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Bentec wins multi-million dollar Russian contract

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Bentec Drilling and Oilfield Systems has won a US\$97 million contract to fabricate and deliver four of its HR 4500 Cluster Slider™ rigs to Russian drilling contractor SSK (Siberian Service Company).

The contract, which was won by competitive tender, was signed in June during the Neftegaz exhibition in Moscow, and includes an option for SSK to order up to four more rigs at a later date.

Norbert Gebbeken, Bentec Managing Director, Commercial, said: "This is a particularly significant contract for Bentec as SSK is a new customer for us with very specific requirements.

"Winning this contract by competitive tender further reinforces Bentec's reputation as Europe's leading rig designer and builder and is another milestone in our drive to enhance our position in the Russian market."

This is Bentec's fourth major contract for its Cluster Slider™ rigs and follows the delivery of twelve others to KCA DEUTAG, BK Eurasia, and Gazprom, which are also working in northern and western Siberia.

Delivery of the rigs to SSK is scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2009, after which all four rigs will begin operations in western Siberia.

The first rig will have some steel components manufactured at Bentec's new Tyumen plant in Russia, with final rig up at the company's Bad Bentheim facility in Germany. This process will progressively move towards more activity in Tyumen for the second and subsequent rigs. It is anticipated that this project will be the first of many to utilise Bentec's new facility in Tyumen, which is at an advanced stage of development.

Operations on site for this project will commence shortly, with the official opening of the Tyumen facility scheduled for September.

Bentec's 250 ton HR 4500 Cluster Slider™ rig is GOST certified for operation in harsh Russian environments. All components are mounted on a rail track allowing fast skidding from one location to another.

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