

PRESS RELEASE

ROSETTI DELIVERS NEW 10,800-HP VESSEL *ALMISAN* TO AUGUSTA OFFSHORE

On Saturday **26 February 2011**, beginning at 11:30 AM, at the Rosetti shipyard on Via Classicana in San Vitale, Rosetti Marino S.p.A. will deliver the newly christened *Almisan*, formerly project number **C106**, to Augusta Offshore S.p.A., based in Naples, Italy, a member of the CA.FI.MA. shipping group owned by the Cafiero-Mattioli family.

The vessel is an **anchor-handling tugboat**, meaning that it is intended to provide support to offshore oil platforms by handling their anchor lines, executing offshore towing for very large convoys and aiding in the recovery of oil and petroleum from the ocean in the event of a spill.

The *Almisan* is **totally innovative** because it is the result of a new design commissioned by the builder, who has made the vessel a **prototype**. It also features cutting-edge fire-fighting technology bearing the "Fire-Fighting 2" class notation, with **three times the water delivery capacity** for extinguishing fires of other fire-fighting vessels of similar size.

The new ship has an overall length of **52.5 meters**, a width of 15 meters, a gross capacity of **1,230 tons** and 8,000 kW of total maximum power, corresponding to approximately 10,800 horsepower, which allow it to achieve a top speed of approximately **15 knots** and over **140 tons of towing power**, with quarters and heads able to host a maximum of **23 people**, including the crew and operations specialists.

The ship, which weighs approximately 1,600 tons and has a contractual value of over **€20 million**, required more than 33,000 hours of management and approximately 200,000 hours of labor for direct construction and fitting work, carried out by a large variety of sub-suppliers and subcontractors, mostly from the Ravenna area, coordinated by the Project Management department of the Shipbuilding Business Unit of Rosetti Marino S.p.A., managed by **Cesario Mondelli**, with the supervision of **R.I.N.a.** (the Italian Naval Register) in the capacity of **classifying authority**.

The *Almisan* is the **eighth** shipbuilding project that Rosetti Marino S.p.A. has completed for the CA.FI.MA. Group, for which the Ravenna-based shipyard, **beginning in 2002**, has built the tugboats *Capo Faro*, *Capo d'Orlando*, *Megrez*, *Merak*, *Acrux* and *Decrux* and the UT755L platform supply vessel *Asso Venticinque*.

The *Almisan* thus represents **further confirmation of the strong collaborative relationship** formed nearly ten years ago between the Rosetti shipyard and the Naples-based shipping company owned by the **Cafiero-Mattioli family**, for which construction has **already begun on a ninth vessel** of even greater power and size – project **C.107**. For an idea of the power and scope of the work this ship will be required to perform at sea, simply consider that it will be fitted with a **winch** with towing capacity of up to **500 tons**.

The new ship will be launched by **Maria Fiorenza Mattioli**, the 15-year-old daughter of Francesca and **Mario Mattioli**, **Chairman of Augusta Offshore S.p.A.**, the company that commissioned the newly christened *Almisan*, which will fly the **Italian flag**.

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