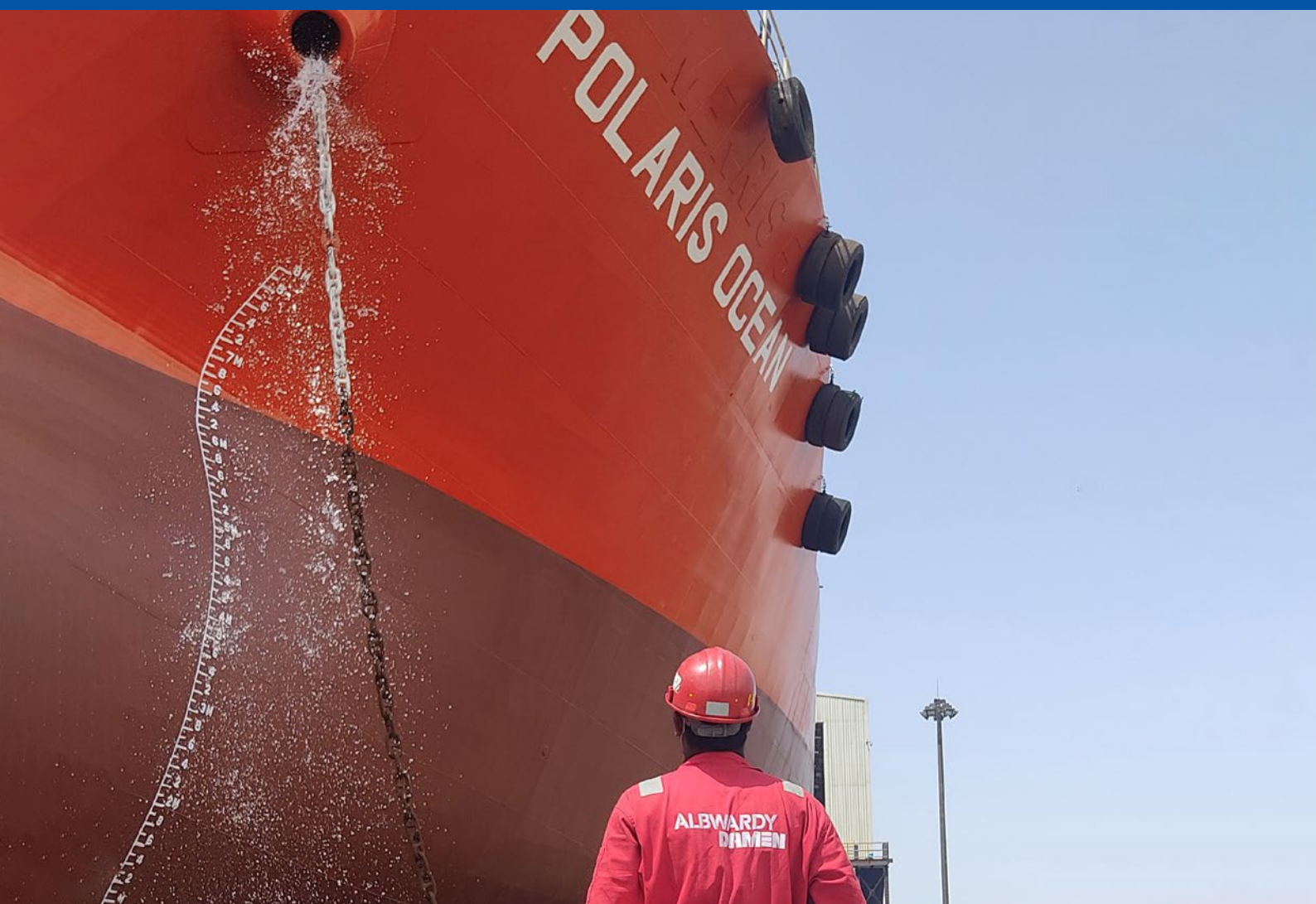


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FOREWORD

Dear Reader,

In the early part of 2020 when we were hit by the Covid 19, I was sure that coming to the 2021 summer, COVID-19 would be history. I was wrong BIG time, in the middle of the 2021 summer most countries are still fighting the pandemic. From the very beginning we saw a high commitment from the UAE government and that is still the case. This commitment has resulted in the possibility to vaccinate at a relative early state. From the beginning of 2021 we have pushed very hard within Albwardy Damen to get our people vaccinated and late April we had more than 90% of our staff vaccinated. The learning at the moment is that vaccination is by far the best protection you can get, BUT you can still contract the virus and you therefore have to keep your guards up. The new mutations of COVID-19 don't make it easier.

Our new building section has been busy with the two biggest vessels we have ever built. One Damen Multibuster 8020 meters shallow draft, diesel electric, DP2 multipurpose vessel and a 100 meter vessel built to full navy spec. Both of these two vessels will be ready by the end of 2021. During the first half 2021 we have had some interesting deliveries of new buildings, mainly to Abu Dhabi based customers, more details in this newsletter. That said also the new building market is tough at the moment and we are working hard to attract new orders.

Despite all the issues during the COVID-19 pandemic we have been able to keep the yard running and service all our customers. We have not seen any major conversions, but a steady workload within dockings and afloat repairs in Hamriyah. The loading in Dubai, Fujairah workshop and Fujairah diving has been fair. All operations still have a high focus on keeping safe from the pandemic.

