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Jawar Al Khaleej Shipping takes delivery of two Damen vessels for operations at Iraqi oil terminals

Jawar Al Khaleej Shipping LLC (JAK), a leading provider of specialist services to the offshore oil and gas sector in the Arabian Gulf, has taken delivery of a Damen Fast Crew Supplier (FCS) 5009 and an ASD 3213 tug for operations at the Al Basra (ABOT) and Khor Al Amaya (KAAOT) oil terminals. Between them, these facilities handle more than 90% of Iraq's crude oil exports.

The FCS 5009 is named the *Jawar Abu Dhabi* and the ASD 3213 is the *Jawar Faw*. A second ASD 3213, the *Jawar Um Qasr*, is due for delivery shortly. With 85-tonnes of bollard pull, the ASD 3213 is one of the most powerful tugs in the Damen portfolio and examples are in operation with a number of leading operators.

The contract for these vessels was signed in November 2016 and the first two have joined the extensive JAK fleet of support vessels that serve the offshore industry in the Middle East. These include anchor-handling tugs, support vessels jack up barges, emergency oil spill response vessel, crew boats, heavy lift crane vessel and flat top barges. The new acquisitions will also join two existing Damen tugs; the *Jawar Basra*, another ASD 3213, delivered in 2015, and the *Jawar Dubai*, a Stan Tug 2909 purchased in 2009.

Built at Damen Shipyards Antalya, and with a capacity of up to 80 passengers, 240m² of deck space and a top speed of 25 knots, the *Jawar Abu Dhabi* will be used as high-speed transport for personnel and their equipment around the area. The *Jawar Faw* and its counterpart are products of the Damen Song Cam Shipyard in Vietnam. They will apply their 85 tonnes of bollard pull to manoeuvre the VLCCs that berth at the oil terminals, located on the Faw Peninsular. This part of the Arabian Gulf is known for its high winds and their mission is to ensure an uninterrupted service throughout the year. The two oil terminals are a vital part of Iraq's economic infrastructure and are currently expanding their facilities in expectation of increased exports on the years ahead.

Eng. Baydaq Al Jazaeri, Chairman of Jawar Al Khaleej, commented: "I'd like to highlight the smoothness and professionalism that we noticed during the signing of the delivery and acceptance protocol for both vessels. On behalf of JAK management I express my deep thanks and appreciation to all the Damen personnel involved, and especially Mr. Bram Langeveld and Pascal Slingerland for their effective and essential role in achieving a successful project."

Damen Shipyards Group

Damen Shipyards Group operates 33 shipbuilding and repair yards, employing 9,000 people worldwide. Damen has delivered more than 6,000 vessels in more than 100 countries and delivers some 180 vessels annually to customers worldwide. Based on its unique, standardised ship-design concept Damen is able to guarantee consistent quality.

Damen's focus on standardisation, modular construction and keeping vessels in stock leads to short delivery times, low 'total cost of ownership', high resale values and reliable performance. Furthermore, Damen vessels are based on thorough R&D and proven technology.

Damen offers a wide range of products, including tugs, workboats, naval and patrol vessels, high speed craft, cargo vessels, dredgers, vessels for the offshore industry, ferries, pontoons and superyachts.

For nearly all vessel types Damen offers a broad range of services, including maintenance, spare parts delivery, training and the transfer of (shipbuilding) know-how. Damen also offers a variety of marine components, such as nozzles, rudders, anchors, anchor chains and steel works.

In addition to ship design and shipbuilding, Damen Shiprepair & Conversion has a worldwide network of 17 repair and conversion yards with dry docks ranging up to 420 x 80 metres. Conversion projects range from adapting vessels to today's requirements and regulations to the complete conversion of large offshore structures. DSC completes around 1,350 repair and maintenance jobs annually.
