

MMT awarded survey contract in the Red Sea

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MMT is part of a unique cooperation between the Egyptian Electricity holding Company (EEHC) and the Saudi Electricity Company (SEC). A HVDC power cable is to be laid between Cairo in Egypt and Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, both on land and at the seafloor. MMT will perform pre-lay surveys in the Red Sea.

The vessel transit is almost 4000 nautical miles and will take 18 days, including passage through the Suez Canal. This is the furthest Franklin has ventured since she's been in the company. Apart from our largest vessel *Franklin*, our smallest vessel *Ping* is also contracted for the project. *Ping* will be transported on *Franklin* to the Red Sea and will be used for near shore surveys at ground waters.

The project is one of the most challenging MMT has ever met, because of extreme water depths down to 1500 metres and steep slopes with coral reefs. In 2007 MMT did survey between Greece and Italy for IGI down to 1750 metres.

The survey is due this autumn and calculated to take 28 days. MMT will altogether have 70 employees involved in the project at the Red Sea.

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