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Keep on rolling – MaK engines for Odense ferries

Hamburg, Germany – Caterpillar Marine Power Systems (CMPS) will supply MaK M 43 C marine engines for a series of ro-ro ferries being built by Odense Steel Shipyard, a member of the A. P. Moller - Maersk Group. The initial order for 12 engines for six vessels was placed in 2007. Another four engines for a further two vessels have been added this year.

The contract now comprises 16 MaK M 43 C main engines of total 130,000 kW for eight ro-ro ferries. Six vessels are for Epic Shipping in the UK and two are for Pacific Basin Shipping in Hong Kong. Vessels will be powered by twin MaK 9 M 43 C engines, each providing 8,100 kW at 500 rpm. The ships are for delivery between 2009 and early 2011.

Odense Steel Shipyard (OSS) in Lindø, Denmark, is a recognised name in the construction of container ships, tankers and supply vessels for the A. P. Moller - Maersk Group as well as military vessels for the Danish Navy. Instrumental in winning the order for CMPS was the proven reliability and durability of the MaK M 43 engine design.

Now marking its 10th anniversary, more than 800 of the 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 and 16 cylinder M 43 series engines with a total output of about 6,000 MW have been sold. Today, the MaK M 43 C series is the clear market leader for container feeders of up to 1,000 TEU and also has a strong share in the ro-ro and ro-pax ferry market. Germany's Flensburger Schiffbau-Gesellschaft (FSG), for example, has already delivered 18 ro-ro vessels, each equipped with a pair of M 43 C main engines, and has another eight on order.

The engine contract with OSS for eight ro-ro ferries is among the largest single orders that CMPS and OSS have ever signed. It reaffirms the long-standing partnership between the two

companies, which also has seen the powering of remarkable offshore supply vessels and the delivery of numerous MaK generating sets for Panamax and Post-Panamax container vessels.

“We are proud to work alongside Odense Steel Shipyard in creating the maritime solutions of tomorrow,” said Martin Rasmussen, Key Account Manager, Pon Power Scandinavia, Ballerup, Denmark. “This long-term cooperation is, first and foremost, one based on trust, quality and professionalism and they have now resulted in the realisation of yet another impressive project.”

Mark Harrison, Territory Sales Manager, Caterpillar Marine Power Systems, Hamburg, commented: “OSS and CMPS have an excellent business relationship. Once again both parties have joined forces and effectively developed a world-class product. It was a pleasure for me to work with such dedicated shipbuilding professionals.”

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Pictures available on request:

- 1.) MaK 9 M 43 C Marine Engine with FCT**
- 2.) Ro-Ro UND Adriyatik with 2x MaK 9 M 43 Marine Engines**
- 3.) Engine Room Ro-Ro UND with 2x MaK 9 M 43 Marine Engines**

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