Safety has, as always, our highest focus and we are very pleased to record 8 million man hours without LTI's. We all have to keep staying focused on both our own and our colleague's safety.

In June we were awarded with the "Best New Building Yard" at ShipTek International Awards 2021. We are very proud to receive this award and it reflects the effort and dedication of the full Albwardy Damen team.

In December and in connection with the UAE Maritime Week we will have the pleasure to invite you to the Albwardy Damen Open Day in line with earlier years. Special topics will be presented and a number of Damen vessels will be open for inspection. More information will follow in due time, we are looking forward to welcome you in Hamriyah in December.

I hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter. Should you have any comments or questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Take Care and Stay Safe,

Lars Seistrup
Managing Director

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DAMEN MULTIBUSTER 8020

Ready to launch

Damen Multibuster 8020 (DMB 8020), a complete Turnkey New building Project for Albwardy Damen is now getting ready to launch on 3rd August 2021 as planned. Vessel is currently at her final outfitting stage installed with all machineries, piping, carpentry outfits and HVAC. Final Cable Terminations in progress and she is having her final color on external hull.

Being a turnkey project with full responsibility on hand from Basic Design, Detail Engineering, Procurement and Production, this project is indeed a real challenge for the entire project team. DMB 8020 is a prototype vessel and being said, I have to agree that we have encountered many challenges in the project concerning engineering, procurement and production, but our team has effectively taken care of all the challenges and positively

we have built on learning from those challenges.

Shipbuilding in Covid pandemic is becoming a normal practice now, however at the peak of lock down all over the world in the beginning of the project, we had various challenges in supply chain to get the purchased equipment on time. We have encountered delay, however it has not much affected us in the planning. We have effectively adapted the building

strategies. Production was never affected by Covid pandemic, as our company effectively controlled the pandemic within our shipyard.

As the launching date is nearly approaching, complete team is excited as well as busy making her ready to start the precommissioning checks. We have planned 80 days of commissioning to take her to the deep sea for her performance in sea trials.

I on behalf of the entire project team fully believe that DMB 8020 will be a huge success and will serve as the mark that she definitely is the first but not the last turnkey project we will be doing in our yard.

Sajan Karolkuni
Project Manager – DMB 8020

Repairs on fishing vessels for Albacura SA: *Albacura Uno*, *Albatun Tres* and *Albacan*

Fishing vessels operating in the Indian Ocean have been frequenting Albwardy Damen from 2018 onwards for modifications and repairs. We therefore welcomed the first vessel from *Albacura SA* in November 2020. *Albacura Uno* is a 105 meter long fishing vessel. *Albacura Uno* was followed by two more fishing vessels *Albatun Tres* and *Albacan*.

Our Yard was contracted to undertake various jobs which included the following:

- Removing and repairs of main and auxiliary booms including the machining of boom pins and bushes.
- Servicing of fishing winches and machining jobs associated with them.
- Removal and repairs of cork stacker.
- Docking of skiff boats for various repairs.
- Hull repairs on the speed boats.
- Assistance to specialized jobs inside fish holds.
- Surface preparation inside fishing holds to the required standard.
- Sourcing Ammonia for the fishing holds.
- Stainless steel and aluminum renewal onboard the vessels.
- GRE piping renewal with our specialist engineers and technicians.

- Overhauling of alternators, thruster motors and several other motors.
- Funnel structure modification onboard *Albacura Uno*.
- Extensive cleaning and surface preparation inside tanks and around the vessels.

As always, there were challenges, fishing vessels are quite complex in terms of equipment and lack of space on board. Managing high standard of surface preparation inside fishing tanks, repairs to the lifting booms and their machining jobs, completion within the deadline were dealt with and overcome by the project team. On top of this we had the covid (travel) restrictions to deal with. Having all competency in-house once again proved a major success factor. ■



Albacan



Albatun Tres



Benjamin McCabe, Vessel Master; Pankaj Sah, Albwardy Damen Senior Project Engineer; Sergei Evseev, Chief Engineer

VOICE OF CUSTOMER

Holyhead Towing Company

With over 50 years of uninterrupted operation, Holyhead Towing Company has established a well-earned reputation as a skilled and trusted workboat operator.

Across the globe, the company's fleet of specialised ultra-shallow draft tugs, each one displaying their unique 'Welsh Dragon' livery, can be seen working on some of the World's most demanding marine projects.

Increasingly Holyhead vessels are active in the Middle east region, and they are a regular visitor to the Albwardy Damen Sharjah yard.

Vessels *Cybi Island*, *Afon Caradog*, *Afon Briant*, *Afon Menai*, *Bardsey Island* and *Meibion Island* visited the facility for docking and maintenance work since 2019.

James Hart, technical manager of Holyhead Towing said: "We've been using Albwardy Damen's facilities on a regular basis over the last two years and have since developed a close and trusted working relationship. The yard are extremely customer focused, understanding of our needs and always providing a high level of service."



James Hart

This last year has been extremely tough for us all, however Albwardy Damen's level of service has remained unchanged, communication with the project management team is excellent and all work is completed in a very safe and professional manor. Holyhead Towing looks forward to continuing our relationship with Albwardy Damen and we would certainly recommend this Shipyard to others."



