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*“Offshore, Brownfield Execution in West Africa”*

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# 1. Introduction: AMEC at a glance

Proud  
**100+ year**  
history

Market cap\*  
**c. \$6 billion (USD)**  
(£3.6 billion)

Revenue:  
**\$6.2 billion (USD)**

- £4 billion (GBP)
- \$6.6 billion (AUS)
- \$6.4 billion (CAD)



Employees:  
**27,000**

- |                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| ▪ Americas       | 13,000 |
| ▪ Europe         | 9,800  |
| ▪ Growth Regions | 3,700  |



Operating in over  
**40 countries**  
and serving four markets:

- **Oil & Gas**
- **Mining**
- **Clean Energy**
- **Environment & Infrastructure**

## 2. Definitions

Greenfield: a new development with no existing production infrastructure other than completed wells.

Brownfield: modifications to an existing facility. Typically, facility is in active production operation.

FPSO: floating production, storage, and offloading vessel



## **Focus on Angola**

### **3. Local Understanding, Local Office, Local Content**

# Angola and Oil

1955-90s: Oil discovered; produced at modest levels.

1961-74: War of Independence

1975: End of nearly 500 years of Portuguese influence

1975-2002: Civil War

2002-present: Relative political stability;  
Discovery, development of  
numerous offshore fields

2003-present: Steadily expanding  
local content requirements

2007: Joins OPEC



# Establishing a Local Company

- 2002:** Houston-based Paragon Engineering Services – now AMEC Oil & Gas Americas – recognizes Angola's tremendous growth potential.
- 2003:** Major Angolan project award
- 2004:** Establishment of Paragon Angola in partnership with major local company



# Addressing Challenges – Achieving Sustainability

- Improving and maintaining essential communications, electrical, and utility systems
- Managing extremely high cost of living
- Dealing with in-country travel/logistical challenges
- Establishing reliable security
- Expediting complex Visa process
- Attracting and retaining Expats
- Attracting, training, and retaining Nationals
- Demonstrating commitment to local community, professional development, and infrastructure
- Establishing and continually promoting culture of safety – in office and at project sites
- Understanding cultural differences and taking them into account in work with partner and local personnel

