

TOFCO advances Manatee jacket



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Trinidad Offshore Fabricators Company Ltd (TOFCO) has announced the successful float-off of the Manatee jacket—Row C which occurred on October 1, marking a major milestone in the execution of this offshore project.

A post on the T&T Energy Chamber yesterday explained this float-off represents a critical step towards completing the largest jacket ever fabricated at TOFCO, underscoring technical strength, local capacity, and commitment to delivering excellence safely and on schedule.

The Manatee Gas Field, located in T&T's east coast marine area (ECMA), is one of the country's most significant new gas developments.

The Manatee project achieved a final investment decision (FID) in July last year.

The post noted that according to Shell, Manatee would allow the company to competitively grow its integrated gas business by building on development efforts in the ECMA, one of the country's most prolific gas-producing areas.

The ECMA is currently home to Shell's largest gas-producing fields in the country including Dolphin, Starfish, Bounty and Endeavour.

The Manatee gas field would provide backfill for the country's Atlantic LNG facility, the post said adding that increasing utilisation at existing LNG plants is an important lever to maximise potential from Shell's existing assets.

Manatee is slated to start production in 2027.

Once online, Manatee is expected to reach peak production of approximately 104,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (boe/d) (604 MMscf/d).

TOFCO is a joint venture company formed in 2003 by Weldfab Ltd of Claxton Bay, Trinidad and Chet Morrison Contractors Inc of Houma, Louisiana, USA. It specialises in fabrication, construction, and offshore services for the oil and gas industry, and has been involved in several significant projects, including the landmark Juniper project.

The company is recognised for its world-class performance, commitment to local content, and safety standards, making it a key player in the energy sector in T&T.