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recently PALFINGER presented its new vision entitled "Together we are shaping the future of our customers' lifting solutions." For us, this means making our customers' lives easier by thinking of not only products but solutions.

Developing innovative lifting solutions is our core business. Our cover story introduces our electric product portfolio. The first of our electric offshore cranes have already been installed at the Johan Sverdrup field, and our electric wind cranes are already our bestseller. The portfolio is about to be extended now with our new, fully electric davit. We are proud to present the davit at SMM in Hamburg and look forward to meeting you at our booth.

Our aim is not only to provide innovative and reliable products, but also to provide comprehensive service through our extensive network of service locations. Get to know our service experts with exclusive insights on how to service an offshore wind crane.

If you prefer experiencing our cranes in action, I invite you to come aboard the world's largest live fish carrier. We accompanied *Ro Fjell* to the Frøya/Hitra region. *Ro Fjell* is equipped with seven marine cranes and can transport 700 tons of live salmon.

You didn't know that we have fenders in our product portfolio as well? Then you shouldn't miss our fenders story, where Åsmund Lilleaas talks about the delivery of a fender package to the world's first purpose-built LNG bunkering vessel. This market is developing into a promising segment.

All of our stories and more are also available online at our PALFINGER MARINE Stories blog.

Enjoy reading our latest PASSION magazine!

Kind regards,

Gunther Fleck Executive Vice President Sales and Service PALFINGER MARINE



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EDITORIAL

PALFINGER MARINE ELECTRIFIES

> BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS, NOT LEAST IN ORDER TO SATISFY AND PRE-

Our goal is to offer the best and most competitive solutions. Naturally, the same applies to our ever-

EMPT THE NEEDS OF OUR CUSTOMERS. expanding range of electric products. Let us tell you what

platform cranes. However, we have never been the kind we are doing now and what you can expect in the future. of company to rest on its laurels. So it should come as no As many of you may already know, electric solutions are surprise that we are also innovators in this field. It is our aim currently more common in some of our product groups than to complement our hydraulic product range with electric in others. In terms of winches, no less than 80 percent of innovations in the areas where it benefits our customers our deliveries are already equipped with electric drivelines. most. To illustrate this, we would like to introduce two of Our electric platform cranes are also no unusual sight our latest product developments. But first things first...



PALFINGER MARINE HAS ALWAYS

on offshore wind farms. Since 2014. PALFINGER MARINE has supplied almost 660 electric

ELECTRIC WINCHES AND PF-CRANE SERIES AS PRECURSORS

As mentioned above, more than 80 percent of the winches we deliver to customers are already equipped with electric drivelines. Sverre Mowinckel-Nilsen, our Sales Director of the Winches and Handling Equipment Division, reveals that the trend towards electric winches started in 2005/2006, and demand has been on the rise ever since. He adds that electric winches were initially more expensive than their hydraulic counterparts, but prices have now levelled out. Seeing that electric winches are easier to install due to the fact that they don't require hydraulic piping on the vessel itself and offer lower noise levels, it seems only a prototype will be launched early next year. The special logical that the popularity of such solutions is increasing. Nevertheless, all PALFINGER MARINE winches – with very few exceptions – remain available with both hydraulic and electric configuration. The second aforementioned success story in terms of electric systems involves our platform cranes on offshore wind farms. Electric platform cranes are considered to be more environmentally friendly and follow the zero emission strategy within the green energy market. In terms of maintenance, it makes a huge difference when there is no hydraulic oil involved. As mentioned, almost 660 of our PF-series cranes are already in operation, 150 of them at the Gemini wind farm off the coast of the Netherlands and 116 at the Rampion wind farm off the coast of Sussex in the United Kingdom. Rampion is a perfect example for how much easier it is to service electric platform cranes, as we also won the service tender for this wind farm. Our the last two years. We were exceptionally quick, too. Seeing as well as the development of an electric davit.

that each of our teams managed to service three cranes per day, the whole project took no longer than one and a half months. This saves time and money for the costumer with regard to planning and offshore logistics.

