

# Keppel polishes Virtue I

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**Singapore's Keppel Fels shipyard said it was on track to deliver Jindal Drilling & Industries' second jack-up rig, Virtue I, ahead of schedule.**

The rig was named on Saturday in the presence of Singapore's Minister of Information, Communications & Arts Lee Boon Yang, after the yard achieved 2.1 million work hours without any safety incidents during construction.

The rig, which will be supplied to Jindal associate company Virtue Drilling, has already been contracted to India's Oil & Natural Gas Corporation under a five-year contract.

The first Jindal jack-up, delivered in September, was completed 49 days ahead of schedule with no incidents.

Keppel Fels has received 33 orders for its proprietary KFels B Class design since it was launched in 2000, and has completed 25 units, including Virtue I.

Indian drilling contractors have ordered nine of the jack-ups from Keppel Fels for total value of \$1.5 billion.

The rigs are capable of sinking wells to depths of 30,000 feet in water up to 350 feet deep.

Keppel Fels is owned by Keppel Offshore & Marine.



*Hard at work: at Keppel Fels Singapore*