

1 Q. Please confirm and identify where such splicing has occurred to date in the world
2 and the reliability of such splices.
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5 A. Cable splicing is a standard process.
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7 It is used in the factory if a cable defect is identified during inspection and also
8 when a cable is longer than can be accommodated in the factory's impregnation
9 tank. It is required in the field when a cable is longer than can be accommodated
10 on the installation vessel or when weather conditions require the cable installation
11 to be temporarily abandoned.
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13 Cable splicing is also required in order to perform a repair.
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15 Due to the foregoing, a specific review of where splicing has occurred to date in the
16 world has not been undertaken. Splices are undertaken by manufacturer
17 representatives regularly in the industry and offer the same level of reliability as the
18 original cable.