



Offshore Wind Services B.V. (OWS), a subsidiary of Workships and Doeksen, expands fleet of crew transfer vessels by acquiring Offshore Wind Power Marine Services Ltd. (OWPMS)

Rotterdam based Offshore Wind Services B.V. (OWS) is pleased to announce the acquisition of one of the best known operators in the offshore wind crew transfer industry; North Wales based Offshore Wind Power Marine Services Ltd. (OWPMS). OWPMS has been providing crew transfer services since 2003 and has been instrumental in developing many of the safety policies and innovations that are standard in the industry today.

OWS is the joint venture between Workships and Royal Doeksen that acts as the growth platform for these two companies for providing quality Crew Transfer, Accommodation and Data Solutions to the Offshore Wind Sector. Following the completion of this acquisition, OWS can now offer clients a range of 10 dedicated wind farm services vessels which include: two 12m South Boats Catamarans already operating in the Netherlands, two 19m DNV-classed South Boats Catamarans to be delivered in May and six MCA South Boats Catamarans ranging from 10 to 15m from OWPMS.

OWPMS' management team, Paul Walsh and Eddie Ward, will remain in direct control of their vessels with assistance from the experienced hands of Workships Contractors B.V., the managers of OWS. Workships has over 20 years of offshore Oil & Gas experience and will draw on the wide experience of OWPMS in operating Crew Transfer Vessels. "Myself and co-founder Eddie Ward are pleased to be part of this new phase in the life of OWPMS. We pride ourselves on customer satisfaction for which our crew is a significant contributor. We would like to pay tribute to our crews for all their support, hard work and commitment over the last 6 years and look forward to seeing the company flourish further", says Paul Walsh, Commercial Manager of OWPMS. Jan Dirk Hudig, Managing Director of OWS and Workships Contractors states, "After 1 year of close cooperation I am thrilled to bring OWPMS under the OWS' umbrella and rule the waves together. This unification will benefit our clients from the sharing of experience".

There are plans to further extend the OWS fleet with larger Crew Transfer Vessels, as well as accommodation solutions for construction and O&M. With the investment in BMO Offshore, a company offering high-end measurement solutions for the offshore wind industry, OWS and Workships have widened their portfolio even further. These steps bring Workships closer to achieving its goal of becoming a leading provider of solutions to the offshore wind industry.

- *OWS managed fleet*: Spike Islander, Zeehond
- *OWS' new builds*: Offshore Wandelaar, Offshore West Hinder – Delivery May 2012
- *OWPMS' fleet*: Offshore Performer, Offshore Phantom, Offshore Progress, Offshore Response, Offshore Provider, Fast Cat

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