

Press information

Big in Alaska

SAL Heavy Lift mastered a challenging offshore platform installation in Alaska. Responsible Project Manager Holger Krenz talks about the challenging tasks behind the scenes.



Holger Krenz, Head of Project Management at SAL

1. How did you assemble a team that was able to master the “Kitchen Light Unit” project?

About one hundred people were involved to accomplish the task, 40 came from SAL. Our office based project team comprised approximately 15 colleagues consisting of Health, Safety and Environment, Engineering, Procurement, Crewing, Technical Inspection, Contracts, Project Management and Operating. With that team it was possible to concentrate several strengths like scheduling, project reporting, cost-controlling, safe operations and technical expertise like assembly, vessel stability calculations, rigging design and lifting procedures. Another 25 SAL colleagues worked with 58 Crowley colleagues and sub-contractors for the installation onboard the vessel.

2. What was the most challenging part of the project?

A very short preparation time for the project between signature and start of installation of approximately three month was very challenging. Due to close cooperation and high efficiency of the project team of SAL as well as the close relationship to the client we could realize such a challenging project schedule. Moreover, for this installation a crew of 60 additional members onboard was needed. Because of that MV Svenja had required a mobilization in Singapore to install extra living quarters. Another heavy task for us was to meet the high safety standards of the US Coast Guard and flag in that short period.



3. Why did Crowley choose SAL as project partner?

SAL showed in other offshore-projects, for example the “Wikinger Test Pile project”, that skills like piling and installation of client’s equipment can be successfully achieved as a combined project team between client and SAL. Due to good experience in former projects like the “Parbuckling Project of the Costa Concordia” as well as a close relationship between Crowley and SAL, SAL has been chosen as the project partner for this project. Moreover we provided a competitive package.

Curriculum vitae

Holger Krenz, Head of Project Management SAL Heavy Lift and SAL Offshore, is a PMI (Project Management Institute) certified Project Manager and has 15 years of experience in Project Management. He works for SAL since April 2014. The 46-year-old is responsible for all SAL offshore installation projects and other assigned projects such as ship building projects, software implementation, drydock projects as well as difficult heavy lift projects. In the past he was responsible for projects mainly from aviation, onshore and offshore wind power, offshore installation projects as well as oil and gas to the project volume of 650 million Euro.

About SAL Heavy Lift

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