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Important Oil & Gas win for Bureau Veritas China

This is a competitive market. China has many offshore platforms and national law requires all of them to be certified to local and international standards. The main business of the oil and gas department of Bureau Veritas China is issuing certificates for offshore projects. Offshore projects have an element of risk and so risk assessment is a big part of what we do, says Baoming Fan, Oil, Gas & Process manager, [Bureau Veritas in China](#).



Reinforcing existing links

Despite tough competition from rivals, Bureau Veritas' reputation and deep knowledge of CNOOC's needs won the contract. We were also able to put together a competitive service package. 'Bureau Veritas has a long standing relationship with CNOOC. We have provided services to them on similar offshore projects since 1989,' explains Baoming Fan.



Scope of work

The wide ranging contract covers various offshore installations at three different oil field sites off the coast of China: Bozhong 19-4, Bozhong 3-2 and Suizhong 36-1. The first two projects should be completed by the end of 2009 and the third in 2010.

The work includes building new oil platforms, modifying existing ones and adjusting underwater pipelines and electrical cables.

Activity on land and sea

Inspections will be carried out by Bureau Veritas technicians throughout the entire process, from the design stage to the installation work carried out at sea.

The certification process is very detailed. Bureau Veritas will be looking at design conformity, (checking that designs meet certain standards), and carrying out safety assessments. Equipment will be verified to check it meets local and international standards. 'We will supervise construction and inspect onshore workshops as well,' adds Baoming Fan.



Local and global advantage

Baoming Fan tells us: '90% of Bureau Veritas' employees in China are from the local area. However, as part of a global company we have the benefit of a huge network. This global reach and local knowledge make an attractive combination for clients.'

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