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MARINVEST INVESTED IN IMPROVED SAFETY –ALTERNATIVE PROPULSION ALLOWS MAIN ENGINE MAINTENANCE WHILE AT BERTH

The LR1 product tanker Maribel equipped with the Marininvest Alternative Propulsion System (MAPS) conducted a successful demonstration of the award winning system at Vopak Oil Rotterdam. As a result Vopak Oil Rotterdam has decided that, vessels moored on one of their jetties and equipped with a certified and approved MAPS are allowed to do maintenance on their main propulsion without standby tug boat assistance.

“We have been in dialogue with Vopak since the autumn 2009 regarding the MAPS and have found Vopak Oil Rotterdam to be a very safety and environmentally oriented company. Their decision is a quality stamp for our alternative propulsion system”, says Patrik Mossberg, Vice-President of Marininvest.

The Marininvest Alternative Propulsion system is currently in full commercial use on four LR1 Product tankers. The system takes power from the hydraulic cargo system and has attained speeds up to 10 knots in tests. It is a cost effective measure to gain the advantage of a “take me home device” as well as the possibility to do planned main engine maintenance without going off-hire.

“Vopak believes in industry collaboration to improve safety and environmental protection, the process with Marininvest is a good example of ship shore collaboration benefitting the energy transportation industry as a whole”, says Sjaak Exalto, Project Manager Operational Excellence, Vopak Oil EMEA.

“As a world-class port, The Port of Rotterdam stimulates innovative ideas and ground-breaking solutions. Co-operation with industry players is key – the alternative propulsion system from Marininvest is a good example of innovation and a solution that improves maintenance and safety of slow speed two stroke engines”, says Ben van Scherpenzeel, Director Nautical Developments, Policy and Plans.

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