

Ports

New Vopak terminal opened in Port of Amsterdam

On 26 October 2011 the new Vopak terminal was officially opened by Amsterdam's alderman of Economic Affairs Carolien Gehrels, port director Dertje Meijer and the chairman of the board of directors of Vopak Eelco Hoekstra. The new terminal will enforce the Port of Amsterdam and her worldwide leading position in the areas of warehousing, transshipment and blending petrol products and diesel.

The phased delivery of the terminal in 2011 and 2012 will mean a total warehousing capacity of 1.2 million cubic metres. This is an important impulse for the growth of the port in the coming years. The terminal offers two sea piers to handle the sea going vessels with a maximum capacity of 120,000 DWT and eight berths for coaster and inland shipping handling with a capacity of 20,000 DWT. The terminal is leading regarding durability and safety for the surrounding environment. The latest techniques will be used, such as advanced installations for vapour processing and fire safety.



Hoekstra comments: "The opening of this state-of-the-art terminals means we are able to expand the service to our international customer by which Vopak's growth strategy is underlined." Meijer reiterates that: "The terminal will contribute substantially to the local and regional economy as well as the Dutch economy in general."

Company news

Alfa Laval Benelux and Leemberg Piping and Machine Construction sign partner agreement

Alfa Laval, specialist in heat transfer, centrifugal separation and fluid handling, has appointed Leemberg Piping and Machine Construction as a PureBallast Installation Partner for the Benelux region for a period of three years. By the establishment of this new partnership, Leemberg has become an official Alfa Laval subcontractor for PureBallast installation services and will perform all services with regard to Alfa Laval's ballast water treatment system PureBallast, ranging from audits, engineering, drawings, module building and installation.

"Alfa Laval and Leemberg are a perfect fit. By combining Alfa Laval technology and Leemberg's installation expertise, our customers will benefit from an extended service range that will support them to comply with the new IMO regulations. I am convinced that our partnership with Leemberg will help us to further strengthen our position as a total solution provider for the Marine industry", says Thijs Peddemors, managing director of Alfa Laval Benelux.

Ronald Noppen, owner Leemberg Piping and Machine Construction (l), and Thijs Peddemors, managing director Alfa Laval Benelux



Launch

Caballo Xanthus launched



On 17 October 2011 the 67 metre platform supply vessel *Caballo Xanthus*, the third vessel with the new KiSS design, was launched. The vessel is being built for Oceanografia SA. de CV with whom Shipyard De Hoop is celebrating ten years of building together.

Shipyard De Hoop designed, built and delivered its first ship to Oceanografia in 2001 and in the past ten years the shipyard has built a total of 16 vessels for the Mexican shipping company. De Hoop not only built the vessels, but designed them as well, which has resulted in the two companies developing a very close relationship based on mutual trust. The extensive technical experience built up over the years and the in-house availability of all disciplines ensure that De Hoop have a clear overview of the entire construction process of the ship, with the designs seamlessly matching all functional requirements. The designs are always 'fit for duty', nothing more and nothing less. Which has proven to be a cost-efficient and highly successful formula for Oceanografia.

Shipyard De Hoop is looking forward to continuing this relationship into the next decade and beyond and is therefore discussing a whole new series of vessels for this customer.