THE ELECTRIC INNOVATOR FOR OFFSHORE WIND LIFTING SOLUTIONS

"Alongside our PF-series, which is fully electric and has a lifting capacity of 1 tonne, we will complement our customised offshore wind farm product portfolio with the PSW-series, which is a hybrid crane with a lifting capacity of 2 tonnes. Our new PSW36000 crane is currently in development, and feature of this innovation is a hybrid setup: the winch is electric, but the slewing and cylinder are hydraulic. Given that the winch on offshore wind cranes usually accounts for two thirds of the oil consumption, an electric winch results in a dramatic decrease in oil usage. This new crane will have the same lifting capacity as our well proven bestseller crane (PSM400), its fully hydraulic counterpart, but will use 35 litres of oil instead of 200 to 250 litres. In addition, the winch and power pack of the PSW36000 will be integrated in the lower crane columns, thus making it even easier to service." explains Johann Gnasmüller. Head of R&D in the Product Division Cranes

What other innovations does PALFINGER MARINE have in store, you ask? Two of our most exciting projects are the ongoing delivery of seven fully electric DKW2500 cranes to annual maintenance of the cranes has run very smoothly for Equinor's Johan Sverdrup offshore oil field in the North Sea.

WE ARE THE FIRST COMPANY TO DEVELOP CRANES FOR SUCH AN ENVIRONMENT THAT USE STANDARD AC MOTORS, SOMETHING WHICH OUR COMPETITORS THOUGHT WAS **IMPOSSIBLE IN THE PAST.**

Jan Silgjerd Sales Director - Cranes



CONQUERING THE NORTH SEA in dangerous situations." In short: whatever you throw at the DKW2500, it's capable of handling it. Once again, To understand the innovation level of DKW2500 cranes, the electric nature of the DKW2500 results in a lower it is important to point out that it is comparatively simple cost of ownership and makes it more reliable in terms to "electrify" a crane that merely has to lift/lower and of its original parameters. As if that isn't enough upside. slew without adhering to specific safety requirements. the DKW2500 offers smoother and more predictable Delivering electric cranes to an oil platform in the operation at lower noise and vibration levels. North Sea is, however, guite complicated. The reaction time of the winches in use has to comply, for instance, A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR UNMANNED PLATFORMS with the EN and NORSOK standards. Not only are our DKW2500 cranes designed to operate safely in extreme This is certainly a product group with a bright future. The use of electric cranes is, after all, also particularly North Sea conditions with waves of up to six metres in height, but they also boast safety features such as AOPS interesting for unmanned offshore oil platforms because and MOPS (Automatic and Manual Overload Protection less maintenance is required: "It is easier to have an Systems). Jan Silgjerd, our Sales Director of the Cranes electric crane out in operation for a long time than a Division, points out: "We are the first company to develop hydraulic one." PALFINGER MARINE is currently in talks cranes for such an environment that use standard AC with several potential customers about using electric motors, something which our competitors thought was cranes for new unmanned platforms. Recent market impossible in the past. They meet the highest EN and developments affirm that we are on the right track in terms NORSOK standards, thus optimising the reaction time of our electric product portfolio.

THE ALL-NEW ELECTRIC DAVIT

But now it's time to turn our attention to a project that we are especially excited about: our electric davit based on completely new technology. We are currently building a prototype that will be presented in September in time for The great advantage of this new technology is that all its the SMM, the leading international maritime trade fair in components can be implemented in our existing davit Hamburg. What better platform could there be for us to systems. We could therefore, for instance, guite easily underline our status as a true industry innovator?

To find out why there is a demand for electric deck equipment, we sat down for a chat with Trond Paulsen, our Technical Sales Director of the Boats and Davits Product Division. "Apart from all the aforementioned advantages of electric solutions, the new electric davit will boast a totally enclosed design, meaning that all vital components are protected. Generally, electric power makes it possible to use smaller, lighter and more cost-efficient components," Trond explains.

already electric. He, however, adds: "These were either equipped with a centrifugal break or electric hoisting with a fully enclosed hydraulic lowering system. We are proud to reveal that PALFINGER MARINE is about to be the first company to use magnetic breaks for its lifeboat winches. While centrifugal breaks are especially high-maintenance, our new magnetic breaks suffer almost no wear-and-tear. This is due to the fact that the magnets governing the speed of the lifeboats don't touch each other at all. Yet another innovation is a rack system to deploy and move the davit itself. It replaces the old cylinder system. Now an electric motor on a pinion wheel moves up and down the rack."

