

# THE TORPEDO LIFEBOAT



**Noreq AS, manufacturer and supplier of maritime deck equipment, have signed an agreement for the purchase of the revolutionary 'Torpedo' free-fall lifeboat concept.**

- The 'Torpedo' design with a circular/spherical shape provides strength and unique free-fall properties
- Can be dropped from a great height.
- Personnel on board are less exposed to gravitational forces

- Hydro-dynamic properties bring the lifeboat more quickly away from the platform/ship.
- Less affected by drop angle, height, waves and wind.



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**Problems relating to today's lifeboats** have gradually attracted a lot of attention in the North Sea, where several oil installations have had to downsize their crews and some platforms have even had to be shut down in poor weather to enable evacuation with today's lifeboats. This is costly and puts the crew at risk. Several oil companies are therefore concentrating on developing requirements and standards for future rescue equipment.

The **'Torpedo'** lifeboat concept, which could revolutionise and provide platforms and ships with a new and mandatory safety standard, have already received a lot of attention and many regard the concept as the lifeboat design of the future.

Noreq AS has signed this agreement to buy the 'Torpedo' lifeboat because we have absolute faith in the project. Some necessary tests are still required, but, as producers of lifeboats, we see all the advantages of this torpedo- concept. We will now concentrate our efforts and resources to speed up the remaining development. The future manufacturing of the 'Torpedo' lifeboat will probably take place in Europe.

Modular tests, in which a scale 1:15 model was dropped from heights equal to between 32 and 68 metres, have already been performed with very promising results

Noreq AS bases its activities on improving maritime equipment, and, from this perspective, the 'Torpedo' lifeboat is the most important product so far.

StatoilHydro, Norway's biggest oil company, has chosen to support the project through its own supplier and product development programme (LOOP).

