

Brazil - offshore - natural gas - 260 km / 162 miles - "Mexilhão to Tupi Gas Pipeline"

Project name	Mexilhão to Tupi Gas Pipeline	
Fluid	natural gas	
Onshore / offshore	offshore	
Line type	transport line	
Project status	future project	
Start of construction (planned)	May 2010	
Completion (planned)	2010	
Geographical location	Brazil (Latin America)	
Route	will connect the Tupi and Mexilhão fields in the Santos Basin	
NPS diameter (planned)	18 inch (450 mm)	
Length (planned)	260 km	162 miles
Line pipe weight (planned)	26 000 mt	29 000 US tons
Owner	Petrobras [Brazil]	
Project status details	September 2008 Four Companies In Mexilhão-Tupi Gas Pipeline Dispute	

Global, Saipem, Heerema and the Technip/Allseas consortium are in a battle to win a Petrobras tender to provide pipe-laying services for a gas pipeline that will connect the Tupi and Mexilhão fields in the Santos Basin. The first tender envelopes were opened August 22 and the oil company is still evaluating the technical proposals that were presented.

The price envelopes will only be opened in September. Petrobras expects that the technical evaluation will extend for another two weeks. The 18"-diamater Mexilhão-Tupi gas pipeline will run for 260 km.

The laying campaign will only begin in 2010. The deadline presented by the service providers varies from 84 days, by the Technip/Allseas consortium, to 170 days, estimated by Saipem.

As in the majority of tenders, this one is aimed only at the service of pipe-laying and supply of the ship. The pipes themselves will be supplied by Confab and Corus, which divided the supply package.

Located in the pre-salt area, Tupi is scheduled to enter operation at the end of 2009 through a long duration test. In 2010, the startup of production will be through a pilot test conducted by the FPSO Cidade de Angra dos Reis, currently being converted by Moddec, in China.

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The Technip/Allseas consortium is expected to win the service contract for laying the Santos Basin gas pipeline connecting up the Tupi and Mexilhão fields. The group presented the lowest price in the Petrobras tender for the work, with a proposal of US\$ 340 million, calling for the use of the Solitaire vessel.

The price envelopes were opened at the beginning of November, shortly

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after Petrobras technically declassified Global, alleging that the ship that was offered did not meet the project's specifications. Saipem and Heerema also entered the dispute, winning respectively second and third place in the tender.

The commercial proposals are currently under study by Petrobras. In the event the result is confirmed and there is no appeal, it is expected that the contract will be approved by the Petrobras board by the end of November.

The Tupi-Mexilhão gas pipeline will be 225 km long and 18" in diameter. The line will be laid in water depths varying from 170 m up to 2,230 meters. The supply of the pipes is the responsibility of Petrobras, which has ordered them from Confab and Corus.

The pipelaying campaign will begin in May 2010. Purchase of the equipment involved in the process, from Plem, also is to be managed by Petrobras.

Line pipe supplier

Confab and Corus

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