
Drydocks inaugurates 6000 tonnes ship lift

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Trade Arabia reported that Drydocks World Dubai conversion and new building company under the Drydocks World group has carried out its first operation on the advanced 6000 tonne ship lift.

The inauguration took place at the industrial precinct in Dubai Maritime City which also has another ship lift with a capacity of 3000 tonnes which is operational already.

The operation involved the lifting of MY Bart Roberts, a mega pleasure yacht weighing 2,310 tonnes, and transporting it safely to one of the 11 dry berths in the 6000 tonne ship lift facility.

Mr Hamad Al Maghrabi director of the Jadaf facility and DMC said that “This is a milestone event that will significantly enhance our current vessel handling capabilities.”

He added that “The Middle East's largest computerized ship lift is now operational and we are very proud of this achievement. This new development will further support and reinforce Drydocks World Dubai's position as one of the most prolific shipyards in operation. The 6000 tonne ship lift will now enable the yard to handle larger vessels, workboats and yachts which will tremendously sharpen our competitive edge.”

Mr Ali Al Dabood deputy ED of the DMC Authority and COO at DMC said that “One of our priorities as a maritime authority in Dubai is to support the existence of a strong ship maintenance and support infrastructure in Dubai.”

He said that “The successful operation and testing of the 6000 tonne ship lift in DMC will certainly help position Dubai and the UAE as a main player in the global shipping repair and servicing industry.”

The ship lift is 130 meters long, 35 meters wide and has the capacity to lift vessels weighing up to 6,000 tonnes. The newly operational ship lift is the larger of the 2 ship lifts built recently to boost vessel handling capabilities of the ship repair yard. The first ship lift, 90 meters long, 25 meters wide and 14 meters in depth is already operational with the capacity to lift vessels weighing up to 3,000 tonnes with 33 dry berths.

Manufactured by world renowned ship lift Specialist Company Hydraudyne Rexroth both the ship lifts are capable of 14 meter vertical travel with platforms and vessels.

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