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GPA 670 MKII Special Products PSV Series Completed

Seattle, Washington- Guido Perla and Associates, Inc. (GPA), announced that Zhejiang Shipyard in China has launched the "Bourbon Himalia", the fourth and last vessel of the GPA 670 MKII PSV Special Products series owned by French marine services provider Bourbon Offshore.

The 70-meter GPA 670 MKII Special Products vessels are equipped with three 1,825 kW main diesel generators, two 2,000 kW open-water propeller Z-Drive units, as well as two 746 kW tunnel bow thrusters, and one 170 kW emergency generator. The use of environmentally friendly diesel-electric propulsion results in excellent fuel efficiency, as well as lower operating cost for the owner.

GPA's priority is to ensure client satisfaction. In addition to the fuel efficiency of the vessel, competitive pricing for the GPA 670 PSV series, of which Bourbon is now successfully operating fourteen vessels, provides the owner with an excellent return of investment. By applying the highest safety standards and comfort levels, offshore operations are being conducted without risk to the health or security of crewmembers, thus providing maximum dependability.

The GPA 670 MKII Special Products will primarily be engaged in the transport of stores, materials and equipment to offshore installations in tropical areas and distinguishes itself from other platform support vessels mainly due to its ability to carry approximately 170 cubic meters of special products such as methanol in specially designed tanks located in the aft end of the vessel. Furthermore, the DP2- and FFV1-certified vessel, which can accommodate 23 crewmembers, also provides the capability to carry 255 cubic meters of bulk material, as well as 1,083 cubic meters of liquid products.

With the completion of the GPA 670 PSV MKII Special Products Series, the GPA-designed PSV fleet already serving the offshore industry has increased to 33, while 104 vessels are currently or will soon be under construction.

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