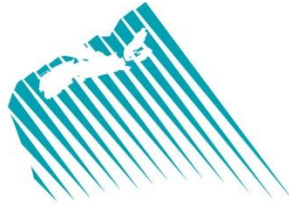


# CNSOPB



CANADA-NOVA SCOTIA  
OFFSHORE PETROLEUM BOARD

## Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 17 April 2020  
Applicant: Heerema Marine Contractors  
Reference: HMC0477-CNSRQ-004 - Rigging  
Project: Sable Offshore Energy Project  
Installation Name: SSCV Thialf  
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 210.07(1).  
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Occupational Health and Safety Transitional Regulations (OHST), Sections 232 and 233

### Decision:

Heerema Marine Contractors (HMC) has requested a deviation from Sections 232 and 233 requiring slings and rigging equipment to meet specified American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) standards.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that for routine lifts, general purpose lifting gear meets ASME requirements, and for non-routine / engineered lifts, project-specific lifting gear is separately managed, following a combination of the ASME standards, industry guidance, and engineering practice. Applicable SSCV Thialf lifting equipment is certified to classification society rules. Additional considerations include that general rigging practices are in accordance with the North Sea Lifting Handbook as well as HMC standards and work instructions. A comparison between the North Sea Lifting Handbook and the Atlantic Canada Offshore Petroleum Industry Safe Lifting Practice was completed and issues identified were resolved.

The workforce has been consulted. No concerns were identified during the public comment period.

The Certifying Authority concurs that the proposal meets the requirements of Certificate of Fitness Regulations Section 4(2)(a)(ii).

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from the Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Occupational Health and Safety Transitional Regulations (OHST), Sections 232 and 233, and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

Robert Normore, B.Tech., CRSP  
Chief Safety Officer