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Bourbon Arctic: first operation of brand new 300 t of bollard pull AHTS vessel for Lundin Petroleum in the North Sea

BOURBON announces that it has taken delivery, as scheduled, of the Bourbon Arctic from the Vard Brattvåg shipyard (Norway) and completed her first anchor handling operation. The vessel was engaged in the disconnection and unmooring operation of the 'Island Innovator' located at the Fosen field in the central North Sea. As a large AHTS (*Anchor Handling Tug Supply*) vessel, the Bourbon Arctic is specially designed to operate in remote areas all over the world and equipped for advanced anchor handling and towing operations. Capable of intervening in the most complex environments, she boasts a bollard pull of 307 t in boost mode and 193 t in diesel electric mode only, this being among the highest Bollard Pull in the world in this mode. Her winch and storage capacities may have no equivalent on the market. It is thanks to her exceptional capacities that it has been chosen by Lundin Petroleum.



Extremely versatile, she can perform numerous tasks in addition to anchor-handling, such as supply duties, oil recovery, standby operations, firefighting, rescue (up to 300 survivors) and ROV operations. With a strengthened hull and enhanced winterization equipment (Ice class), she is perfectly suited for work in temperatures down to -20° C while ensuring maximum safety conditions.

She has large passenger accommodation capacities (SPS class) as she can welcome for up to 60 persons (including crew) and has the flexibility to be used as a floatel when not engaged in anchor-handling operations. Classified as a Clean Design vessel, Bourbon Arctic complies with the most stringent requirements with regards to emissions to the air and discharges to the sea. The vessel is equipped with a dual propulsion system allowing her to adapt power needs to the type of operation with diesel electric mode, resulting in reduced fuel consumption compared to conventional AHTS.

"I have been onboard the vessel for nine days and I am greatly impressed; BOURBON has really stepped up on most levels with this vessel. It's easy to see that, once completed with an ROV and a first class ROV operator, this could be a very good vessel for most of our marine operations." adds **Sigmund Hertzberg, Senior Marine Supervisor of Lundin Norway AS.**

“We are proud to take delivery of the Bourbon Arctic and to have already demonstrated her strengths: Commissioned by Swedish independent firm Lundin Petroleum for a mission early March, this unique AHTS has performed anchor handling operations utilizing its extreme capacities. BOURBON ordered this vessel in 2014 in order to complement the range of services we offer to the most demanding clients. Thanks to her unique winch and storage capacities and to her highest standards (clean & comfort class, DP 2, dual propulsion), she is the most powerful vessel in BOURBON’s fleet.” explains **Gaël Bodénès, Chief Operating Officer of BOURBON.**

Technical specifications:

- Length: 93.60 m
- Width: 24 m
- Cargo deck area: 780 m²
- Bollard pull: 307 t
- Winch capacities:
 - 2 x Towing/anchor handling drums, each 460 t pull
 - 1 x Special handling drums, each 500 t pull and a capacity of 22,000 m x 76mm
 - 2 x Secondary winches, each 210 t pull
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 - 1 x Storage reel, 1,600 m x 90mm
- Large chain lockers capacities: 4 lockers 1,132 m³
- DP2 DYNPOS-AUTR
- ICE CLASS (Hull: Ice – 1A / Machinery: Ice 1-B)
- NMD Rescue (300 survivors)
- FIFI II (Type: FFS 3600 / Capacity: 3600 m³ per hour (x2) / Rotation: 360 degrees)
- Oil Recovery (Oilrec notation complies with NOFO 2009 Standard)
- Hybrid propulsion: 2 main engines and 3 gensets
- Full speed: 17 knots
- Accommodation capacity: 60 pax (24 single and 12 double cabins)

ABOUT BOURBON

Among the market leaders in marine services for offshore oil & gas, BOURBON offers the most demanding oil & gas companies a wide range of marine services, both surface and sub-surface, for offshore oil & gas fields and wind farms. These extensive services rely on a broad range of the latest-generation vessels and the expertise of more than 11,000 skilled employees. Through its 34 operating subsidiaries the group provides local services as close as possible to customers and their operations throughout the world, of the highest standards of service and safety.

BOURBON provides two operating Activities (Marine Services and Subsea Services) and also protects the French coastline for the French Navy.

In 2015, BOURBON'S revenue came to €1,329.6 million and the company operated a fleet of 511 vessels as of December 31, 2015.

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