

Press Release

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Bilfinger UK secures multi-million-pound contract to maintain gas flow along National Transmission System pipelines by bolstering Operational Technology

- Creating up to 100 jobs, Bilfinger UK will be undertaking the role of Principal Designer and Principal Contractor on planned upgrades to Felindre Compressor Station in South Wales.
- Utilising expertise from the Engineering, Automation and Production divisions to further strengthen the systems that safeguard gas transmission.

Bilfinger UK has secured a contract with National Gas which will play a vital role in maintaining gas flow along the National Transmission System (NTS). This contract will create up to 100 jobs, with Bilfinger UK undertaking the role of Principal Designer and Principal Contractor at key locations.

Compressor stations are strategically located at intervals along the NTS to maintain the flow of gas. Each station comprises two or more compressor units that pressurise and direct gas through the NTS, ensuring it moves at speeds of up to 25 mph (40 km/h).

As part of the Control System Refurbishment Project, funded by Ofgem, Bilfinger will undertake a multi-disciplinary design and construction programme including the design and manufacture of panels, whilst also operating as Principal Contractor ensuring the highest standards of safety and performance.

Bilfinger UK has been engaged in a further three-year programme of works, having already been involved in Front End Engineering Design (FEED) works for two years. This contract follows a two-stage approach, leveraging early contractor involvement (ECI).

Delivering comprehensive solutions and utilising expertise from Bilfinger's Engineering, Automation, and Production divisions; the core design team, based at Bilfinger UK's Headquarters in Warrington, will be supported by colleagues in Chesterfield, St. Helens and on-site.

The design phase will involve 40 to 50 people, with up to 100 personnel operating during the peak construction phase.

Ben Hill, Gas Framework Director at Bilfinger Engineering & Maintenance UK,
commented: “This contract is a testament to our successful collaboration with National Gas and our readiness to take the project forward into detailed design, build and commissioning. By utilising resources from our Engineering, Automation, and Production teams, we are well-equipped to deliver comprehensive solutions that meet the highest standards of safety and performance.

“Our partnership with National Gas reflects our commitment to innovation, efficiency, and sustainability and we look forward to continuing our collaboration to meet the challenges of net zero.”

Darren Clement, Vice President, Engineering, Automation & Projects at Bilfinger UK,
added: “Our team's expertise in engineering, automation, and production will be pivotal in ensuring the success of the Control System Refurbishment Project. This contract not only highlights our capabilities but also our commitment to creating jobs and supporting the local economy as we contribute to the reliability and efficiency of the National Transmission System.”

Oliver Wood, Programme Director at National Gas, said:

“Ensuring the continued safe and efficient flow of gas across the National Transmission System is critical to the UK's energy security. This investment reflects our commitment to upgrading essential infrastructure and embracing innovative technologies. We're proud that this project will not only strengthen the resilience of our network but also create high-quality jobs and opportunities across South Wales and beyond.”

Bilfinger is an international industrial services provider. The aim of the Group's activities is to increase the efficiency and sustainability of customers in the process industry and to establish itself as the number one partner in the market for this purpose. Bilfinger's comprehensive portfolio covers the entire value chain from consulting, engineering, manufacturing, assembly, maintenance and plant expansion to turnarounds and digital applications.

The company delivers its services in two service lines: Engineering & Maintenance and Technologies. Bilfinger is primarily active in Europe, North America and the Middle East. Process industry customers come from sectors that include energy, chemicals & petrochemicals, pharma & biopharma and oil & gas. With its ~30,000 employees, Bilfinger upholds the highest standards of safety and quality and generated revenue of €4.5 billion in financial year 2023. To achieve its goals, Bilfinger has identified two strategic thrusts: repositioning itself as a leader in increasing efficiency and sustainability, and driving operational excellence to improve the organizational performance.

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