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MTG Dolphin begin construction of the first of two 85 tons Bollard Pull Rotor tugs for Haifa Marine Services

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The highlight of today's traditional steel cutting ceremony at MTG Dolphin was the official start of construction on the first of two rotor tugs for Haifa Marine Services (HMS).

The first vessel will be assigned with hull number 3101. The contract provides for delivery of two 85 tons bollard pull Rotor tugs, designed to provide exceptional maneuverability, safety, and efficiency during towing and rescue operations.



The technical design is based on a proven Robert Allan design, with each of the tugs having 3 main engines driving 3 Azimuth thrusters. In addition to advanced towing capabilities, the tugs will also be equipped for firefighting operations.

HMS as a responsible entity conducted full scale research in the attempt to allocate the right and suitable shipyard in which the 2 new tugs will be built. It is our full confidence that MTG Dolphin, under Mr. Stoyanov leadership will equip us with powerful and state of the art tugboats, said Mr. Moti Vataro, CEO of Haifa Marine Services.

“With the steel cutting, we are now entering the actual construction phase of Hull No. 3101. Haifa Marine Services’ decision to entrust us with this project is a testament to the reputation, capabilities, and potential of the Bulgarian industry and of MTG Dolphin”, added Mr. Svetlin Stoyanov, CEO of MTG Dolphin AD.



About MTG Dolphin

MTG Dolphin is a modern European shipyard, established in 1991, with a strong track record in the construction of complex, highly integrated vessels for both commercial and defense use. The shipyard operates under an integrated quality management system—ISO 9001, 14001, and 45001—certified by LRQA, and holds NATO AQAP 2110 certification from the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria.

From its yard in Varna, MTG Dolphin delivers turnkey projects including in-house steel and aluminum fabrication, pre-outfitting, piping, electrical work, and systems integration. With a team of 550 engineers and skilled craftsmen, and state-of-the-art production facilities, the yard ensures reliable throughput and delivery across multi-ship programs.

About Haifa Marine Services

Haifa Marine Services is a fully governmental entity, in charge of all marine transportation services in the Haifa port basin. HMS provides marine services to at least 7 ports, handling prox. 50% Of the country import- export activities and goods.

The company is comprised of very professional crews, working 24/7 all year round.

The decision to purchase the 2 new tugs, both 85 tons bollard pull is part of HMS strategy to renew its fleet in order to comply with the modern market requirements which calls for bigger and heavier vessels.

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