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6 ABSTRACT

A mathematical model of direct-acting tensioner system was developed to analyze the 7 8 effect of internal friction of tensioner cylinder on the tensioner performance. The platformtensioner-riser coupling system was established by implementing the tensioner model into 9 ANSYS-AQWA through user subroutines written in PYTHON scripts. The overall coupling 10 11 dynamic response under different wave conditions was investigated. The results from current analyses considering the effect of internal friction of hydraulic cylinder show that the 12 relationship between tension and piston stroke of tensioner under the cyclic displacement is not 13 simple nonlinear relationship but hysteretic loop relationship. Based on the results of the 14 dynamic response under same wave conditions, it found that the variation of vertical relative 15 16 displacement between platform and riser obtained with the hysteretic tensioner model is similar 17 to that with the nonlinear tensioner model. Whereas the tension obtained with the hysteretic tensioner model has greater scope when compared to that with the nonlinear tensioner model. 18 Moreover, the tension from the hysteretic tensioner model would change suddenly several times 19 20 in relatively short period under irregular waves, due to the existence of high-frequency 21 component, which resultantly exerts great impact on the fatigue life of the riser and tensioner. 22 Keywords: tensioner system, riser, hysteretic tensioner model, tension variations, complete coupled analysis 23

24 0 INTRODUCTION

As the exploration of oil and gas in the ocean moves towards deep waters, the riser string which connected the drilling unit and the wellhead, becomes longer and heavier. To prevent buckling of the riser string due to its own weight and external environment load, the toptensioned risers(TTRs) is usually applied to deep-water operations. As TTRs is equipped with the riser tensioners to maintain a nearly constant tension at the top of the riser, and to compensate for the relative movements between the Semi-submersible platform and riser [1][2]. Download English Version:

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