New access road to Albwardy Damen Sharjah

At the end of 2020, Lamprell executives approached Damen Shipyard Sharjah management with a proposal to consider relocating the existing DSS access road to another location. After considering the technical side of this proposal and taking into account good neighborly relations with Lamprell and the Hamriya Freezone Port Administration, the company's management decided in favor of relocating the road.

The new road has moved around 500 meters, is 15 meters wide and enters DSS plot near the new fabrication workshop directly towards the main office – which is convenient for DSS employees and visitors.

Approaching through the Freezone visitors will note the Albwardy Damen signboard in its new location. The extended Guard House office space with all conditions

will pleasantly surprise the Security Staff and yard visitors. Also, following good landscaping practice to green the environment, trees have been planted as before on both sides of the new DSS Driveway, which is especially ideal in a hot industrial zone.

The handover of the new DSS access road is to take place within first week in July. ■



COVID-19

Impact and business continuity

The COVID-19 Pandemic that shook the World has become the highest risk to any business globally. Albwardy Damen is no exception and we have taken things very serious from early 2020, to protect our 1400 employees, our Customers and doing the utmost to continue our services in a safe and compliant manner.

As we have all seen it has been quite a challenge to try and manage businesses, lockdowns, Covid rules etc, and as Albwardy we decided to focus on three main Covid related challenges:

- To keep our people healthy and safe at all locations;
- To keep the business running;
- To meet the frequently changing directives from Authorities.

One of our first actions was to start a massive awareness campaign, handing out free sanitizers to staff and guests and step up our cleaning protocols. Our second action was to expand our workers accommodation, as this allowed for a quarantine area and ensure greater “Social Distancing” for the residents of the accommodation.

The impact on our Customers was no different as Owners, Owners’ representatives and Service Engineers etc got caught up in lockdowns or flight restrictions.

The most affected was the way we work:

- Working in a “bubble” was something we did not know pre-COVID.
- Masks, temperature control and workers’ health monitoring being enforced.
- Social distancing rule required more work spaces to be created.
- Company IT System upgrades due to people working outside the office network.

- Working in two shifts of office working hours – no massing up. Less workers to be in contact with one another.
- Rigid control of “bussed” workers from one Emirate to the other affected us. Even though we are categorised as an essential industry we had many discussions at the checkpoints between the various Emirates.
- Some vessels demanded COVID-free certs from assigned job technicians.

Vaccination is one of the major solutions to manage Covid-19. We encouraged and put a lot of effort into getting all our people vaccinated as soon as vaccines became available. We are very proud that to date 90%+ of our people have been vaccinated!

The COVID-19 episode is far from over, with new variants coming up, countries are still in lockdown and people very far away from their families for over 2 years. It will have a lasting impact as the whole world is still trying to adjust to the impact on persons, on business, on homes, on relationships, on lifestyle itself.

Stay safe!

Fresh Graduates Induction Training

A batch of six fresh graduates have ended their half-year induction training in the company.

This induction training, which is mandatory for every fresh graduate that joins Albwardy Damen, is designed to properly soak the new employee that comes after his/her graduation, into the AlbwardyDamen system of operation. The induction training includes every activity of Albwardy Damen business, from job enquiry to invoicing the job in shiprepair, newbuilding, all key processes, support processes, and measuring processes. Also full involvement in manual skills such as welding, cutting, grinding, machining, blasting/ painting basics. ■



Picture shows the trainees after a session in sales and marketing process. They are from left to right: Shobhith B. (24), B-Tech in Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding, APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University; Jack Edward McCarrick (25), Higher National Diploma, Marine Engineering from Scottish Qualifications Authority; Jai Singh Mehta (24), B.E Mechanical (Hons.) from BITS Pilani, Dubai; Emil Akumah, Training Manager; Willem Moelker, Marketing Director; Ashfaque M. A. (24); Arjun M.(24) and Ashique M. (24) - all 3 with B. Tech in Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding, Cochin University of Science & Technology (CUSAT) Kerala, INDIA

Super Duplex Steels / Scrubber Material Welding Training

We see the use of special piping materials going up, to some extent driven by scrubber installations. Considering this as a business opportunity the Management decided we will have to train our people to meet the requirements to work with these materials.

The Training Team has therefore been given five Welders for this and the Management readily gave the budgetary approval. On June 28, the welding skills application of the Welders were then examined on the job by the Bureau Veritas (BV)'s Vladimir Lobachev, Marine Surveyor, Bureau Veritas - Marine & Offshore Department.

Picture shows the Welders with the BV Surveyor plus the Training Manager Emil, the Welding Engineer Tissan and the Welding Trainer Anzil with their Test specimen after their visual examination. ■



Summer safety during New Normal



Best practices to prevent Heat-Related illnesses amid COVID-19

During the summer (hot and humid), the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has brought new risks and uncertainty to the work environment. Under guidance from the local legislation and company governance, workers are advised to use masks while at work. However, these COVID-19 safety procedures may limit the ability to detect signs of heat stress amongst co-workers, so it's important for the management to account for these conditions in heat safety procedures.

Heat-related illnesses include heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat syncope heat cramps and heat rashes. Hot working environment (summer heat) combined with high amount of water vapor in the environment (humidity) is the common cause of all heat related illnesses.

