

# Business opportunities in FPSOs

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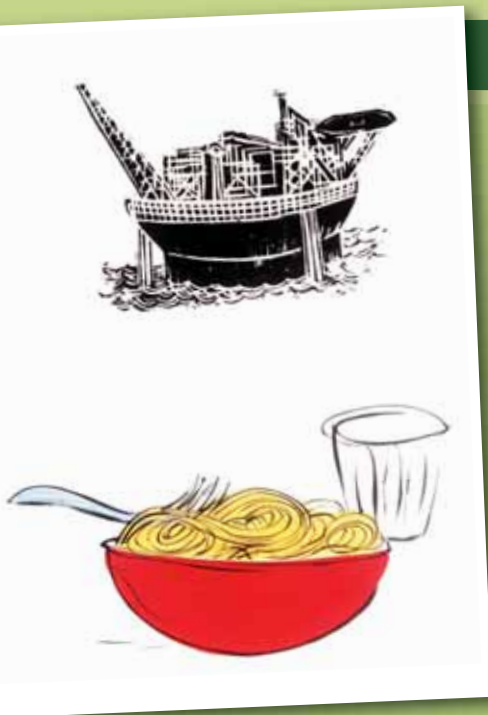
## Untangling the FPSO sector

The FPSO industry is in a major growth phase, with orders for between 90 and 240 new FPSOs expected to be placed in the next 5 years, at a cost of between \$200m and \$2bn each. Two thirds of these are expected to be tanker conversions and one third from new build. There are currently around 200 FPSOs in service.

This creates many business opportunities for tanker operators and companies with tanker skills and expertise - providing vessels to offload the FPSOs, and helping build and operate FPSOs - including naval architecture, shipyard supervision, surveying, inspection, maintenance and integrity management, procurement and providing crew.

Ian Cochran, editor of Tanker Operator magazine and a specialist on FPSOs, has written a 23,000 word report to help you find your way through the FPSO industry and work out where opportunities might lie for your company.

The FPSO industry can look like spaghetti, just like the pipeline infrastructure on the topsides (by the way, FPSO topside infrastructure has grown in weight from around 1,000 tons in 1981 to 23,000 tonnes on soon to be delivered vessels going to Brazil).



## Contents

The report begins with an overview of the current FPSO market, supply and demand, and analysis of emerging design criteria and classification society requirements.

This is followed by a review of emerging FPSO requirements in regions of the world (Asia Pacific, Australasia, East Africa, West Africa, North Sea, South America, Gulf of Mexico, Mediterranean, Canada);

A review of large FPSO owners (Petrobras, SBM, BW Offshore, CNOOC, Teekay and Modec); FPSO shipyards (Brasa, PAENAL, Cosco, DAEWOO, Hyundai and Keppel Offshore),

A review of emerging technical factors to be aware of (LNGFPSOs, FPSO propulsion / power, tanker operations, movements and asset monitoring).

The appendix has a list of all known FPSOs in operation and under construction.

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