

## Press Release

### Innomotics wins first thruster drive retrofit order for Floatel International Accommodation Rig

- First retrofit project to modernize the water-cooled thruster drive systems of an accommodation rig
- Upgrade replaces obsolete CU320 control units and LOGO PLCs with modern CU320-2 hardware, eliminating risk of downtime
- Extends rig lifetime and ensures long-term offshore reliability

**Nuremberg, October 8, 2025** – Innomotics, a globally leading provider of electric motors and large drive systems, has been awarded its first order for a water-cooled retrofit project from offshore accommodation specialist Floatel International. The upgrade will extend the operational lifetime of one of Floatel International's semi-submersible accommodation rigs by modernizing its existing thruster drive control systems.

The project is primarily focused on ensuring long-term operational reliability. It covers six drives, including the replacement of the discontinued CU320 main control units and LOGO PLC control in the cooling unit, upgrading to the modern CU320-2 controller. With the CU320-2 Upgrade Kit, spare part availability is secured, the lifetime of both applications and processes are extended, and a solid interface for digitalization and remote services will be available. By implementing these controller upgrades, Innomotics helps Floatel International to reduce the risk of long downtime periods and ensures that the rig remains fully operational for years to come.

Delivery is planned for February 2026, with installation taking place onshore in the Bergen area.

“This project is a clear example of how targeted modernization can deliver maximum value to our customers,” says Erik Smestad, Project Service Specialist at Innomotics. “By replacing obsolete systems before failures occur, we help our customers maintain uninterrupted operations and avoid costly downtime. For Floatel International, this retrofit ensures that the accommodation rig remains reliable and ready for many more years of service.”

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Christoffer Rutgersson, CTO at Floatel International, added: “The rig in question is an important asset for our offshore operations, and reliability is non-negotiable. Innomotics’ solution addresses a potential risk in our systems and provides us with added reassurance in continuing to serve our customers with minimal interruptions. Their proactive approach to modernization seems very much in line with what we have been seeking.”

The upgrade will combine new hardware, software, and reprogramming, ensuring the drive systems meet modern standards and eliminating the risks associated with discontinued components.



*Innomotics’ upgrade will boost reliability across Floatel rigs with modernized drive systems.  
(Picture: Floatel International)*

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