SAFE, SIMPLE AND EASY TO IMPLEMENT IN EXISTING DAVIT SYSTEMS

"electrify" all of our NPDS models. Furthermore, it allows us to experiment with different and new davit production materials such as glass reinforced plastic (GRP) and carbon fibres to make the structure of the davit lighter as a whole

Trond is eager to point out that the electric davit is safe and simple, as are all electric PALFINGER MARINE products.He gushes: "The lack of complex hydraulic systems and pipes subjected to wind and weather mean that the new electric davit harbours less spillage risk and is much easier to maintain. After all, it's easier to service Now some may argue that traditional lifeboat winches were one electric motor attached directly to the winch than an electric motor on the power pack and a hydraulic one on the winch. It is also simpler to find, diagnose, and fix problems. Our engineers, who no longer need special hydraulic skills, now merely need to plug the diagnostics tool into the electric davit to see what needs to be done."

INCREASING DEMAND FOR ELECTRIC DAVIT SYSTEMS

Alex Schouten, Sales Director of the Boats and Davits Product Division, confirms: "There is substantial demand for electric davit systems in all segments. Many clients are keen on an electric davit alternative to the systems operated

by hydraulic- or gravity-based solutions. The trend to electric equipment is mainly driven by the desire to have fewer critical elements. Being able to focus crew skills in terms of operation. maintenance, and troubleshooting on electric know-how is a real plus. Furthermore, recent technological advancements of electric drive systems and battery packs have promoted the trend, thus making such solutions more attractive."

All in all, it is safe to say that PALFINGER MARINE is once again leading the way in terms of offering its customers innovative, future-oriented, and practical products. We are looking forward to presenting our newest developments to a broader audience. See you at the SMM!

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Sales Director - Boats & Davits

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ANYTHING BUT FISHY BUSINESS

Fish farming – also known as aquaculture – is big business in Norway. In 2017, the country's fish farms supplied no less than 1,289,808 tonnes of fish for food. 94.5% of this amount was

at 5.1%. How does PALFINGER MARINE contribute to the On the other hand, we have fish farming vessels such as live industry that provides the tasty fish we all – or at least most fish carriers and service vessels. The latter offer enormous of us - love? Well, many of the vessels involved are equipped potential for PALFINGER MARINE." When asked which of with our cranes. Let us explain ..

HUGE POTENTIAL.

PALFINGER MARINE IS A RELIABLE PARTNER OF THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY. OUR CRANES ARE AN IDEAL FIT FOR FISH FARMING VESSELS. WE TRAVELLED TO NORWAY TO TAKE A LOOK

THE VESSELS

Bernd Huemer, our Sales Manager for the Cranes Division EMEA, can shed some light on the topic: "The fishing industry generally uses two types of vessels. On the one hand, there are

salmon, while rainbow trout comes in as a distant second fishing vessels such as trawlers, purse seiners and longliners. our products the shipyards involved favour, Bernd adds:

Live fish carrier Ro Fjell and two service vessels in operation in the Frøya/Hitra region.

"We have equipped many service vessels with our foldable knuckle cranes (PK-series), while live fish carriers are often equipped with our telescopic boom cranes (PTM-series) for hose handling and lifting." Well boats, as live fish carriers are also called, have grown in size considerably over the last five to ten years, mainly due to an increase in fish farming in Norway and Scotland. In the last five years, PALFINGER MARINE has sold more than 50 PTM cranes to live fish carriers in Norway. Apart from the Norwegian fish farming industry, Croatia is a well-established market for PALFINGER MARINE. Recently, we entered the fish farming markets in Canada, Chile and the Pacific Northwest.

A LONG LASTING PARTNERSHIP

We also sat down with Christian Hoff, the General Manager of Bergen Hydraulic, the exclusive PALFINGER MARINE crane dealer for Norway. Since the start of this close cooperation in 1992, the company has sold no less than 2,100 of our cranes. So Christian knows why the aquaculture players are so fond of our equipment: "The cranes are flexible, light and welldesigned. We are in close contact with all ship owners, naval architects and shipyards. I am proud to say that we have sold cranes to most service vessel and live fish carrier owners and builders based in Norway." We were eager to find out more about how fish farming works and soon found out that Christian is the right person to ask. "In a perfect world, a live fish carrier travels to a fish farm unit only twice: to deliver smolt and to pick up grown fish one and a half years later. However, such vessels are also used for the delousing of aquaculture cages. These cages, of which there can be up to ten per location, hold as many as 150,000 salmon weighing between four and six kilograms." What about the service vessels? Christian smiles: "As the name suggests, the service vessels are required for day-to-day maintenance work, but can also be used for anchoring and towing."