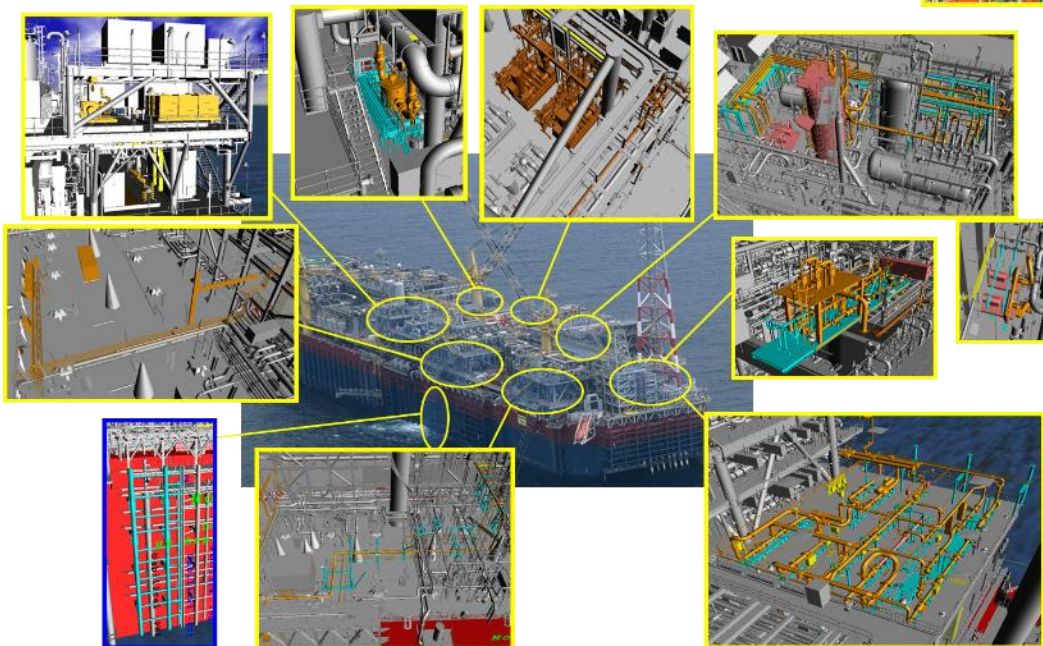
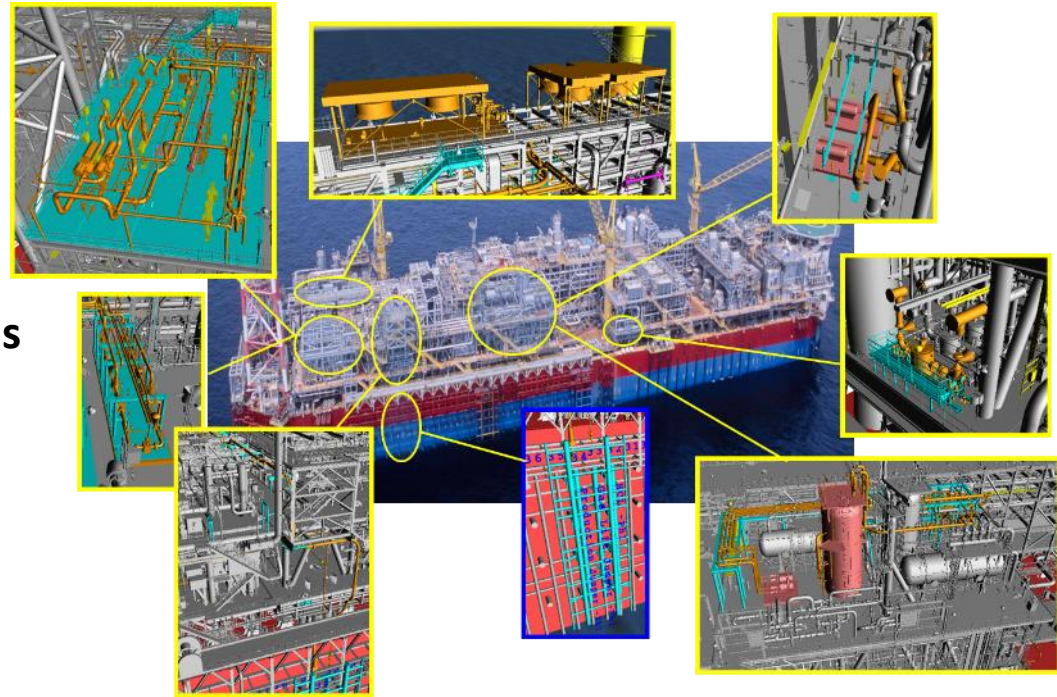
## **4. Example Project**

### **Modifications to Two FPSOs Offshore Angola**

# Project Description

## Modifications to 13 topsides modules

Development of new fields with subsea tiebacks to the two FPSOs.



