Serial Fabrication to Facilitate Commercial Scale

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  - Construction
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Why talk about serial production from an industry perspective

Based on Quest Database 2 February 2022
Why talk about serial production from a class perspective

- The hull and mooring of a floating wind turbine is similar in construction to known oil and gas platforms BUT:
  - Instead of manufacturing one unique unit at a time, FOWT will require multiple identical units to be fabricated in parallel
  - Installation will be an ongoing process over a long period of time
  - Inspections will be an ongoing process, not a once-a-year event
  - Quality, consistency and record keeping will be key
- It is important that we do not start from scratch but build on past experiences
How do we do it

- Develop standards with industry participation (Rules and Guides)
- Design review and approval
- Surveys during construction
- Surveys during installation
- Periodic surveys to maintain Class

Personnel Safety
Asset Integrity
Environmental Protection

© Principle Power
Initial phases

- **Preliminary Planning and Advice (PPA)**
  - ABS personnel will discuss the design item in question and provide input as to the potential conformance with the design standards and other agreed requirements

- **Approval in Principle (AIP)**
  - ABS will perform design review of significant design documents to verify the feasibility of the concept

- **New Technology Qualification (NTQ)**
  - ABS will perform a systematic and consistent evaluation of new technologies as they mature from a concept through confirmation of operational integrity

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**Engineering/Operation**

- Concept Idea / Design Basis
- Conceptual Design
- Engineering Prototype Development and Testing
- Detailed Design
- Construction
- Installation / Operation

**Risk Assessment**

- Central Probability of Failure
- Uncertainty
- HAZID / Change Analysis
- What-if
- HAZOP
- FMEA
- QRA / Fault Tree / Event Tree
- Reliability Analysis

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**Do not forget fabricability, operation and maintenance in the early phases**

Floating Wind Solutions
Design Phase

• It is important to be able to build on past experiences and not to have to start from scratch for each project

• The design for one development may be based on a previous design

• During the development of one project, there may be changes due to optimizations or fabrications issues.

• It is important to catch what is different in order to understand the unique aspects of each unit
Fabrication Phase

• It is not likely all units for one development will be fabricated at one yard
• Independent of the number of fabrication locations, the final product must be the same
• One independent third party overviewing the process with a consistent set of procedures will increase the chances to achieve identical units
Installation Phase

• For a field consisting of up to 100 units unexpected things will happen during installation

• The ABS surveyor will verify;
  • Installation follows approved procedures
  • All components have valid certificate
  • No damage occurred during transportation
  • Anchor point location
  • Mooring pre-tension

• Following procedures and recording any deviations is key
Operation

- Having multiple identical units subject to the same environment is different from class as we know it
- Survey scheme and Survey interval will be different
  - Risk-based inspections
- Inspection techniques will be different
  - Remote inspections
- Surveys dates will be aligned and scheduled to ensure power production is not impacted
Summary

Based on our experience of 80 MW of installed Floating Offshore Wind, ABS learned the following:

• Involving class will assist in all phases of the development to achieve consistency throughout the life of the units independent of number of manufacturing locations

• Recordkeeping over life of the development is key

• Class has the majority of the tools to support large scale serial production in place already
Thank You

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