Wearing a mask may contribute

Wearing a face mask – including the N95 for job specific – may negatively impact an individual's heart rate and thermoregulation and can magnify the risks of heat injuries / illnesses by raising body temperature and making it seem warmer and difficult to breathe. Given the added heat-related

complications of wearing a face covering with the continuing coronavirus pandemic, every person in a workplace should be trained and familiar with best practices for identifying, preventing and responding to heat illnesses.

Provision of first aid facilities and work to create an optimally safe work environment by identifying and controlling heat hazards. Albwardy Damen provides safe working conditions for their employees, and this includes creating an illness prevention plan with training (Beat the Heat campaign) and supervision to help lower the risk of heat-related injury and illness.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, added safety precautions must be incorporated into heat illness prevention practices. For example, although it is vital that employees stay hydrated, they should never share water bottles as it could further spread the virus. Likewise, though employees must ensure acclimatization and take regular breaks to avoid overexertion in high heat, they should maintain social distancing protocols as far as practicable when doing so.

As it is harder to spot the signs of heat stress when co-workers

have their faces covered, workers should verbally communicate with one another about their conditions throughout the day, verbally assessing signs of overheat exposure in place of visual cues.

In addition, the supervision should be close monitoring of the working conditions.

In case of injury / illness

If a worker sustains a heat-related injury / illness on the job, immediately take steps to help cool them down and seek medical attention. The person administering first aid should be well aware of the situations that could contribute to the spread of COVID-19, hence all necessary precautions shall be followed while facilitating first aid.

The summer period is unprecedented. Not only is it projected to be hot and humid, but with the addition of COVID-19 safety precautions, many workplace heat-related illness and injury risks could increase. With the proper awareness and safety procedures in place, many workplace heat-related incidents could be prevented. Thus, the managers and employees need to work together to create the best possible on-the-job work conditions for optimal safety. ■



Dubai Maritime City Repairs

Nothing has escaped the impact of Covid-19 and ship repair is no exception. Securing conversion projects on back-to-back basis from prestigious client Rawabi Vallianz during the pandemic period, amidst competitive environment was indeed an added feather to the cap.

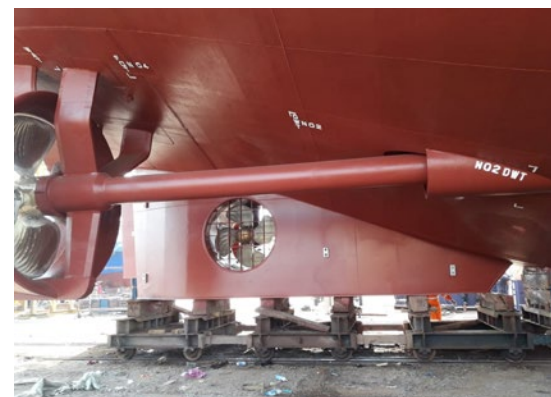
Albwardy Damen (DMC), proved their ability to complete mega repair and conversion project on time and to the fullest satisfaction of the Client, our decades of experience, inner strength, resources and technological innovations paved ways to address the pandemic challenges and meticulously deliver the challenging project in committed time frame.

Structural modifications including a new skeg, installing new thruster & the necessary automation for

the DP II upgrade was carried out successfully on three Rawabi Vessels. The restrictions due to Covid which had an impact on supply chain and logistical issues were dealt with the help of concrete planning and proactive decisions. OEMs in different parts of the world were contacted via video conferencing for their expert advice as needed overtime.

The undermining threshold which was anticipated due to Covid had been overshadowed by our team's relentlessly diligent effort to

succeed and discover our hidden strength. And what matters at the end is a quality work and a happy Client...■



AFLOAT REPAIRS

Cap Carmel Afloat Repairs in Jebel Ali

In Q1 2021 Maersk Hamburg awarded Albwardy Damen Dubai Afloat Repairs on board the *Cap Carmel*. This is a 208m long geared container ship.

The vessel was on the Jebel Ali Repair berth for a period of 25 days during which the following works was carried out:

- Renewal of ballast lines, valves and pressure testing
- Underwater Blanking and renewal of bottom plate
- Cell guide renewal
- Renewal of cargo hold ladders in various holds
- Crane boom rest renewal and crane cabin repairs
- Various steel repair on deck
- Replacement of container sockets
- Replacement of accommodation drain lines
- Renewal of tank manhole
- Replacement of freshwater line from MS pipes to PPR pipes
- Repairing of aluminum gangway

The most challenging job was to renew the crane boom rest as we had to fabricate the new boom rest at Damen Shipyard Sharjah and transport to Jebel Ali port in 1 piece, remove the old boom rest and install new boom rest by using 250 tons shore in an extremely compressed time period.

Planning and good co-ordination / Cooperation with our customer resulted in both these projects being completed within agreed schedule, to the quality expected, and to the full satisfaction of client. ■



FUJAIRAH REPAIRS

Deck crane jib repairs - Khorfakkan port

A major repair has been carried out on the jib of a 30T SWL deck crane on board the Simge Aksoy in Q2 2021 on a repair berth in Khorfakkan Port.

