Case study: Norway



Efficient plug setting and pipe cutting operation in highly deviated well

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Solution

Our team recommended the electro hydraulic **PowerTrac PRIME Tractor** to execute the tractor conveyance required for these e-line operations. With over 12,000ft (3,700m) of total tractoring required, the high conveyance speeds and intelligent in-well speed/force optimization capabilities provided by the this tractor technology, offered material time savings.

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