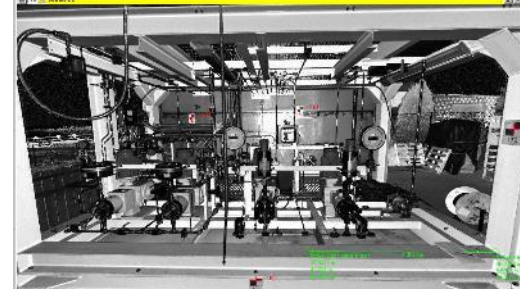
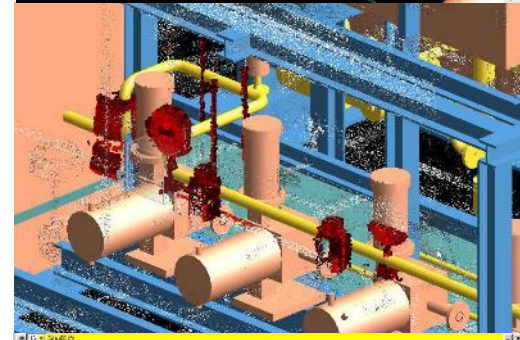
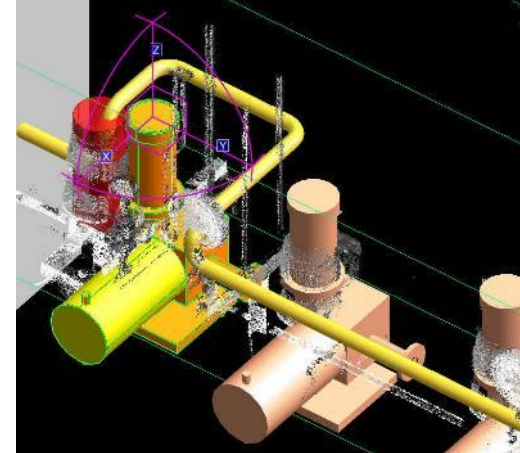
- Nearly 1 million AMEC man-hours
- Added more than 2,000 mT topsides weight
- More than 800 Purchase Orders
- More than 7,000 mt shipped

# Design

- Reduced size and rating of key piping component
- Relocated riser to reduce structural requirements
- Eliminated need for major equipment items

## Results:

- Lower cost
- Reduced weight
- Reduced offshore installation scope and risk
- Reduced likelihood of need for shutdowns

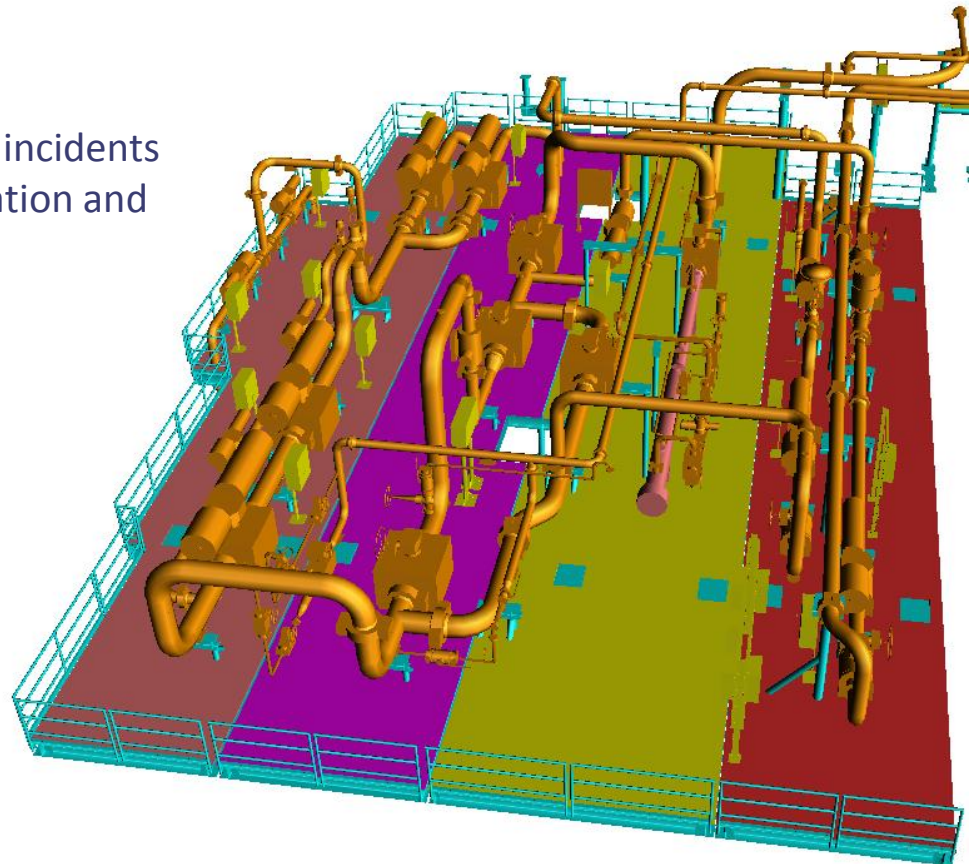


# Fabrication

- Capitalized on opportunities to build full assemblies onshore
- Performed significant portions of required E&I testing, hydrotesting and painting onshore

