

# Four for Adriatic terminal

Further to the rumour reported in the *Euro Yard Focus* in the September/October edition of *IT&S*, it is now confirmed that Bogazici Shipping has two more of its 32.50m CintranaVal-Defcar designed ASD tugs under construction.

Sisters to *Smit Europe* (see *IT&S* July/August 2007) and the even more recent *Smit Africa*, these vessels are scheduled for delivery in June and July 2008 for the Adriatic LNG terminal. Another pair of tugs are being built in Italy for the same terminal with a slated delivery of August and September 2008 respectively.

The Italian built vessels will be of almost identical CintranaVal-Defcar design but with closed stern,

a single-drum towing winch (but with reel winder below) and a deck crane. A bow thruster is not to be installed. The hulls are to be built at CN Vittoria in Rovigo and fitted out at Cantieri San Marco in La Spezia.

In an interesting diversion, *Smit Africa* was re-routed, immediately after delivery, to the Red Sea at Ras Shukeir to take part in the salvage of *MOL Discovery* which grounded there.

