equipment, integrate into the vessel, and successfully test dive within a week.

Results

The customer was able to complete their defined work scope in a safe and timely manner. Without the intervention of the local Oceaneering team, they would have needed to charter flights from other countries at an immense cost to their operations.

This project highlighted the breadth and depth of Oceaneering's global ROV presence and how by investing in sites strategic to key areas we can provide a reliable and responsive service.



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