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## Mariner topside structures set sail for UK

The first of the Mariner topside modules began their journey this week from the construction yard in South Korea, to the Mariner field, located east of Shetland.

The topside modules weighing a total of more than 38,000 tonnes are being shipped on five heavy transport vessels to the North Sea. The first of the five vessels sailed this week, with the four remaining vessels following in the coming weeks. The approximately 11,300 nautical mile journey to the Mariner field will take around 40 days.

“This is a very important step for us in the Mariner project. The sail away of our topside modules marks the beginning of an exciting period of activity for Statoil in the UK North Sea. Our team is focused on ensuring safe operations in this critical phase.” says Hedda Felin, managing director for Statoil Production UK Ltd.

Following the heavy lifting of the modules, the hook up and commissioning of the Mariner platform will commence, lasting for more than a year. Start-up of the Mariner field, one of the largest capital commitments in the UK North Sea in more than a decade, is planned for the second half of 2018.

During the summer of 2017, Statoil will also drill three exploration wells, one of which will be drilled in the Mariner area, and commission the Hywind Scotland pilot park, the world’s first offshore floating wind farm.

### FACTS:

- The Mariner field is located on the East Shetland Platform of the UK North Sea, approximately 95 miles or 150 kilometres east of Shetland.
- Statoil is the operator of Mariner with 65.11% equity. Co-venturers are JX Nippon (20%), Siccar Point (8.89%) and Dyas (6%).
- The field development concept includes a production, drilling and quarters (PDQ) platform based on a steel jacket – Mariner A – connected to a floating storage unit (FSU), Mariner B.
- The development of the Mariner field will initially contribute more than 250 million barrels of reserves, excluding near field exploration potential, with average plateau production of around 55,000 barrels per day.
- Production is expected to commence during the second half of 2018.