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SEACOR Marine chooses MTU engines for fast supply vessels that will service offshore oil rigs

Industry-leading power-to-weight ratio and low fuel consumption were critical factors in the selection of engines for the operator's latest vessels.

NOVI, Mich. – SEACOR Marine, a leading operator of marine support vessels for the offshore oil and gas exploration and production industry, has selected marine diesel engines from the Tognum brand MTU for its latest pair of fast supply vessels. The two vessels, SEACOR *Lynx* and SEACOR *Leopard*, will have an overall length of 190 feet and the capacity to carry up to 150 passengers. The vessels will also have the capacity to carry 150 tons of deck cargo and the ability to achieve speeds of 46 knots.

Each vessel will be powered by four MTU 16V 4000 M73L engines rated at 3,860 bhp at 2,050 RPM.

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“The high-speed capability is important because of the long distances involved and the need for fast transportation of crews and time-sensitive cargo to the rigs,” said Joe McCall of SEACOR Marine. “We felt that the MTU engines with their high power-to-weight ratio and low fuel consumption were the best engines to fit the hull configuration of new SEACOR *Lynx* and SEACOR *Leopard*. Dealer support and previous experience with MTU were also important.”

The new vessels will join two other MTU-powered high-speed catamarans operated by SEACOR Marine, SEACOR *Cougar* and SEACOR *Cheetah*. Both have been in service for over four years. Like the existing craft, the two new vessels will feature Hamilton jet drives and Twin Disc marine gears. According to McCall, the jet drives are favored over propellers for better top-end speed.

SEACOR Marine will also install the MTU Callosum System in the SEACOR *Lynx* and SEACOR *Leopard*. The Callosum System is MTU’s latest generation of an integrated shipboard monitoring and control system, which not only monitors the propulsion engines, but also the marine gears, onboard generator sets and a majority of other vessel systems. This allows the operator to view virtually all vessel activities on the same screen at any time.

The two new vessels are currently under construction at the Gulf Craft Shipyard in Franklin, La. The SEACOR *Lynx* is scheduled to be launched in January 2013 and the SEACOR *Leopard* launch is planned for April 2013.

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The SEACOR Lynx will use four MTU 16V4000M73L diesel engines and have an overall length of 190 feet. It is designed to carry up to 150 passengers and 150 tons of deck cargo at speeds exceeding 46 knots.

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SEACOR Holdings Inc. (SEACOR) is a diversified, multinational company that owns and operates marine and aviation assets primarily servicing the oil and gas, industrial aviation, and marine transportation industries. SEACOR also owns and operates bulk commodity barges along the U.S. Inland River Waterways; specializes in the purchase, storage, transportation, and sale of agricultural and energy commodities; and provides emergency preparedness and crisis services to governments and industry. SEACOR is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol CKH.

About MTU

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About Tognum

With its two business units, Engines and Onsite Energy, the Tognum Group is one of the world's leading suppliers of engines and propulsion systems for off-highway applications and of distributed power generation systems. These products are based on diesel engines with up to 9,100 kilowatts (kW) power output, gas engines up to 2,150 kW and gas turbines up to 45,000 kW.

The product portfolio of the Engines business unit comprises MTU engines and propulsion systems for ships, for heavy land, rail and defense vehicles and for the oil and gas industry. The Onsite Energy business unit supplies distributed power generation systems carrying the MTU Onsite Energy brand. These comprise diesel engines for emergency power, prime power and continuous power, as well as cogeneration power plants based on gas engines and gas turbines that generate both power and heat. Tognum's product portfolio also features fuel-injection systems built by L'Orange.

In 2011, Tognum generated revenue of around €2.97 billion and employs approximately 10,000 people. Tognum has a global manufacturing, distribution and service structure with 23 fully consolidated companies, more than 140 sales partners and over 500 authorized dealerships at approximately 1,200 locations. Since September 2011, Engine Holding GmbH, a joint venture between Daimler AG and Rolls-Royce Group plc, has a majority holding in Tognum.



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