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TOFCO MAKES HISTORY IN TRINIDAD & TOBAGO CONSTRUCTION

From our On the Move Correspondents in Trinidad:

On the 31st August 2008 the world saw the emergence of the largest sub-structure ever built in Trinidad and Tobago – the BpTT Savonette Jacket. This jacket is a conventional steel fixed template type structure with three battered (angled) and one vertical face to allow for drill rig jack-up access.

The configuration incorporates 'X' bracing both in the four sides and the horizontal plan frames. The Savonette jacket will form part of the Savonette field development, BpTT's latest endeavor for the retrieval of natural gas. The Savonette field will complement the existing Mahogany B platform.

The general dimensions of the Savonette jacket are 316 ft in length, and almost 100 ft at its highest point from the ground elevation. The Savonette jacket tipped the scale at 2,043 tons.

This jacket was constructed and loaded out by TOFCO (Trinidad Offshore Fabricators Unlimited) in its facility at the Labidco Industrial Estate, La Brea; Trinidad. TOFCO is a joint venture formed in 2003 with Chet Morrison Contractors out of the US, and Weldfab Limited from Trinidad.

The Savonette project forms the fourth consecutive BpTT off shore structures built by TOFCO; starting from the Cannonball, Mango and Cashima projects.

This historic landmark signifies the development of local skill and technology in the construction of off shore structures, which in the past were usually completed out of Trinidad and Tobago. It also gives a clear indication of the advent of this skill as a major competitor in the international market.



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