

Press Release

Boluda Towage Europe takes on two new tugs from Damen Shipyards Group

Boluda Towage Europe will bring two 85-tonnes bollard pull ASD Tugs 2813, both complying with the most recent IMO Tier III emission standards, to the Port of Zeebrugge as part of the extended concession for towage services.

The new tugs will be named VB Bolero and VB Rumba and will be added to the fleet of Boluda Towage Europe, currently comprising of 81 tugs and operating in Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany and the United Kingdom.

The newbuild 85-tonnes bollard pull tugs will be delivered by Damen in December 2020. The ASD Tugs 2813 are highly manoeuvrable and high performance, environmentally friendly vessels of modern design. Thanks to their operational flexibility, the tugs can be used for harbour and terminal (un)berthing operations, escort operations, firefighting operations, coastal and offshore towing operations.

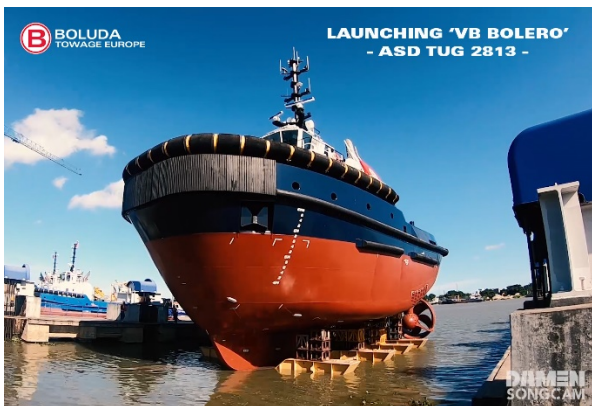
Boluda Towage Europe's CEO, Geert Vandecappelle stated: *"We are delighted that the new tugs VB Bolero and VB Rumba, both complying with the most recent IMO Tier III emission standards, will be put to use in December 2020 for the extended concession for towage services in the Belgian Port of Zeebrugge."*

Damen sales manager North, West & South Europe Carlos Gonzalez Martin stated: *"Damen is happy to extend our cooperation with Boluda by building and delivering two new ASD Tugs 2813 for this project. We are convinced that these state-of-the-art Damen ASD Tugs 2813, including FIFI 1 and the Damen Marine NO_x Reduction System will be a great addition to the Boluda Europe fleet operations."*

End of July 2020, both tugs have been launched into the water at Damen Song Cam Shipyard in Vietnam.

Please visit the Youtube channel of Boluda Towage Europe to view the time lapse videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BoludaTowageEurope/videos>



About Boluda Towage Europe

Boluda Towage Europe provides tailored towage services to its customers in major ports in Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The company is part of Boluda Towage Group, a family business that has established itself as one of the leading providers of maritime services worldwide. The group can be found in 75 ports across the globe, operating a fleet of over 300 tugboats in 19 countries in Europe, west-Africa, America and the Indian Ocean. With a worldwide scope, the group also provide offshore and ocean towage. For further information, please visit www.boluda.eu or www.boluda.com.es

About Damen Shipyards

Damen Shipyards Group operates 36 shipbuilding and repair yards, employing 11,000 people worldwide. Damen has delivered more than 6,500 vessels in more than 100 countries and delivers around 175 vessels annually to customers worldwide. Based on its unique, standardized ship-design concept Damen is able to guarantee consistent quality. Damen offers a wide range of products, including tugs, workboats, naval and patrol vessels, high speed craft, cargo vessels, dredgers, vessels for the offshore industry, ferries, pontoons and superyachts.

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