

## **OPC UNDERTAKES SUCCESSFUL RIG REFIT**

Integrated services provider OPC Pty Ltd has successfully completed the refit of the A.P Moller - Maersk Drilling managed semi-submersible rig "Kan Tan IV" at Lascelles Wharf in Geelong.

OPC managing director and project manager, Phil Dent, said OPC had set an added incentive to all workers on the refit. That incentive - that a nil lost time result would result in OPC providing a \$10,000 donation to the local charity of the workers' choice - was realised.

The completion of the refit, which included significant tasks such as new crane assembly and installation, anchor chain replacement, shaker house upgrade and BOP upgrade, was completed safely and without lost time injury.

As a result, the workers voted to donate the \$10,000 provided by OPC to the children's ward of the Geelong hospital.

Mr Dent said it was gratifying that the 150 workers employed on the eight week project had accepted the offer in the spirit that it was made.

"Workers in the past would get a financial reward for safety achievements - going home safely should in itself be the reward for following safe work practices," Mr Dent said.

OPC was the prime contractor for the project, which was the first time A.P Moller - Maersk has refitted an oil rig in Australia.

The "Kan Tan IV" was towed from Trinidad and Tobago to Corio Bay, Victoria and after the successful completion of the refit will commence drilling in the Gippsland Basin.

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