HOUSTON, TEXAS—31 MAR 2011—Signet Maritime Corporation announced the successful completion of transportation, delivery and loadout of two mat supported Jackup rigs. Signet provided full turnkey operations for the movement of the Rubicone H-191 from Sabine, Texas to Kiewit Offshore Services, Ingleside, Texas. The m/v SIGNET ENTERPRISE with 4,400BHP, 62.6MT Bollard pull ahead, 53.5MT bollard pull astern and the m/v SIGNET INTREPID with 4,400BHP, 60.3MT bollard pull ahead, 54.7MT bollard pull astern, were the primary towing tugs for the project. The ocean tow was accomplished flawlessly in four days.

“The towing speed at 3.8 knots was excellent given the time of year and sea conditions,” commented Jackie Yardley, Signet Maritime’s Senior Manager of Global Traffic and Rig Transport.

Complete marine services were also provided for the movement and delivery of the VEER PREM mat supported Jackup rig, from Galveston, Texas to Kiewit Offshore Services, Ingleside, Texas. Signet once again deployed their flagship vessels, the SIGNET ENTERPRISE and SIGNET INTREPID, along with the support tail boat m/v SANTA ROSA.

Upon arrival at the Aransas Sea Buoy, Signet utilized additional vessels from their fleet to provide inbound assistance and loadout services onto the Heavy Lift Vessel (HLV) at Kiewit Offshore Services for both transportation projects. Once the rig arrived at the Aransas Sea Buoy, two additional Signet tugs, m/v SIGNET CHALLENGER and m/v SIGNET VOLUNTEER arrived to assist the rig to Kiewit. After delivery of Rubicone to Kiewit, Signet provided m/v SIGNET COLUMBIA and m/v SIGNET FREEDOM in conjunction with the four Signet ASD’s to load the rig onto the HLV. As an integral part of the Work Scope, upon completion of loadout, Signet provided cribbing and sea-fastening for VEER PREM as well as providing the necessary support tugs to escort the loaded HLV to sea.

Major Project Risk Assessment and constant direct weather forecasting were provided throughout the duration of both projects.
About Signet Maritime: Signet brings transportation strength to the world as a global provider of marine services and logistics to the energy industry. With a fleet of modern tugs and barges, Signet serves the shipping and energy sectors with rig movements, harbor tugboat operations, petroleum transport, and barge transport services. Our customers enjoy quality equipment, a highly-trained workforce and an unmatched record of safety and reliability. Signet concentrates in the Americas, Africa and Middle East. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, Signet maintains offices in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Morgan City, Louisiana, Ingleside, Texas, Brownsville, Texas, Dubai UAE, and Brazil SA. The company is certified by the American Bureau of Shipping to ISO 9001:2008 and ISM, as well as STCW-95, MTSA, AWO-RCP.

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