



Sarens wins biggest contract to date

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Belgian crane and heavy lifting specialist Sarens has signed a contract for the largest project in its history with Tengizchevroil.

The project includes the land transportation and installation of the Pre-Assembled Units, Pre-Assembled Racks, and associated oversize equipment required for its \$36.8 billion Future Growth and Wellhead Pressure Management Project for the Tengiz oil field on the North Eastern shores of the Caspian Sea.



A facility in the Tengiz oil fields

Tengizchevroil is 50 percent owned by Chevron, while ExxonMobil has 25 percent, KazMunay Gas 20 percent and LukAgro five percent. The company is the operator of the Tengiz oil field in Kazakhstan. The work being carried out is designed to increase the well pressures and the production capacity of the existing Tengiz refinery, with the new plant being built on a modular basis incorporating pre-assemble units fabricated in Korea and Italy, and racks fabricated in the Caspian region.

Sarens is contracted to develop and operate two Trans-Shipments Bases, one in Finland and one in Bulgaria, where cargo will be offloaded from ocean-going vessels and reloaded onto smaller Russian inland waterway vessels for onward delivery into the region. At the Kazakhstan site, Sarens will off-load, store, stack, and transport the modules to their final installation points. The project will start next year and run through 2020. Sarens will deploy around 150 specialist personnel to the various locations of the project, whilst employing a further 250 local specialists.



The Tengiz oil fields are located on the North Easter shores of the Caspian Sea in Kazakhstan

A Sarens team drawn from all areas of its operations, began the planning and engineering work for the project in 2014, based at the Tengizchevroil offices in Farnborough, UK, and supported by other Sarens specialists in Kazakhstan, Belgium, Poland, Finland, and Bulgaria.

Sarens Project director Bev Bentley said: "The unique scale and challenges of this fascinating project will set a new benchmark for heavy transportation and installation work. We have the experience and the equipment to accept the challenge, we have the vision to develop and implement unique solutions, and our personnel are looking forward to delivering our services in a timely, efficient, and, most importantly, safe, manner".

Chief executive Wim Sarens added: "With over 60 years of experience in engineered transport, marine operations, and heavy lifting, we are confident that we can deliver with diligence and quality the multiple elements of this project that have been entrusted to us."

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