

# Hayleys Energy Services Commences Lanka's First Oil and Gas Drillship Lay-Up

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**Drillship Aban Abraham  
berthed at the Hambantota  
International Port  
and The Hayleys Energy  
Services team with drill ship**

Hayleys Energy Services (HES), the pioneer in Oil and Gas support services in Sri Lanka, announced the arrival of the oil and gas drillship "Aban Abraham" for a warm lay-up to the Hambantota International Port, Sri Lanka.

Aban Offshore Limited, the company that own the vessel, is India's largest offshore drilling services provider to oil companies, providing drilling operations, production and exploratory work worldwide.

Hayleys Energy Services, a subsidiary of Sri Lankan blue-chip conglomerate Hayleys PLC's transportation and logistics arm -Hayleys Advantis Limited, had competed with several players from established lay-up service destinations in the region to win the country's first ever drill ship lay-up project.

Heralding Sri Lanka's entry into the global oil and gas marine vessel lay-up services industry, this opens the doors to a world of new opportunities for the nation's shipping industry.

"Projects of this nature have a significant impact on the economy as a whole, creating business and employment opportunities beyond the enterprises directly involved in it. The leadership, commitment and world class facilities of the Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) have been a key factor in the success of this project bid and will go a long way in helping us attract long-term businesses such as this," said Ruwan Waidyaratne, Managing Director - Hayleys Advantis Limited. He went on to say, "Whilst commending the Hayleys Energy Services team for successfully competing with service providers from across the region and bagging this project, I look forward to seeing them expand their horizons and soar to greater heights."

Hayleys Energy Services has set up a permanent office within the Hambantota Port, at the 6th floor of the Sayurupaya Building, the first by an Oil & Gas Services company at this port, in light of this landmark project and the opportunities it is set to bring with it.

Commenting about the initiative taken by Hayleys Energy Services, Saliya Wickramasuriya, Former Director General - Petroleum Resources Development Secretariat (PRDS) said, "Hambantota is an excellent location not just for a vehicle transshipment and break bulk hub, but also for a potential regional service and repair centre for the South Asian Oil & Gas industry. My congratulations to Hayleys Energy Services, long time partners with the PRDS in petroleum exploration and production, for kicking this concept off by bringing the drillship Aban Abraham to the port for long-term lay-up and refurbishment. This new area of business for Sri Lanka will help unlock the port's full potential and no doubt increase employment and knowledge transfer opportunities for the people of Hambantota in the future."

Meanwhile, Chas Charles, Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Hayleys Energy Services said, "Having offered an extensive range of end-to-end logistics services for the Oil and Gas industry for over 10 years, we are excited to enter the lay-up services domain with this project, the first for a Sri Lankan company. This is indeed a proud moment for the entire Sri Lankan shipping industry."

The Aban Abraham had called on the Hambantota International Port recently after completing a long drilling assignment in India. Image