ONBOARD THE WORLD'S LARGEST LIVE FISH CARRIER

PALFINGER MARINE is particularly proud of the fact that the Ro Fjell, the largest live fish carrier in the world, boasts five PTM 600 cranes, one PTM 1200 crane and one PS 23500 crane. Jan Huus, the Head of Aftermarket at Bergen Hydraulic, knows more: "The Ro Fjell, owned by Rostein, usually works for SalMar Farming in the Frøya/Hitra region. It can transport 700 tonnes of live salmon in two tanks with a combined volume of 4,500 cubic metres. The cranes we supplied are used for holding the two-way hoses and the net around the fish farming unit." Rostein is the second largest well boat company worldwide. All of its 14 vessels are equipped with PALFINGER MARINE cranes. Given this close partnership, we had the opportunity to spend some time on the Ro Fjell in June this year. We took some spectacular photos while on board and are thrilled to share them with you in this issue of our magazine. Come and see for yourself!

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Engie Zeebrugge equipped with PALFINGER MARINE fenders and fender davits, © Port of Zeebrugge

LNG ON THE RISE

PALFINGER MARINE DELIVERED A

FENDER PACKAGE TO THE WORLD'S

FIRST PURPOSE-BUILT LNG BUNKERING

VESSEL. WHAT WAS ONCE A NICHE

MARKET IS SWIFTLY DEVELOPING INTO

THE FENDERS DIVISION, EXPLAINS WHY.

Ships powered by liquefied natural gas (LNG) are becoming increasingly popular. Last year, approximately 11 percent of all newbuild contracts were for LNG-powered vessels. Driven by the desire for cleaner burning

alternative fuels, this trend is expected to persist and are designed to have fenders and fender davits on board. grow. Another reason for the rising demand is that the LNG bunkering infrastructure is maturing. This is where PALFINGER MARINE comes into play, especially as we are the only company that manufactures both fenders and fender davits in-house. While other fender suppliers are forced to rely on partners in terms of davit production, they indeed a competitive advantage.

The more LNG-powered ships there are, the more bunkering vessels are required. Just to explain: the latter store the LNG and AN EXCELLENT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY. deliver it to other ships for ÅSMUND LILLEAAS, OUR DIRECTOR FOR refuelling purposes. Seeing that the fuel transfer is a ship-to-ship operation, the majority of bunkering vessels

FROM NICHE TO OPPORTUNITY

Åsmund acknowledges freely that fender davits have been niche products so far: "In the past, they were ordered for some tankers or FPSOs (Floating Production Storage and are part of PALFINGER MARINE's product portfolio. This is Offloading Units). Generally speaking, fender davits are not required by vessels that travel from port to port, such

The fenders of choice are normally pneumatic rubber fenders, in accordance with the ISO 17357-1:2014 standard. These fenders are custom-made for heavy duty offshore and ship-to-ship operations, and subject to proper maintenance they will endure 15 years or more. The main advantage of our fender davits is that they boast a fully wiring and hydraulics, are protected from wind and weather. Apart from lower maintenance costs, their "plug and play" system ensures easy installation and allows the fenders to be deployed and retrieved via remote control whenever needed. This creates a safer working environment for the crew on board. It therefore comes as no surprise that PALFINGER MARINE had the honour of supplying a fender package to the Engie Zeebrugge, the world's very first purpose-built LNG bunkering vessel. Åsmund points out that the Engie Zeebrugge was equipped with four NFD2500H fender davits and four NPF2540C pneumatic fenders.

ÅSMUND LILLEAAS

The Director of our Fender Systems Division joined the PALFINGER MARINE family when PALFINGER acquired Harding in 2016. At the time of the takeover, Åsmund was the Managing Director of Noreg Fender, a subsidiary of Harding. With the support of a small team, the 36-year-old Norwegian is in charge of global production and sales.

adds. "Our products are also very attractive to the FSRU (Floating Storage Regasification Unit) market. Rather than storing fenders in the water permanently or having to rely on local suppliers towing the equipment to the site, FSRUs can opt for storing fenders on board and deploy them via davits whenever required. This also applies to other floating production and storage units, such as FLNGs (Floating enclosed design, which means that all components, such as Liquid Natural Gas Facilities) and FSOs (Floating Storage and Offloading Units). Fender davits are definitely the safest and most efficient way of handling large fenders for ship-to-ship operations." PALFINGER MARINE is proud to be contributing to the LNG trend and all technological advances it may bring in the future.