The vessel's deck cargo crane # 1 jib was damaged in mid-section. The vessel was in laden condition and on very tight Voyage schedule. After job order agreement with client, vessel was brought at Khorfakkan Port berth.

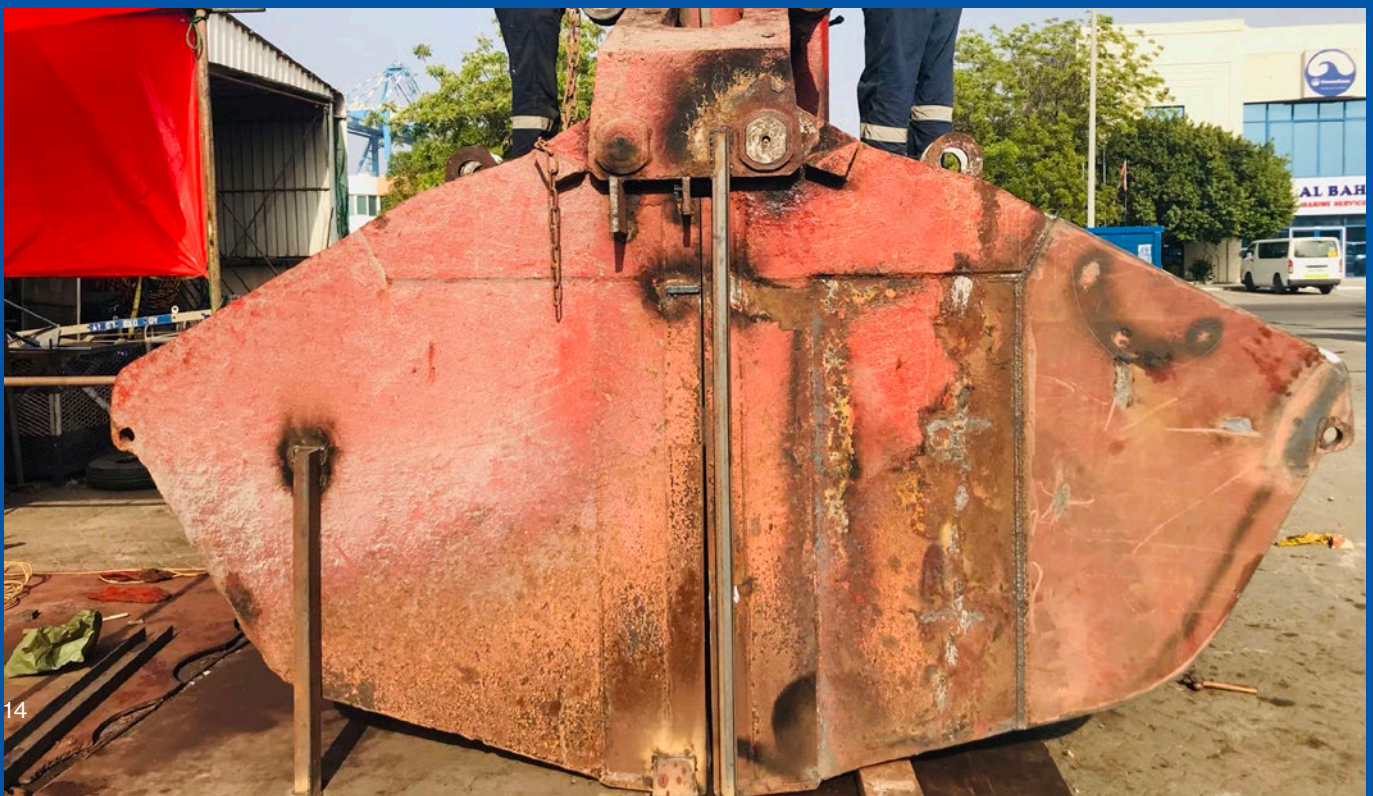
The repair team was mobilized with all required materials and boarded the vessel upon berthing. Albwardy Damen coordinated with the vessel's management team and the port authorities, then commenced the repair. The team erected staging for removal of pins and cargo block. With the help of vessel's deck crane # 2, team removed damaged jib of crane # 1 and positioned on the deck hatch cover.

After positioning the jib on deck, a joint inspection was carried out with class and the shipowner's representative and the actual repair works identified were much more than the initial estimation.

It was also noticed that, grab was also in poor mechanical condition. After discussions with client, repair works on jib started onboard and grab was shifted to our Fujairah workshop for repairs.

Works were continued on a 24/7 basis and both repairs were completed successfully within agreed time schedule.

During the work execution, we had utilized in house manpower and facilities from Fujairah, Dubai and Hamriyah to complete the job in agreed time frame. ■



GRE piping jobs onboard *Albacura Uno*

Albwardy Damen's specialist team of trained and certified engineers and technicians for NOV fiber glass systems were recently called to attend one in-house GRE pipe (Glass Reinforced Epoxy) renewal jobs onboard vessel *Albacura Uno* at Damen Shipyard Sharjah.

We can offer engineers and technicians who built their experience from working with GRE systems. We are mainly focused to attend the NOV glass reinforced epoxy pipes who are able to carry out professional GRE pipe renewal, repair and retrofit services onboard vessels.

