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Lloyd's Register supports OFFCON GmbH with their innovative Offshore Service Catamarans

Lloyd's Register (LR) has signed an agreement with OFFCON GmbH to approve their new design for the prototype of an Aluminium Catamaran as Offshore Wind Industry Service Workboat.

The design concept is based on an innovative suspension system from the Australian Nauti Craft PTY, connecting both hulls and the platform deck to significantly reduce response amplitudes in a seaway. The construction of the prototype as well as the serial production will be carried out by Wallaby Boats GmbH.

Operations of the workboat will be offshore crew transfer, transport of equipment as well as offshore survey. Incorporating the suspension concept, OFFCON GmbH works on further design variants for different applications.

About OFFCON GmbH

OFFCON GmbH based in Kappeln, Germany was founded 1989 by Capt. Dipl.-Ing. Harald Hübner and Capt. Dipl.-Ing. Ralf Tewes. Originally, the company's main focus was on providing training and the development of training and operations documentation, for the company's main client, China Petroleum Corporation (CPC) in Taiwan. OFFCON provided training in seabed research (SONAR and MAD) and in deep diving operations (air and mixed gas) and in the use of ROVs. Nowadays, OFFCON provides a wide variety of marine services. The company has focused on servicing the European wind farm sector since its beginnings in the late 1990s. OFFCON has contributed to various offshore wind projects in northern Europe. OFFCON operates guard vessels and CTV for offshore construction sites and provides engineering and quality advice. At the end of 2019 OFFCON had 50 employees. www.offcon24.de

About Wallaby Boats

The Wallaby Boats GmbH is a ship building company founded in 2020 with the main purpose of building the Wallaby Boats between 14 and 18 meters of length. The company is based in Kappeln (Germany) and is using production facilities in Bremen, Nortorf and Olpenitz for the WB-18. The WB-14 will be produced in Olpenitz (Germany), Nortorf (Germany) and Fåborg (Denmark). Wallaby Boats GmbH is 98% owned by OFFCON GmbH and 2% owned by employees. OFFCON GmbH is privately owned by Capt. Dipl.-Wirtsch. -Ing. Harald Hübner. www.wallaby-boats.de

About Nauti-Craft

Nauti-Craft Pty Ltd is a Dunsborough, West Australia based research and development company focused on the design and development of the Nauti-Craft™ marine suspension system. This patented technology separates the vessel's hulls from the deck and superstructure via a 'passive reactive' interlinked hydraulic system which provides increased levels of ride comfort, control and stability.

www.nauti-craft.com

About Lloyd's Register (LR)

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