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Drydocks World – Dubai delivers 3-D seismic vessel POLARCUS NADIA

One of the most sophisticated offshore vessels marks new milestone for yard

Dubai, UAE, December 28, 2009: Drydocks World – Dubai (“DDW-D”), the region’s premier ship repair, conversion and new building yard and the flagship company of the Drydocks World group, marked a high point in its sophisticated new building capability with the delivery of POLARCUS NADIA, the most advanced seismic vessel built at the yard to date.



The vessel, first of a series of four vessels to be built at DDW-D, is to be part of the Polarcus fleet, the Dubai-based, leading marine geophysical company specialising in towed streamer marine data acquisition across the world.

The double-hulled, 88.3 metres long POLARCUS NADIA is a highly advanced 3-D seismic vessel. The Dubai yard's all-inclusive expertise was utilized in full force to make the purpose-built vessel meet the stringent demands of offshore seismic operators. The vessel is capable of towing up to 12 steamers.

POLARCUS NADIA is of Ulstein SX 124 design and incorporates a number of innovative features. The technology adheres to the highest environment standards. It has a diesel-electric propulsion system and high specification catalytic converters. The vessel also includes a range of advanced safety features including a DP 2 dynamic positioning system and bilge water cleaning that conforms to international norms.

MP Singh, Director – New Building, DDW-D, said: “The delivery of POLARCUS NADIA is a milestone for us in the new building division. This is the most advanced vessel built at the yard, which shows how far we have come in handling highly sophisticated projects. The work was completed well within time – demonstrating our yard's reliability and capability to meet deadlines.”

DDW-D has been on a comprehensive facility and service expansion drive with the aim to achieve highest level capability in taking up most sophisticated projects in new building, repair and conversion. The yard has won several international recognitions this year, including the Lloyd's List Shipbuilding/Shiprepair Award 2009. It has been named the Lloyd's List Shipyard of the Year for four consecutive years, from 2005 to 2008.

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About Drydocks World

Drydocks World, a Dubai World company, is one of the most prominent names in the maritime industry. Over the past 25 years, Drydocks World has established itself as a leading, and fast growing international player in ship repair, shipbuilding, rig building, FPSO conversion, offshore fabrication and fleet operations with facilities in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

Drydocks World's flagship facility, Drydocks World - Dubai is the largest, cutting edge ship repair, conversion and new building facility between Europe and the Far East.

The yard's strategic geographic location, advanced technologies and well-resourced workshops have made it the preferred facility for local and international maritime companies. The 200 hectares facility has direct access to the sea, through a 350-metre wide entrance channel. Its three graving docks can handle any existing or planned size type of vessel, supplemented with a 15,000 tonnes floating dock and 3,100 metres of repair berths in the main yard.

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