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## Robots could soon be working on North Sea gas platforms

Robots could soon be working autonomously alongside humans on North Sea platform as part of a world-first project.

The Aberdeen-based Oil & Gas Technology Centre (OGTC) is leading an 18-month trial to develop a mobile robot for operational inspection of facilities on Total's onshore Shetland gas plant and offshore Alwyn platform.

The test is the first time an autonomous ground robot will be used on an operational oil and gas installation. The landmark project could start a revolution in robotics offshore that improves safety, enhances productivity and reduces costs for the industry at a... [read more](#)

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