His Enquiry came from our customer *Albacura B.V.* for GRE pipe renewal jobs in engine room last January 2021. Vessel had been intending to change all their engine room Seawater pipes to GRE pipes. However due to vessel's tight schedule at yard,

the Client decided to renew only some of the massive piping into GRE system.

After the Client's official confirmation, we removed all existing steel pipes from vessel and brought to our GRE pipe workshop. From there we prepared proper jig arrangements of all existing lines.

Existing pipe lines measurements were taken and recorded. Client then supplied all required GRE pipes and fittings which was NOV Bondstrand 2000 M series and the required epoxy adhesives.

Our GRE Team then produced new GRE spools/ pieces as per datasheets and pipe manufacture guidelines in line with standard drawings as per NOV data sheets. Upon completion of the new GRE spools at workshop, we pressure tested as per manufacturer recommended test pressure limits which were successfully completed without any leakages. These newly fabricated GRE pipes were then transferred to vessel and installed onboard with proper supports.

We completed the job with a great joy as everything went well and we found customer happy with end results and the quality of project. ■



Female Emiratis in our Workforce



► **Bashayer Almazemi (left)**

Although I am new in Damen, I furthered and completed my high school degree, planning to end up in Business Administration.

At work here I am lucky to be surrounded by all these amazing people especially those related to my work here in the Company, and learning from each and everyone.

► **Mariam Alhossani (centre)**

I am born in Dubai but raised in Sharjah. My background is graphic design. I joined AlBwardy in November 2020 and I am lucky to be working in this special Company, where ships are built and also repaired. I have learned a lot throughout this time and still learning and enjoying my work.

► **Aminah Altamimi (right)**

From my first day at the Company until now, I can say joyfully that I have been all over, trying to accomplish, to learn, and am still learning. I just love my work and treating people and their kind manner with me.

Sales Manager



► **Mohammad Hassan**

Our slogan of the year is “ship must sail”, an inspiration for all AlBwardy Damen team to excel and collaborate together as a one team to achieve the unified aim to sail a vessel in 2021.

I joined last year as Sales Manager and have enriched my experience further in the field particularly in marine retail business (locally and in the Middle East) and as an ex-marine engineer on commercial ships.

Our Management Team set an exceptional example of leaders to the staff (among all levels) reflecting a positive attitude and customer service, which attract the customers to our shipyard and be their favorite and trustworthy partner.

Ten years with Damen



► Manoj Kumar

2021 marks a decade (ten years) that I am within the Damen Group hence it is a special year for me. At the peak of the Pandemic Fright when Visa/Travel restrictions were in place, then came a relocation need for me, from Qatar to UAE which I found very difficult. I sincerely thank Albwardy Damen Management for understanding the situation and supporting me to overcome all the obstacles before finally joining here. It was quite smooth for me to adapt to the work environment here and I never felt that I am new here. Not only was it due to the presence of some ex-colleagues from Nakilat Damen Shipyards, Qatar and the familiarity with Damen Newbuild Systems; but also the warm welcoming attitude of all the employees of Albwardy Damen.

I joined Albwardy Damen as the Engineering Project Manager responsible for Newcon Engineering Team; managing Detailed Engineering/Work Preparation and Production support.

Graduating as Naval Architect in 1995, I worked in the Marine Industry (Shipyards, Engineering Consultancies & Classification Society) at different Management levels dealing with New build/Conversions of Commercial Vessels and Mega/Super Yacht New builds and refits. With the experience gained over the past 25 plus years, I look forward to guide/motivate and develop the team to the next level and add value to the Organization.

Apart from work, I also look forward to be with my family and friends in UAE, which is a home away from home.

Ship Manager



► Omar Wais

My friendship with Albwardy Damen team goes back to years ago when I was a Technical Superintendent with Bourbon Offshore and I am happy that we are working again as a team when I joined Albwardy Damen early this year as ship manager.

I am a Lloyds certified technical superintendent and PMI certified project manager holding a B. Sc Degree in Mechanical engineering and a University of Liverpool Masters in Business Administration.

I held different roles in the Marine industry with main focus on project management and ship management as Technical superintendent, and I am happy to have the opportunity to contribute to the value creation in Albwardy Damen Repair Operations. It is even more dynamic, dealing with different vessels, different designs and different clients and each project comes with its challenges, I enjoy working through these challenges and finding with my colleagues creative way to achieve our goals.

I am social by nature so please don't hesitate to say Hi and ask for help, it would make me happy to assist always.

I am happily living in the beautiful and sunny Dubai, enjoying the life with my wife and daughter and her little dog.

DIVING

In-situ repair of scrubber overboard line

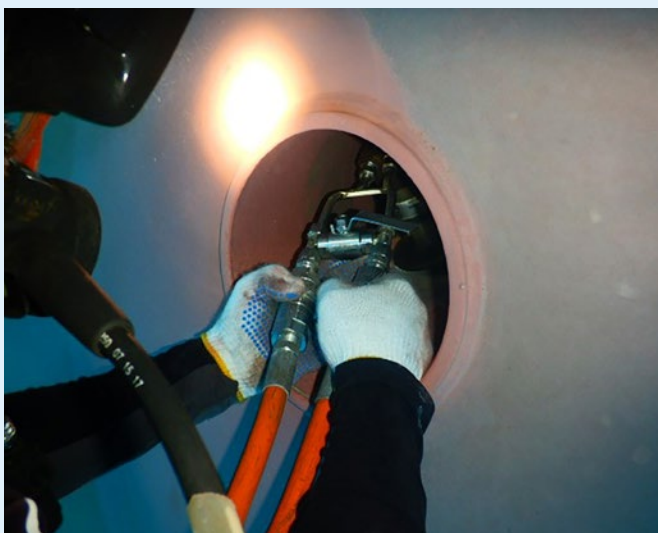
With the rise of scrubber installations globally our repair portfolio is expanding as the overboard lines from scrubber installations need regular inspection and maintenance.

