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## Two new Damen tugs for Rimorchiatori Riuniti

**Italian tug operator Rimorchiatori Riuniti has continued to expand its fleet with the deliveries of two new Damen tugs; an ASD 2913 called *Danimarca* and an ASD 2411 called *Columbia*.**

The delivery of the *Danimarca* took place in Genoa on 14 June 2017. This new tug will join the ASD 2913 *Germania* that joined the company's fleet at the beginning of the year. Like her sister vessel, the *Danimarca* has also been installed with FiFi 1 and an aft winch, in addition to oil recovery and escort capabilities.

This extra equipment, combined with a bollard pull of 80 tonnes, means that Rimorchiatori Riuniti will be able to sign these two ASD 2913 tugs up for offshore tasks as well as harbour assistance duties.

### Compact performance

Handed over to Rimorchiatori Riuniti at the end of May, the *Columbia* has joined for harbour towage duties with sister vessel *Malta* in the port of Genoa. At 24 metres long and 11 metres wide, these tugs are compact enough to allow deployment in small port situations. Yet, in terms of performance, no compromises need to be made since the ASD 2411 still yields a 70-tonne bollard pull capacity.

"We are very proud that Italy's largest tug owner has called on Damen to contribute to their continued fleet expansion," says Damen Regional Sales Manager Andrea Trevisan. "And, with both these contracts only finalised a few months previously, we are pleased to say that we have once again completed these contracts swiftly."

### Consistent quality

"Our philosophy of standardised construction means that our clients are afforded consistent quality, irrespective of which of our yards we build their vessel."

Four recent Rimorchiatori Riuniti vessels demonstrate this point. While the *Germania* and *Danimarca* were both built at Damen Shipyards Galati in Romania, the *Columbia* was built at Albwardy Damen (the UAE-based joint venture of Albwardy Marine Engineering and Damen Shipyards Sharjah) and the *Malta* at Song Thu Shipyard in Danang, Vietnam.

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### 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.

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