

Anchor Industries successfully completed over 50 spooling projects during 2009

Supplier of marine and offshore mooring as well as lifting and rigging equipment in Southern Africa, Anchor Industries has successfully completed over 50 spooling projects during 2009.

October was a busy month for Anchor Industries with the completion of several large spooling projects for a Petroleum Supply Co, DCD Dorbyl, Svitzer Salvage and the MV Subiksha from Mumbai. Combined, the projects were valued in excess of R1 million.

Each spooling project has its own challenges but generally the critical challenges are the safety aspects, tight deadlines within which to complete a project and the lack of space within which to work.

Each project came with specific requirements and presented unique challenges. The projects are:

Pride South Pacific – Petroleum Supply Co.

Anchor Industries completed this spooling project within three weeks. The trained staff managed the PSP spooling unit to spool off four 3 050m steel wire ropes (SWR) with a 89mm diameter and weighing 103 090kg per length. The scope of work included removal, refurbishment and re-socketing of ball sockets for each length.

Kissama Barge

The eight day project onboard the Kissama Barge that was completed for DCD Dorbyl entailed spooling off eight 1 000m SWR with a 52mm diameter, each length weighing 10 500kg. Thereafter DCD Dorbyl refurbished the winches and the SWR was re-spooled onto drums.

Svitzer Salvage – MV Indomitable

Within a two-day period Anchor Industries staff spooled off 720m of the main tow wire with a 48mm diameter and spooled on new SWR for the vessel. The project was completed with the re-socketing of the SWR.

MV Subiksha

This challenging project entailed spooling off 1500m SWR with a 89mm diameter weighing 50 700kg on board the MV Subiksha. Under a tight time schedule the project was completed overnight with the setup and placement of the spooling unit and SWR reel on the vessel done from 19h30 until 24h00. Thereafter the spooling was done from 05h45 until 18h30 the following day and the vessel was ready to sail in the early hours of the next morning.

Anchor Industries is equipped to handle large projects as they have two fully contained spooling units, that is, a 40T capacity and a 110T capacity unit with back tension and full range of jack stands to enable spooling onto rigs and various other vessels. Both units operate without the need for shore power which makes it easier and more efficient to use for on-site spooling projects.

“Safety is a very important aspect in this industry. When completing large projects we must ensure that all staff are fully trained and that all socketing procedures adhere to international standards. Our goal is not to be the biggest supplier but to be the best at what we do,” says Dale Hutcheson, Managing Director of Anchor Industries.

“Our comprehensive stockholding of large sized sockets, ferrules, thimbles and steel wire rope enables us to provide a complete service at any time,” says Hutcheson.

In line with their continued emphasis on quality and reliability, Anchor Industries has formed partnerships and alliances with major equipment suppliers worldwide; and is the only stockist and supplier of anchors in Southern Africa. All Anchor Industries offshore mooring equipment is available for rental or sale and testing services are an integral part of Anchor Industries’ service offering. All equipment and procedures are strictly controlled through the DNV approved ISO9001:2000 Quality Management System.

For more information visit www.anchors.co.za.

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Facts and Figures Anchor Industries:

- The only stockist and supplier of offshore chains and anchors in Southern Africa
- Over 15 years experience in the marine, mooring and lifting industry
- The only stockists of rental mooring equipment in Southern Africa

- Internationally recognised as having an independently audited DNV approved ISO 9001:2000 quality management system – Det Norske Veritas (DNV)
- All SWR slings are made to either EN13414 or SANS7531 specifications and chain slings to EN818 or SANS7593 specifications
- Proven track record both locally and internationally on big projects such as De Beers Marine, PetroSA, Intermoor and the Dalia FPSO

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