

Odfjell Tankers selects IHC Lagersmit to retrofit seals



Retrofit of aft seal

IHC Lagersmit and Odfjell Tankers have signed an agreement to retrofit the stern tube seals on some Odfjell vessels, replacing them with IHC Lagersmit stern tube seals.

IHC Lagersmit specialises in sealing solutions for rotating shafts. Odfjell Tankers is the chartering, operating and management company of the Odfjell Group. The company manages a fleet of 57 different tankers all around the world. It wants a reliable sealing concept and is focused on protecting the environment and improving their efficiency. "We have chosen the SUPREME Ventus seal in favour of the environment and our efficiency", says Helge Olsen, the Senior Vice-President of Ship Management at Odfjell. The company plans to retrofit 19 vessels with the IHC Lagersmit SUPREME Ventus application.

The sophisticated SUPREME Ventus system protects the environment by guaranteeing zero emissions. The combination of the SUPREME Ventus system and special SUPREME options is a guarantee that Odfjell Tankers can operate its vessels efficiently. The Odfjell vessels BOW STAR and BOW JUBAIL have been successfully converted to IHC Lagersmit SUPREME



Ventus seals. The conversion of the BOW FLOWER and the BOW SPRING will take place in the second half of this year.

IHC Lagersmit

IHC Lagersmit, the manufacturer of stern tube (thruster and Pod) sealing systems, is a subsidiary of IHC Merwede B.V. IHC Lagersmit has an excellent reputation for high-quality seals and innovative products. Two of the latest inventions are the tidal turbine seal and the SUPREME Ventus. Both were specially designed to fulfil IHC's corporate commitment to protecting the environment. IHC Lagersmit supplies sealing systems to leading propulsion manufacturers, to shipyards and to shipowners. The company supplies worldwide services directly through its own service engineers or, where applicable, through local service stations.

Profile IHC Merwede

IHC Merwede is focused on the continuous development of its design and construction activities for the specialised shipbuilding sector, in particular the dredging and offshore industries.

IHC Merwede is world market leader in the construction of specialist dredging equipment. IHC Merwede is also recognised as an outstanding builder of complex, custom-built vessels for offshore construction. The clients of IHC Merwede include major dredging companies, oil and gas exploration groups, offshore contractors and government authorities.

IHC Merwede has a staff of approximately 2,800 at its locations in the Netherlands. There are also branches in China, India, the Middle East, Nigeria, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Profile ODFJELL

The Odfjell Group is a leading participant in the global market of the seaborne transportation and storage of chemicals and other speciality bulk liquids. The Odfjell fleet exceeds 90 ships, trading both globally and regionally. The tank terminal division consists of eight fully or partially owned tank terminals and nine associated tank terminals strategically located. The Odfjell Group is headquartered in Bergen, Norway and has about 20 offices located world wide. Odfjell has about 3 700 employees and an annual gross revenue of about USD 1.5 billion.

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