Workscope
In conjunction with Cyberhawk, Stork was contracted to deliver a structural and coating inspection of an offshore drilling derrick for Shell on the Brent Delta platform. Such inspections can prove expensive, time consuming and potentially dangerous.

This was the world’s first inspection of an oil platform by Remotely Operated Aerial Vehicles (ROAV’s) removing the need for costly shutdowns and safety risks associated with traditional rope access inspections.

Solution
Stork assessed the remaining fabric maintenance scope on the asset and commissioned Cyberhawk to get an accurate record of its condition. HD images were captured and relayed live from the ROAV to allow for a full assessment of the structure and coating condition of the operational drilling derrick. The inspection involved accessing areas that would have been particularly challenging and time consuming for traditional rope or scaffold inspections.

Images and expert engineering analysis from Cyberhawk gave a clear picture of the asset to support the maintenance programme. Using the ROAV allowed equipment to remain fully operational during the inspection with no disruption to operations.

The project represents a revolutionary model for future offshore inspections all over the world.

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