

PRINCE JOB I: New OSV for African offshore fields, with a multipurpose remit

The offshore market may have remained stagnant in 2015, but innovative solutions continue to abound, as is evident in the delivery of the Shipyard De Hoop-designed and -built multipurpose OSV *Prince Job I.* Developed to operate in Chevron's offshore oil fields near Nigeria, the 68.5m vessel's duties include the discharge of transmix liquids; although such work is usually handled by tankers, draught restrictions affecting the operational zone have made these latter vessel types unsuitable. Similarly, tankers would prove poor platforms for *Prince Job I's* other stipulated tasks, such as transportation of deck cargo and inspection, repair and maintenance (IRM) and firefighting operations. IRM work is especially important, given that the transmix liquids are being properly from the transmix liquids are being pumped from the offshore site to shore via a single Chevron pipeline; this pipeline must be kept in optimal working order, and repaired, should any defects occur, in order to reduce the likelihood of accidents, which could include life-threatening incidents such as explosions.

The vessel's cargo area spans some 500m² and has been strengthened to 5tonnes per m², with container fittings and lashing points enabling her to accommodate a containerised cargo equivalent to 16teu. Two Sormec offshore knuckle boom cranes, each rated 10tonnes at an outreach of 15m, have been installed to assist hose-handling and loading/unloading operations. For maximum, unobstructed access across the cargo deck, the superstructure has been situated as far

forward as possible, De Hoop explains.

Prince Job I has been fitted with four inflatable life rafts, split equally between the port and starboard sides, each featuring the capacity for 25 persons, and an aluminium workboat. Should the vessel be called on to tackle fires, a pair of electric pumps, each with a capacity of 1.5 million litres, can feed two monitors with a combined capacity of 2.4 million litres per hour. This set-up has earned the vessel DNV-GL FiFi 1 status.

The superstructure consists of 4.5 levels and contains the wheelhouse (with the bridge split into

a forward-facing section, for vessel transit, and an aft-facing section, where DP-relevant operations are conducted) and 10 cabins, providing accommodation for up to 30 crew members.

TECHNICAL PARTICULARS		
Length, oa		
Canada and a second		
Displacement	3,863tonnes	
Design, draught	4.62m	
Design, deadweight		
Deck space (total)	500m ²	
Hange (nautical miles)	7,200	
Classification society	Germanischer Lloyd	
Notations ₱100A5 C	Offshore Service Vessel	
MC. DP2. FI	-FI-1, EP-D, OR, HLNS	
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	Length, oa	

Make	
Model	
Number	
Output of each engine950kWe (C32) /	
550kWe (C18)	
Propeller(s)	
MaterialNiAlBr	
Manufacturer Veth (azimuth)	
Number	
Fixed/controllable pitch	
Diameter 1 000	
Diameter	
Open or nozzledNozzled	
Bow thruster(s)	
MakeVeth	
Number 2	
Output of each	
Deck machinery	
2 x Sormec cranes, 10tonnes	
@15m SWL each	
2 x C-Nautical tugger winches,	
10tonnes each	
1 x Kraaijeveld roller, 100tonnes	
Bridge electronics	
Radar(s) 2 x JRC JMA-5312-6	
AutopilotNAVIS (integrated in DP)	
GMDSS JBC	
GMDSS JRĆ GPS JRC JLR-7800	
Gyro 3 x Alphatron Minicourse	
Chart plotterNavtex JRC NCR-333	
Engine monitoring/	
fire detection systemMiniMax	
Onboard capacities	
Fuel oil	
Fresh water	
Ballast water1,000m ³	
Liquid mud340m³	
Brine300m ³	
Transmix fluid 800m ³	
Complement	
Crew30	
Passengers 0	
Number of cabins10	

Main engine(s)

