

Offshore Wind Services B.V. is in the process of certifying all its vessels under the MLC 2006 certificate, *Offshore Phantom* being the first one

The Crew transfer vessel *Offshore Phantom*, was successfully certified in accordance with the ILO's Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC 2006) last week. This vessel, owned by Offshore Wind Services (OWS), is operating out of IJmuiden and is the first of the fleet to be certified.

In order to maintain the high standards for Workships Contractors' (Workships) managed vessels and crew, Workships applied for the MLC 2006 certificate. The good team work between the crew of the *Offshore Phantom*, Crewing Manager Leenderd Spaans and Quality Control Officer Hong Kwan Lam lead to the successful hand over of the certificate. It was handed over at the Europort exhibition by auditor Thijs van der Wiel from marine surveyor company *Van Woerkom, Nobels en Ten Veen* to managing director Jan Dirk Hudig.

The ILO's Maritime Labour Convention 2006 provides comprehensive rights and protection at work for the world's more than 1.2 million seafarers. The Convention aims to achieve both decent employment standards for seafarers, as well as secure economic interests in fair competition for quality ship-owners. A Maritime Labour Certificate and a Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance are required to demonstrate compliance with the Convention for all ships in international trade.

Workships Contractors B.V. is the manager for Offshore Wind Services (OWS), as well as its subsidiary Offshore Wind Power Marine Services Ltd. (OWPMS). Workships provide commercial, operational and QHSE assistance from their offices in The Netherlands and the UK for the fleet of CTVs. Workships and OWS have an extensive track record in the offshore industry of 25 years and counts over 350.000 safe crew transfers in the Offshore Wind Industry since 2006. Presently they are operating CTVs in the UK, the Netherlands and Germany for companies such as Vattenfall, Dong Energy, RWE npower and ENECO.



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