

# KIKEH SPAR CASE STUDY

**Samson AmSteel®-Blue used in Technip's first-ever open-sea catamaran topsides floatover installation**



## Original Kikeh Spar story from RigZone.com

The installation and commissioning of the deepwater Kikeh Spar, currently producing offshore Malaysia, is significant for many reasons. It is the first deepwater development in Malaysia, and is the first spar to be installed outside of the Gulf of Mexico. It is also the first time an open-sea catamaran topsides floatover installation has been attempted. Engineering, construction and installation were performed by Technip.

Samson AmSteel®-Blue was selected for critical applications in the operation. The platform topsides was suspended on two barges in a catamaran configuration. The spar hull was ballasted to a level that allowed the topsides to be positioned over the hull, then deballasted to mate the topsides with the hull. All this was performed in open water. AmSteel®-Blue was also selected for other functions during the operation, including positioning and stabilizing lines.



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PHOTO 1: *The Catamaran is towed into position using Samson AmSteel®-Blue.*

PHOTO 2: *The spar hull is deballasted, to mate with the topsides and take the load from the barges for final installation.*

PHOTO 3: *Samson AmSteel®-Blue lines are used to position the topside over the spar.*

PHOTO 4: *The topsides for the Kikeh Spar resting on two barges in a catamaran configuration.*

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