

# TUG MALTA Ltd.

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## WHAT DO WE DO:

- Harbour towage services in connection with the holding, pushing, pulling, moving, escorting, guiding or directing or standby, any vessel in the Maltese harbours and their approaches including tug assistance from one port to the other. In 2011 for example, it registered 4974 ships moves and 7898 tug moves, the majority at the Malta Freeport.
- Emergency response services including the provision of assistance in ensuring safety of life and property at sea and the protection and preservation of the marine environment in situations of life saving, fire-fighting, oil spill control, salvage and wreck removal.
- Offshore deep sea towage services, normally including rig moves and towage of barges, as well as stand-by assistance to oil & gas companies, mostly in the Southern Mediterranean. Example of engagements: to off-load and tow a DP2 self-elevating jack-up maintenance/accommodation barge - the GMS Endurance, from the heavy lift vessel 'Swan' in Sfax; tow the jack-up rig Maersk Endurer from Alessandria to Limassol and to load same on the heavy lifter 'Black Marlin'; tow the jack-up drilling rig ENSCO 85 from Didon to Valletta, as well as the ENSCO 105 from Zarzis to Malta which was then loaded on board the HLV Fairstar Fjord.



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## SINCE WHEN & HOW DO WE DO IT:

- Established in 1980 by the Government of Malta, Tug Malta Ltd. has been privatised in 2007 to Rimorchiatori Riuniti SpA who now owns it 100%.
- Owns and operates 8 vessels, employs 80 people and has a turnover of over €13 million annually.
- Relatively young fleet, the latest two tugs having joined the fleet in 2009 and 2011. Fleet configuration includes the Voith Schneider Propeller Tugs, Azimuth Tractor Tugs, Azimuth Stern Drive Tugs and Conventional Tugs. Fleet's propeller power ranges from 2480 to 7180 BHP.
- Modern tugs operate with a crew of 3 while conventional tugs is manned by 4 crew members. Core operations are supported by the engineering skills and experience of a well equipped Technical Department.
- Tug Malta embraces a strong Quality Assurance and Health and Safety culture and lays a great emphasis on training. Company is ISO9000 certified.



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## WHAT DO WE AIM AT:

- Diversification of geographical markets and services rendered, by:
- Taking over responsibility for the management and operations of harbour towage services in one or two ports in North Africa;
- Establishing a foothold in the petrochemical industry, civil projects and offshore business and marine projects.
- Collaborating with strategic partners to further penetrate the salvage, port clearances, cargo recovery and wreck removal segments.
- Investment in new and different fleet configuration, as well as investment in people.



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## **SPECIFIC FP7 2013 TOPICS WE ARE INTERESTED IN:**

- SST.2013.1-2. Towards the zero emission ship
- SST.2013.4-1. Ships in operation
- SST.2013.4-2. Inspection capabilities for enhanced ship safety
- SST.2013.6-2. Towards a competitive and resource efficient port transport system
- OCEAN.2013.4 Innovative transport & deployment systems for the offshore wind energy sector

## **WHAT CAN WE CONTRIBUTE TO A PROJECT:**

- Tug owner perspective and tug operator experience
- Situation, needs and gap analyses, benchmarking studies
- Mediterranean basin context and real-life test-bed conditions
- Testing & validation of new technologies, optimised solutions, prototypes, methods, tools, procedures, as well as measurements and monitoring under various operation conditions and circumstances, including at different stages in tug life-time
- Market uptake and business potential assessment studies
- Industry awareness-raising activities



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## ANNEX: MORE INFO ABOUT THE GROUP

- The Rimorchiatori Riuniti Group of Genoa that Tug Malta Ltd. is part of was established in 1902 with the incorporation of Rimorchiatori Riuniti SpA.
- The Group, directly employing over 550 employees, has a global presence and a diversified portfolio of activities in the maritime sector:
  - towage services provided by a fleet of 17 tugboats in the harbours of Genoa and Salerno in Italy
  - since 1980s, its subsidiary Finarge Armamento Genovese Srl has been pursuing the offshore sector and secured offshore contracts both on the spot market, as well as a strong commercial relationship with Petrobras, one of the largest oil producers in the world. On the basis of long term contracts, Finarge provides offshore vessel services for Petrobras' deep sea oil and gas drilling and operations in Brazil. The Finarge's fleet consists of 7 Anchor Handling vessels and 1 platform supply vessel and is geared for all offshore assistance duties including: anchor handling, towing, supplying, oil spill response including deep-water exploration.



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- The Group also operates in the bulk carrier, chemical and containers market. Its fully-owned Crystal Pool S.r.l subsidiary is predominantly active in the transportation of chemicals on the trade route between the Baltic and North Sea ports, operating ice classed vessels that are capable of transporting IMO 2 and IMO 3 types of chemicals in environmentally sensitive areas; whereas Euroceanica Uk Ltd., another Group company, manages the containerships and Panamaxes bulk carriers.



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