

SMC secures plan approval and site supervision services for its second LNG bunkering vessel project

SMC is pleased to announce it has been contracted to provide plan approval and site supervision services in relation to a 7,500 m³ LNG bunkering vessel with expected delivery in 2020.

It's SMC's second LNG bunkering project, with the first one being jointly owned by our parent company Bernhard Schulte and Babcock 7,500 m³ currently under construction at HMD, Korea.

LNG bunkering vessels are tailor-made designs developed to meet the demand for LNG bunkering, with LNG bunkering carried out at sea, a method more efficient compared with conventional approaches which require ships to call at port in order to get bunkered from shore LNG infrastructure.

Bulk carrier project with Bank of Communication Financial Leasing

SMC is pleased to announce the signing of agreement with Bank of Communication Financial Leasing, China, to provide plan approval and site supervision services for two 82,000 DWT bulk carriers, which will be constructed in Chengxi Shipyard, China.

Soon after the agreement signing, the production kick-off meeting took place at the yard on September 18, in the attendance of site manager and technical director from SMC. The project is expected to complete by end of 2019.

SMC has grown to become a technical consultant and business partner for non-shipping companies who are entering into ship owning industry for their newbuilding projects. So far, SMC has been offering services to financial companies including ICBC Leasing and CDB Financial Leasing.



Newbuilding project of three bulk carriers and a LEG carrier with Sumec



SMC is more than happy to announce that, after having followed up on this project for over a year, we have secured the newbuilding supervision for three 82,000 DWT bulk carriers and one 22,000 m³ LEG vessel for Sumec, one of the biggest state-owned companies in Jiangsu Province, China.

The three 82,000 DWT bulk carriers were half built by Dayang Shipyard. After the bankruptcy of Dayang, Sumec took over the vessels and will complete them under the supervision of SMC.

The 22,000 m³ LEG vessel newbuilding project was cancelled by the previous owner before the construction and will now be a full newbuilding project under SMC for both plan approval and site supervision.

Newbuilding project of four container ships with SITC

SMC is pleased to announce we have secured an agreement with SITC Shipowning Group Company, which is a subsidiary company of SITC International Holdings, China. SMC will provide plan approval and site supervision for their newbuilding project of four 2,400 TEU container ships to be constructed in Jiangsu New Yangzi Shipbuilding, China.

The plan approval has started right after the agreement signing, and site construction is scheduled to be carried out from October 2018 till April 2020 with a site team composed of five supervisors.

SITC International Holdings, headquartered in Hong Kong, is a leading shipping logistics company in intra-Asia area. It currently owns 65 container ships and 6 bulk carriers (data source: IHS Sea-Web).



First VLCC in Korea with Aeolos Management



In the middle of May, the supervision agreement for one 318,000 DWT VLCC was signed with Aeolos Management, Greece (also known as Andros Maritime with an operating office in London). The vessel, which is our very first VLCC in the Korean shipbuilding market, is under construction in Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering (DSME), Korea starting from July 2018 until July 2019.

Andros Maritime is a returning customer, as SMC has earlier done plan approval and supervision for them for three 6,700 TEU container vessels and four 9,000 TEU container vessels in Hyundai Samho, Korea. BSM also manages eight container vessels belonging to Andros Maritime.

BWTS retrofit project

SMC is pleased to announce that we are continuing with Ballast Water Treatment System (BWTS) retrofit management. On July 12, 2018, SMC carried out survey for a 20,600 m³ LPG Carrier, "Immanuel Schulte" at the jetty in Tuticorin, India. It was phase one of the BWTS retrofit program. During the survey, the following items have been inspected on board the vessel: possible locations for the installation of the different components, tie-in locations into existing piping systems, wire routing, cable penetrations and main switchboard for available space for additional breakers.

Forward part of the engine room (floor level and 3rd deck level) has been 3D scanned and proposal of possible lay-out and installation is under development.

The whole design process is expected to take 12 weeks, including Class approval process. All production documentation, including material specification, will be finished before the vessel's drydocking scheduled for October 2018. Installation process of BWTS will be carried out by repair yard and supervised by SMC.



On-site News

Delivery of two MR tankers at HMD

SMC is pleased to report delivery at Hyundai Mipo Dockyard, South Korea, of "TRENT", Hull No. 2630 and "ELANDRA MAPLE", Hull No. 8219, which are the second and the third units from the series of eight 50,000 DWT product/chemical tankers ordered by Union Maritime, United Kingdom.

The deliveries took place on August 17, 2018 and August 20, 2018 respectively. After delivery, technical management of the vessels will be by Latvian Shipping Company (LSC), Latvia.

Delivery of the last VLOC at GSI



SMC is pleased to report delivery of "FMG NORTHERN SPIRIT" on August 24, 2018 at Guangzhou Shipyard International, Nansha, China. It is the last unit from the series of four 261,000 DWT VLOCs ordered by Fortescue Metals Group, Australia.

The vessel is classed by Lloyds Register of Shipping and was built to Hong Kong flag requirements.

The construction for this vessel started in November 2016 and it has taken one year and nine months for its completion.

Delivery of the fourth Valemax at YZJ

On August 15, 2018, SMC is pleased to report the naming and delivery ceremony of MV "ORE TANGSHAN", Hull No. YZJ2015-2272 at Yangzi Xinfu Shipyard, which belongs to Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Group, China. This was the fourth unit from a series of six 400,000 DWT VLOCs ordered by ICBC Leasing, China and China Merchant, China.

The vessel is classed by Lloyds Register and CCS and was built to Hong Kong flag requirements.