## Result:

Reduced potential for offshore safety incidents through reductions in offshore fabrication and testing scopes

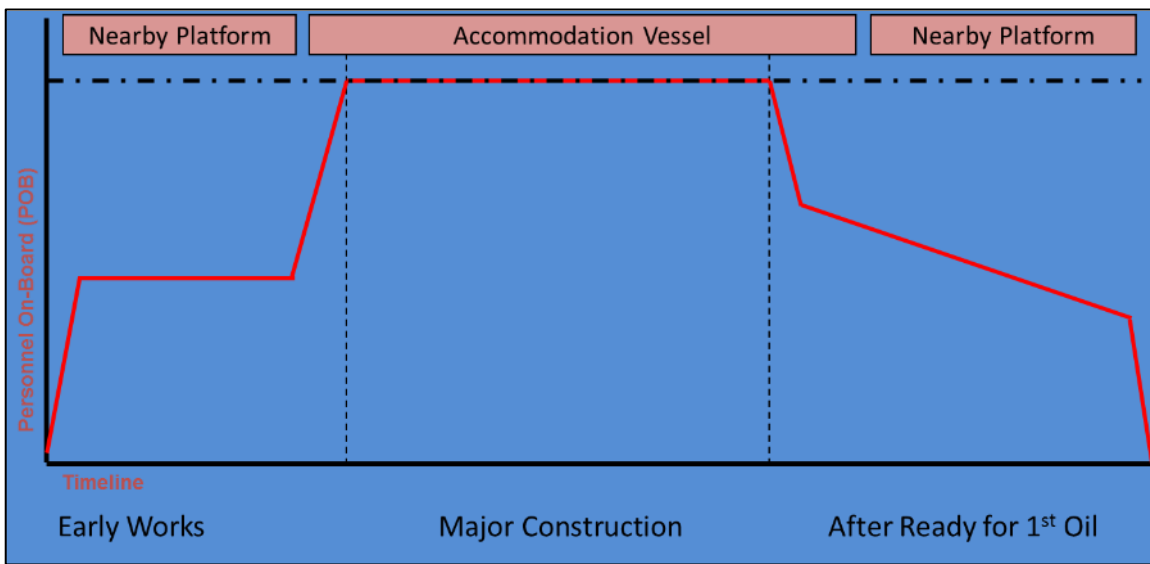


# Offshore Execution

- Reduced peak offshore manhours
  - Carefully planned early works
  - Accommodation vessel savings & reduction in operating facility impact
- Optimized timing of material deliveries and fabrication

Result:

Ongoing production at planned rate without interruptions



# Project Outcome

- Largest brownfield project executed by customer
- Delivery on time and within budget
- Minimal impact to ongoing operations
- Recognition from highest level of customer's management organization for health, safety, security, and environmental achievements

**More than 5 million  
man-hours worked without a  
lost-time incident (including  
all contractors)**

## **5. Offshore Brownfield Principles**

# Planning and Design

- Maximize early works
- Consolidate scope areas
- Laser scanning and point-cloud technologies
- Dimensional control
- Construction optimization during design
- Avoid offshore hot work
- Avoid shutdowns through careful planning of tie-ins
- Limited offshore lift capacities
- Closing spool / clear access around umbilical pull-in
- 3-plane closing spools
- Flanged / hubbed spools



# Supply Chain Management

- Number of shipping hubs
- Freight forwarding
- Customs clearance and hand-over process
- Ongoing reporting of materials status
- Logistics for import and transfer of materials
- Inspection of materials entering the country



# Construction Optimization

- Starts early in design
- Reduce number of work faces
- Reduce material, fabrication, and installation man-hours
- Minimize job cards
- Reduce tool and equipment hiring requirements
- Reduce number of work permits