HOW TO SERVICE **AN OFFSHORE** WIND CRANE

Approximately 45 km off the Borkum Islands in the North Sea. the Merkur offshore wind farm is

ANNUAL CRANE SERVICING CONTRACTS

on the weather. "Annual service is a very seasonal business, one part of being an original equipment manufacturer with high season between April and June," says Frank van der (OEM) – an indication of the high quality of service we in bad weather – and this can be as often as 50% of the time." When the weather allows, the service engineers leave their that all spare parts come from us, thus ensuring the onshore base and go out to the site by boat. Usually working in availability of these parts for a crane's lifetime and teams of two or three, they service two cranes per day.

CRANE SERVICING IS A BOOMING SECTOR FOR PALFINGER MARINE.

CLOSE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

in development – and it's set to be one of the biggest of its kind engineers are based in Schiedam (the Netherlands). in Germany. With a project capacity of 396 MW, it will supply renewable power to more than 500,000 homes. PALFINGER MARINE is proud to be supplying 66 platform cranes (PSM

service contracts generally including a service and inspection campaign. The scope of service depends on various country training to PALFINGER MARINE service engineers. As and we invest in comprehensive product training, so Our ability to safely and efficiently service cranes relies hugely they can get to know our cranes by heart. This is just



SERVICE **DFFSHORE WIND**



Commissioning of our 66 PSM 400 in Spain.

TAILOR-MADE SOLUTIONS

Service Expert of Wind Cranes, Steven Klein, played a central role in commissioning the 66 cranes for the Merkur project, which took place at the transition piece (TP) construction yard in Spain. Along with three service engineers from the Schiedam office, they then ran full-function tests on all of the cranes.

During the commissioning job, Steven realised that the cranes required a modification in the slewing area. He and the expert team in Salzburg set to work developing a tailor-made slewing limitation kit, a tweak that greatly optimises the cranes' functionality. "We always strive to find the best solution for every client and every project," Steven highlights. The modification work will be implemented offshore by our service engineers.

After the successful commissioning, the TPs were transported to Eemshaven in the Netherlands, from where they are shipped for offshore installation, a process that is currently underway.

What's more, PALFINGER MARINE also runs operator trainings for the Merkur offshore wind farm and has trained and certified over 100 people to safely work with our cranes since February 2018.

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

PALFINGER MARINE was contracted to conduct the annual service for several other wind farms: Rampion, Racebank, Hohe See, Borkum Riffgrund, Teesside, Veja Mate, Godewind, Hornsea, Gemini and WODS. Needless to say, it's a busy time for us - and there are no signs of things slowing down. In fact, the potential is huge. After all, PALFINGER MARINE is already the supplier of almost 2,600 wind cranes, plus 1,000 more from Noreq Acta through the recent acquisition of Harding. And, as annual service tenders run on a yearly basis, there's definitely more to come.

Market development is also on our side. Due to European efforts to reduce CO2, wind turbines are being used more and more to produce energy.

No wonder, then, that we here at PALFINGER MARINE are excited to see how the future of offshore wind energy will look. And how the work of our service engineering team will grow in scope.



PALFINGER MARINE AT FIRST HAND

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In this online magazine, we blog about trending topics within our marine world. These may be order-related news, exciting product innovations, interesting personalities, industry trends, events, and behind-the-scenes reports to complement our PASSION magazine.

Apart from hot topics, it also features all articles published in the print edition of PASSION magazine. The added value of PALFINGER MARINE Stories is that it allows us to dive deeper into specific stories. It's our platform to share additional background information and images, as well as exclusive video material.

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SMM

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RIO OIL AND GAS 24.09.–27.09.2018 | Rio de Janeiro, Braz

WIND ENERGY 25.09.–28.09.2018 | Hamburg, Germany

PACIFIC MARINE EXPO 18.11.–20.11.2018 | Seattle, USA

INTERNATIONAL WORKBOAT SHOW 28.11.-30.11.2018 | New Orleans, USy

SEATRADE CRUISE GLOBAL 08.04.-11.04.2019 | Mam, U

OTC 06.05.-09.05.2019 | Housion, USA

NOR-SHIPPING 04.06.-07.06.2019 | Oslo, Norv

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