

Angola Commitment & Investment



In 2013 EnerMech won its first project in Angola, at this point the Republic of Angola was Africa's second largest oil producer and it was clear that there was a wealth of opportunities for growing EnerMech's services in-country. Through local investment, strategic joint ventures and building local content, facility and equipment, EnerMech maximized on these prospects, delivering something altogether different to the Angolan market.

Strong partnerships

EnerMech entered a joint venture agreement with Sonangol Integrated Logistics Services (SONILS), the main supply base logistics arm of Angola's national oil company Sonangol. The joint venture 'SoniMech' established a base in the centre of Angola's largest commercial port, Port of Luanda. As part of the £2.5 million investment, a new Marine Riser Inspection and Overhaul business line was launched to target the mobile drilling rig sector preventing critical works being exported to America and Europe.

Delivering efficiencies

SoniMech delivered a real cost and efficiency benefit to companies working in the country's hydrocarbon and industrial sectors. In establishing a fully functioning base, SoniMech began to do things differently in Angola. At the time, marine drillers were spending millions in shipping riser strings to other counties for repair. In establishing a workshop, fabrication and office facility SoniMech had the engineering capability to offer a globally renowned service in country.

Redefining success

The launch of Sonimech offered the major international operators, working in Angola at the time, a streamlined pre-commissioning package including valves, hydraulics, riser repair, cranes and process and pipeline services which had not been previously available. It also meant local technicians were trained to replace the roles filled by foreign specialists.

Project Experience

This holistic approach has helped redefine what is possible for our customers in Angola, improving efficiency, increasing accountability and reducing operating costs across the markets in which we operate. Below is a sample of project experience specific to Angola:

- Kaombo Pipeline and Subsea scopes, TechnipFMC
- Riser Repair & recertification, Transocean,
- Warehouse Management Services, BP
- Cabaca, Saipem
- Platina, TechnipFMC
- Agogo, Saipem
- West Hub Vandumbu, Saipem
- West Hub Phase 1, Saipem
- East Hub Ochifou, Saipem

£2.5M
investment in a new Marine Riser Inspection and Overhaul business line

16,000
sq metre workshop, fabrication and office facility at SONILS' 200-hectare Oil Service Centre in Angola's largest commercial port, Port of Luanda

93%
Angolan workforce

"Today, SoniMech is as strong as ever, we are proud of our culture that invests in local communities and in our Angolan staff, providing excellent training and development."

Ross McHardy,
Regional Director
Europe & Arica