

## **Big cat to join the OWS Fleet - Offshore Wind Services B.V announces its 10<sup>th</sup> vessel is to be a next generation DAMEN TwinAxe2610**

Rotterdam, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 - OWS makes public the contract signed with Damen Shipyards, Gorinchem. With the contract signed end-December 2013, the construction of the new vessel began immediately and is set to be delivered in October this year. The official ceremony took place last week.

OWS has spent considerable time refining the well-known 2610 with one of its prospective clients and the Damen team and is excited to be the first to add a this next generation of the TwinAxe2610 to its fleet. The additional changes and add-ons make this vessel a true next generation vessel.

Facilities for the technicians and the crew have been improved, with the addition of a pantry, changing room and a spare part area easily accessible at deck level. Furthermore, the operational capacity of the vessel has been upgraded by introducing modifications to bow thrusters and gearboxes. Eight CCTV cameras also give full coverage of the decks and vessel boundaries, which increases safety levels.

This announcement marks the first step in OWS' expressed ambition to continue growing the company in quantity and quality, while ensuring zero accidents and high client satisfaction. 2014 will be the year of continued improvement in their level of service towards existing and prospective clients. Investments in crew training and health and safety awareness programs, the installation of BMO Offshore VesselBlackBox measurement systems on all vessels, and now the acquisition of a next generation Damen Twin Axe 2610, are just a few examples how these ambitions will be realized.

Workships Contractors B.V. is the manager for Offshore Wind Services (OWS), as well as its subsidiary Offshore Wind Power Marine Services Ltd. (OWPMS). Workships provide commercial, operational and QHSE assistance from their offices in The Netherlands and the UK for the fleet of CTVs. Workships and OWS have an extensive track record in the offshore industry of 25 years and counts over 360.000 safe crew transfers in the Offshore Wind Industry since 2006. Presently they are operating CTVs in the UK, the Netherlands and Germany for companies such as Vattenfall, Dong Energy, RWE npower and ENECO.



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