Our diving team regularly inspects and repairs scrubber overboard lines, all recorded by CCTV camera and reports back to Owners / Managers.

One of the interesting jobs this year was the underwater grinding repair of overboard pipe of Vessel M/T *Tenzan* by the Albwardy Diving team. The job was carried out to full satisfaction of the owners and showcases the skill and innovation of our diving team.

Sheene Robert Odbina

Photos below were taken during and after the underwater grinding repair of overboard pipe





Damen Services Middle East

As part of the Damen philosophy to “Think Global, Act Local” the drive to expand local presence close to the customer has seen the introduction of Damen Service Hubs worldwide.

Understanding the local language and culture can be a major asset when dealing with clients; each will have their own way of expressing themselves or expectations of their vessel. By managing these subtle differences in a local setting with a prompt reaction time will only strengthen the aspiration to be a trusted partner.

The benefits for Damen Services to have a strong locally organization through which customers can contact us more direct and be available in the same time zone. All hub organizations have a very strong customer focus and our local team is highly motivated as they experience a high level of

freedom to act in order to meet customer requirements.

Damen Services Middle-East has its offices at Albwardy Damen Shipyard in Hamriyah, Sharjah. Here we have a multi-disciplined and highly skilled team, which has been expanded over the last three years to support our customers with commissioning, warranty handling, technical assistance including refits and parts’ sales. The development of this hub is very strong and positive and we have established a solid position in the Gulf Region next to, but also together with Albwardy Damen Shipyard. The importance of local agile organizations has been more important than ever before during the Covid Pandemic, where Damen Services has been able to continue our mission to provide a responsive local solution to our Clients.

At Damen Services Middle-East we believe strongly in setting up a

robust network and services in the Gulf Region. In last few months, we have expanded our capabilities and reach with the addition of three new team members;

- A parts sales engineer selling our competitively priced brands, from amongst others CAT, Kongsberg, Reintjes, Volvo, MTU, Praxis etc.
- An Automation and Electrical and Software Engineer to support our status as Praxis Automation service and parts center.
- A Project Manager to be able to sustain the continued growth and keep the quality at the desired high level with increasing volume.

Our aim is always to work together with our clients, we feel that long-term commitment is in both our interests. It is important to us that you can continue to rely on Damen, whatever happens and wherever you are. That’s our guarantee. ■



ADNOC Logistics and Services acquires six line boats as company boosts in-country value of operations

ADNOC Logistics & Services (ADNOC L&S), the shipping and maritime logistics arm of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), announced the acquisition of six Line Boats that will be used to provide critical marine services across petroleum ports in Abu Dhabi. All boats were procured from Sharjah-based Albwardy Damen, as part of ADNOC Group's commitment to boost in-country value across its operations.

The vessels acquired by ADNOC L&S are all Damen Stan Tug 1606 type, Damen's flagship compact tug from the Damen Stan Tug series. Line boats are multipurpose boats used by ADNOC L&S' Logistics and Marine Services for pushing and towing operations, hose line handling and berthing duties.

The steel hulled, twin screw vessels are powered by two Caterpillar C18 engines providing 1216 bhp horse power with nearly 16 tonnes bollard pull. Nearly a hundred Damen Stan Tug 1606 type vessels are currently in operation by leading maritime logistics companies worldwide.

Captain Abdulkareem Al Masabi, CEO of ADNOC L&S, said: "The acquisition of these state-of-the-art Line Boats from Albwardy Damen is in keeping with our strategy of enriching the ADNOC L&S fleet for highly specialized marine services, including comprehensive port operations for customers in the UAE and worldwide. Additionally, we are committed to boost the in-country value of our operations by contributing to the development of high-end shipbuilding and repair capabilities within the UAE. The country is emerging as a global hub for maritime and shipping operations, and we will continue harnessing the environment for shipping and affiliated sectors through such targeted capital expenditure."



the UAE, which offers niche services for the maritime industry.”

The design and build work for the new-build vessels was undertaken entirely in the UAE. Albwardy Damen is a subsidiary of Damen Shipyards Group, a Netherlands-headquartered global shipbuilding, defence and engineering services company with 36 shipbuilding and repair yards across the world, including in the UAE. Damen Shipyards has previously delivered 33 vessels to ADNOC Group across all its operating companies.

The tender for acquiring vessels was floated in November 2019 and the contract was awarded to Albwardy Damen in July last year. Four of the vessels were delivered in May this year and another two were delivered in June 2021.

