

SAN FRANCESCO AT DELIVERED

Boğaziçi Denizcilik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş. or shortly "Bogazici Shipping" has delivered a new ASD terminal-escort tug "San Francesco AT" ex-Bogazici-4. Designed by CintranaVal-Defcar, the vessel is the second tug of a pair built for the new owner; Adriatic Towage S.r.l. who is a new joint venture established by the well known and successful towage company Smit of Rotterdam and its Italian partner Rimorchiatori Riuniti Panfido after obtaining an exclusive 25 year contract for the provision of services at the new regasification plant being built in the northern Adriatic.



The vessel's basic and class designs are derived with some alterations from existing well proven "65+ Bogazici Escort Serie" which has been exclusively designed by CintranaVal-Defcar for Bogazici Shipping.

The all welded steel construction vessel is certified by Bureau Veritas with I XHULLX MACH; Salvage tug; Fire fighting ship-1; -water spraying; Unrestricted navigation; XAUT – UMS. notations and is capable to provide the following services ; Berthing and unberthing of vessels at harbour premises, Pull and push during vessels mooring manoeuvres, Escort services, Salvage

services, Tandem Towing, Open sea and harbour Tug services from the stern, Fire Fighting Services, 3 x 20' container carrying. Source : Boğaziçi Denizcilik A.Ş.

Alcock left with four ships as Norwegian buyer backs out

Ashdown (Gujarat) Ltd, the shipbuilding firm owned by the Gujarat government, has been left with four ships after a Norwegian buyer walked away from a Rs301 crore deal citing high costs even as tight credit lines and a deteriorating global economy cut freight rates, forcing fleet owners to cancel ship orders globally. Alcock Ashdown is now scouting for a new buyer for the four chemical tankers each with a capacity to carry 12,800 tonnes of cargo. The state-owned shipbuilder had started constructing the four ships for Seatankers Management Co. Ltd, owned by Norwegian shipping tycoon John Fredriksen.

"Due to some reasons Alcock Ashdown and Seatankers recently decided to mutually close the contract. We are now looking for a suitable buyer who is interested to get the vessels built on profit-sharing basis with us or on fixed-cost basis," said an executive at Alcock Ashdown, who asked not to be identified citing company policies regarding speaking to the media. The executive did not elaborate on the reasons.