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## DEME completes Elia's Modular Offshore Grid subsea export cable installation well ahead of schedule

DEME successfully completed the installation of 85 km of subsea export cable for Elia's Modular Offshore Grid, deploying the state-of-the-art cable installation vessel 'Living Stone'. The cable connects Elia's Offshore Switch Yard to the shore station Stevin at Zeebrugge, as well as the Rentel wind farm Offshore Substation.

'Living Stone' collected the cable at the manufacturer Hellenic Cable in Greece, transported it to the site in Belgium and performed a flawless cable installation, offshore jointing and four pull-ins. With the innovative cable installation system on board of 'Living Stone', works have been completed in record time and well ahead of schedule. The unique dual-lane cable installation system, consisting of two cable highways - can install one cable while the next cable can be simultaneously prepared on deck, including the installation of the cable protection system (CPS).

"This is again a very successful job executed by the 'Living Stone'. It was great to see all plans worked out without any set back," says **Marco Kanaar, Project Director at DEME Offshore**. "Usually with a new, complex vessel such as the 'Living Stone' you might expect some teething problems, however it was great to see that our crew had already ironed out any potential issues beforehand. Definitely the great team spirit between our marine crew and project team and certainly the constructive approach from our client Elia have been instrumental to the success."

"The MOG plays an essential role in the transition towards more renewable energy. We are especially proud that Elia can act as a pioneer in this regard," says **Tom Pietercil, Project Director at Elia**. "The project has been completed in record time: the first agreements were made with the authorities in March 2016, and the MOG will be operational this September. This is the result of good cooperation between all partners in the project."

"It is a great pleasure to confirm the safe and fast completion of another project ahead of schedule," says **Hugo Bouvy, Managing Director of DEME Offshore**. "The offshore crew of the 'Living Stone' as well as our dedicated project team have provided high quality services and workmanship. This significant achievement once again demonstrates DEME Offshore's expertise in engineering and execution of cable lay projects. It definitely marks our continued growth in what DEME Offshore recognises as a crucial market for the world's future energy needs."

The Belgian Modular Offshore Grid submarine power cable project was awarded in August 2017. DEME also deployed the newest trailing suction hopper dredger 'Bonny River' on the project to backfill 45 km of trenches.

### About DEME

DEME is a world leader in the highly specialised fields of dredging, marine engineering and environmental remediation. The company can build on more than 140 years of know-how and experience and has fostered a pioneering approach throughout its history, being a front runner in

innovation and new technologies.

DEME's vision is to work towards a sustainable future by offering solutions for global challenges: a rising sea level, a growing population, reduction of CO2 emissions, polluted rivers and soils and the scarcity of natural resources. Although DEME's activities originated with the core dredging business, the portfolio diversified substantially over the decades, including dredging and land reclamation, solutions for the offshore energy market, infra marine solutions and environmental solutions.

While the company's roots are in Belgium, DEME has built a strong presence in all of the world's seas and continents, operating in more than 90 countries worldwide. DEME can rely on 5,200 highly skilled professionals across the globe. With a versatile and modern fleet of over 100 vessels, backed by a broad range of auxiliary equipment, the company can provide solutions for even the most complex projects.

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