



Press Release

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KOTUG INTERNATIONAL TO SUPPORT SPHI MARINE WITH LONG-TERM MARINE TERMINAL SUPPORT CONTRACT AWARDED BY BRUNEI LNG INCLUDING FOUR NEWBUILD VESSELS

KOTUG International B.V. (KOTUG) from The Netherlands has secured a technical partnership agreement with SPHI Marine Sdn Bhd (SPHI Marine) from Brunei, who has been awarded a 10 + 5 year LNG terminal support contract to provide marine services for Brunei LNG Sdn Bhd (Brunei LNG).

The contract covers the provision of a complete marine package for the design, construction, and operation of three (3) newbuild advanced Rotortugs® and one (1) newbuild hybrid Rampage 4500 Anchor Handling Tug Supply (AHTS) vessel all having a range between 65 and 80 tons bollard pull.

The partnership between KOTUG and SPHI Marine traces back to 2014 when KOTUG started operations with 3 Rotortugs® for Brunei Shell Petroleum Company. Three strong tugs of the revolutionary Rotor concept are in charge of the berthing and unberthing operations of LNG Tankers, standby services during loading, oil spill response, SPM support, and firefighting duties. The RT Champion, RT Leader and RT Tasman will continue operating till the arrival of the new vessels.

The new vessels will be owned by SPHI Marine and fully technically managed by KOTUG for the first period of the contract. Based on a transition plan KOTUG will hand the management over to SPHI Marine during the second part of the contract. SPHI Marine will operate under their own Safety Management System supported by KOTUG through a technical Support Service Agreement ensuring smooth and reliable operations.

Dzairenny Muslim, Executive Director of SPHI Marine: *“We are delighted to build on our partnership with KOTUG, which will allow us to continue to develop local Bruneian offshore marine capability in support of the nation’s programme to maximise in-country value in the oil and gas industry.”*

Ard-Jan Kooren, CEO KOTUG International: *“We are proud to be able to support SPHI Marine based on our extensive knowledge and experience on providing marine services and are grateful for the confidence presented by BLNG. A special appreciation goes out to our seafarers and staff in Brunei who are on the basis of this success having an open attitude to continue learning while remaining committed to the goal zero safety standards. In the end, it is our mission to exceeding our client's expectations.*

SPHI Marine is a fully 100% Bruneian owned and managed company with a dedicated focus on providing best in class offshore marine services.

About KOTUG

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