

Tankerska Plovidba agrees software deal for newbuilds

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Software provider SpecTec reports that it has agreed two new deals to supply its AMOS systems to Croatian ship owning company Tankerska Plovidba.

Tankerska Plovidba currently has eight new buildings on order, with deliveries scheduled to take place in 2010 and 2011.

The company has reached two separate agreements with SpecTec with regard to a number of these vessels, with AMOS software and databases to be supplied to two new buildings under construction at the Jiangsu Eastern Shipyard in China, and two new vessels being built at the SPP Shipyard in Korea.

The first two of these vessels are expected to be delivered in January 2010.

Tankerska Plovidba has used AMOS for planned maintenance and purchasing across its fleet since June 1997, with ten crude oil carriers, totalling over 1.5 million dwt, and six dry bulk carriers all currently operating with the system.

All of the vessels replicate data



Tankerska Plovidba will take delivery of four newbuilds with AMOS installed

through the AMOS system with the company's head office in Zadar, Croatia.

Integration for Veson Nautical and DA-Desk

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Veson Nautical has teamed up with DA-Desk, a provider of port cost management services, to provide a new, fully integrated chartering, operations, financials and port disbursement system.

Following requests from DA-Desk customers using Veson's IMOS system, port disbursement data captured by those users in DA-Desk can now flow seamlessly into IMOS, omitting the need for duplicate data entry by ship operators.

The integrated system also allows for the management of invoicing, accounts receivable and port disbursements from this single platform.

DA-Desk services now available to Veson Nautical customers include the company's core offering, Port Cost Management, as well as Port Payables and Data Integration, which are available via the web-based DA Administration System.

The Port Cost Management service covers the overall process of agency appointment, pro-forma verification, approval of the advance payment through to final DA processing and final settlements.

Port Payables pays out and recovers funds from suppliers on behalf of customers; the DA Administration System is used for forms review, approval and digital archiving; and the Data Integration service links the package with existing operational and accounting software.

"We are pleased to partner with DA-Desk, the market leader in this industry sector for port cost management," said John Veson, president of Veson Nautical.

"Our goal is to continue to add integrated data services to IMOS; DA-Desk is

a good partner to complement our offering. In addition, DA-Desk's independent methodology, which allows it to work with any agent or system of their customers' choice, mirrors our own as IMOS can integrate with any front office or back end system."

"A number of our customers are already benefiting from this integration and we look forward to expanding the usage to more of our customer base. Benefits include improved accountability for financial transactions, immediate integrated and transparent workflow and operational scalability for shippers seeking to increase their fleet size or port locations."

Jan-Hein Dissel, managing director of DA-Desk, notes that this new integration of the two systems will benefit the increasing number of his company's customers that have begun using the Veson Nautical IMOS software package.

"Early on, we noted a growing number of our customers taking an interest in the IMOS system," he said. "Already in 2004, we had the pleasure of working with Veson on a request from a joint customer to design an automatic integration."

"Since then, we have implemented several such projects together, using more advanced methods of exchanging data. In addition, both companies are believers in making the maritime industry more transparent."

"Clearly an integrated system handling chartering, operations, financials, and port data provides huge benefits to our customers. DA-Desk has a policy of working with any software solution chosen by its customers. We are pleased to be able to offer an efficient package to the IMOS users in our customer base."

Safeguard to enhance ship evacuations through simulation

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Work has begun on Project Safeguard, an EU-funded programme of research led by BMT Group, which aims to evaluate the effectiveness of ship evacuation models through simulation and other methods.

Currently the IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1238 evacuation policy sets out how long it should take to evacuate passengers and crew from a ship in the safest possible way. These timings should then be tested during four scenarios - two during the day and two during the night.

Using data from sea trials, alongside computer simulations of ship evacuations, Safeguard will then investigate whether more scenarios need to be conducted to ensure the safety of crew and passengers.

The total budget for the project is just over €3.5 million, with European partners receiving funding from the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme, and the Canadian partner funded by the Newfoundland and Labrador Research & Development Corporation and Transport Canada, Marine Safety.

The eight partners working with BMT on the project include the University of Greenwich, Marine Institute Offshore

Safety & Survival Centre, Bureau Veritas, PRINCIPA, Safety at Sea Ltd, Color Line Marine, Royal Caribbean International and Minoan Lines Shipping.

"Safeguard are proud to continue the work started in this exciting project, the results of which will lead to modification of the (IMO MSC Circ 1033) though research on realistic passenger response times," said Jenny Gyngell, project manager at BMT Group.

"We hope that the results of the Safeguard project will again lead improvements in maritime safety and changes to IMO regulations."

Antoine Breuillard, fire and evacuation expert for Bureau Veritas (BV), also noted: "BV has worked on advanced evacuation analysis for more than a decade and is constantly on the lookout for new and improved simulation tools. However, these simulation tools require a dataset generated from evacuation demonstrations for validation purposes."

"As Safeguard will provide these validation scenarios, BV sees it as a crucial project that will give greater confidence in the results of available software. This will allow ship designers around the world to design innovative, but safe, passenger ships thanks to a better prediction of the evacuation performance."

ShipDecision in India deal

www.shipdecision.com

MC HR Management and Stelvio have reached an agreement which will see Stelvio's ShipDecision software distributed in India by the Chennai-based company.

The two companies signed an exclusive distribution agreement during the INMEX 2009 exhibition, held in Mumbai.

ShipDecision is a web-based system that integrates information and documents needed for cargo voyage management, with specific modules available for shipowners, operators, charterers, and other maritime stakeholders.

The software is also designed to inte-

grate with other maritime IT systems.

"We are delighted to associate with Stelvio, who have developed a product that can revolutionise the way ship operators and their associated agencies manage the business," said Ranjit Mohanty, director, MC HR Management.

Albert Carbone, president and CEO of Stelvio, also commented: "We are honoured to be represented by such a well respected company with deep roots in the maritime shipping community."

"I am very pleased that the MC HR management team has recognised the value that web-based ship management and control technology can bring to the industry."



Albert Carbone, Stelvio; R K Mohanty and K Chidambaram, MC HR Management; and Olivier Rukerankiko, Stelvio, formalise the software distribution agreement