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## Press Release

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Norway - Fabricom GTI wins Cold Box Assembly contract for the Snøhvit Project – Estimated value in excess of 20 mln euro</b>

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In the context of the Statoil's Snøhvit Project, Fabricom GTI has been awarded by Linde AG / Germany a major contract for assembly of the cold boxes, part of the gas liquefaction plant which is to be built on Melkøya island close to Hammerfest, Norway's northernmost town. The agreement was signed on April 30.

The contract - which estimated value exceeds 20 mln euro and which will require about 200.000 man-hours of work - includes the management, procurement, fabrication and mechanical completion of the cold box assembly. The cold boxes - built as 4 separate modules by Linde - will be transferred to Belgium (Churchill dock / Antwerp) in horizontal position. They will then be assembled and installed on a base frame. Once raised vertically, the cold boxes will be dressed with all external piping, staircases, ladders, instrumentation, electrical systems and passive fire protection. Fabricom GTI will also fabricate and install the transportation support structures and the sea-fastenings which will secure the marine transport. The contract also encompasses marine operations such as load-out onto a barge, towing of the barge to a float-over site near Vlissingen (The Netherlands) and sea-fastening of the barge to a heavy lift vessel. Once assembled, the structure will weigh 3.200 tons for a total height of 63 meters.

Next to the Modules Construction project and the Storage & Loading project, this contract constitutes the third active involvement of Fabricom GTI in Statoil's Snøhvit Project. It perfectly fits the commercial strategy defined by the company that wants to act as an international player, promoting specific competencies - such as re-instrumentation of oil and gas installation – and supported by the expertise available in the Group.

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