Pascal Slingerland, Regional Sales Director - Middle East for Albwardy Damen, said: “We are grateful for the long-lasting relationship with ADNOC Group. We have invested heavily in our UAE base with new shipbuilding and ship repair facilities so we can support the full range of repairs and requirements during the lifetime of the vessel. This includes the construction of new boats in the UAE and drydocking in addition to Damen Services Team in

ADNOC L&S is in the midst of a strategic expansion program, to offer a broader service to its customers while supporting and enabling the growth of ADNOC’s upstream production capacity and the expansion of its downstream and petrochemical operations. Last year, ADNOC L&S signed a 25-year agreement with Petroleum Ports Authority to service all petroleum ports in Abu Dhabi. ■

On the signing picture from left to right:

Mr. Khalfan Al Ali, Manager, Marine Projects (OMS), ADNOC; Mr. Vivek Seth, Senior Vice President, Marine Services, ADNOC; Mr. Lars Seistrup, Managing Director Albwardy Damen; Mr. Pascal Slingerland, Regional Sales Director Damen Shipyards



AWARD

Albwardy Damen recognised as Best New Building Yard at ShipTek Awards 2021

Albwardy Damen, a leading provider of shipbuilding and ship repair services in the marine, and oil and gas related industries in the Middle East, was recognised as the Best New Building Yard at the 14th edition of the ShipTek International Awards 2021, held in Dusit Thani Hotel, Dubai, on June 7, 2021. The award was received by Willem Moelker, sales & marketing director, Albwardy Damen.

The ShipTek International Maritime Awards has established itself as one of the most distinguished events in the maritime, offshore and oil & gas sectors. The 14th edition of the awards recognised significant industry players who contributed to the sector's growth, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting market disruption.

Wide range of services

Albwardy Damen aims to improve the efficiency of its operations and develop strong client relationships by providing high safety standards and excellent services in line with its promise and commitment to its customers. Its services include newbuilding of steel and aluminum vessels, as well as marine, and oil & gas asset maintenance and servicing. Its services are offered in all of the UAE's major ports and anchorages, as well as in the Sultanate of Oman. Moreover, it provides its clients all around the world with docking services, ship repair, conversion services, afloat and voyage repairs, 3D scanning, and new building. Furthermore, the company's diving services and anchor recoveries division in Fujairah serves ports and anchorages across the UAE and provides services such as underwater hull cleaning.

Commenting on the company's achievement at ShipTek 2021, Lars Seistrup, managing director of Albwardy Damen, said, "2020 was a very challenging year for all of us due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Having said that, it was also one of the busiest years ever for our newbuilding department. Our schedule was packed with the construction and delivery of two vessels of almost 100 metres length each. Having worked so hard over the past one and a half years of the pandemic, it is a great honour to be given this award"

Advancing with modern facilities and a skilled team

Albwardy Damen has state-of-the-art facilities for the construction of all types of modern and complex vessels. Damen Shipyards Group has built over 200 vessels for the Middle Eastern Market since 1969, many of which are still in service. The company employs over 1300 highly experienced and skilled professionals from 26 different nationalities and has an extensive engineering section devoted to repairing and construction of vessels to the highest technical and environmental standards. It is also certified by LRQA for ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001.

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Lars Seistrup

Albwardy Damen's primary goal has always been to provide the highest level of services to its clients. The company's success over the last ten years is a testament to a never-ending pursuit of technological innovation and commitment to services tailored to our customers."

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International Conference & Awards

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Venue: Al Wasl Ballroom, Dusit Thani Hotel, Dubai





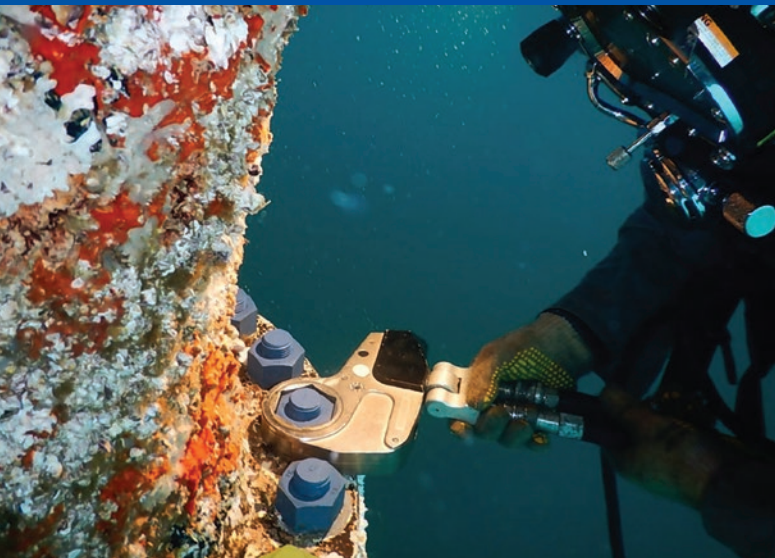
Ship repair

Since 1978, Albwardy Damen has been providing a complete package of professional ship repair, shipbuilding and marine engineering services.



Afloat repairs

CDC & BOSIET Certified Riding squads are available to meet customer requirements on board vessels.



Diving services

Albwardy Diving Services is headquartered in Fujairah from where it serves the UAE Ports, Anchorages and beyond.



New building

Supported by Damen quality building technology we build Damen as well as non-Damen designs in steel and aluminum up to 120 metres.

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