

## PRESS RELEASE

### SAL introduces Marine Projects

**Hamburg, 29 September 2017 – SAL brings together complex heavy lift shipping and installation support into one specialist team.**

SAL is pleased to announce its next steps as a leading heavy lift project carrier and marine installation provider. Today SAL is launching its Marine Projects department, a team dedicated to complex heavy lift shipping and marine installation support.

The team will be headed by Sune Thorleifsson (Head of Projects) who explains: *“Marine Projects is a natural evolution of services for which SAL is already well known. For more than 35 years SAL has pushed benchmarks as a heavy lift carrier and in recent years we have increasingly supported marine installation and decommission projects with our unique heavy lift vessels. With Marine Projects, we work with complex transport and / or installation services including DP on a uniform platform.”*

Marine Projects is based in the SAL headquarters in Hamburg as an integrated part of SAL Heavy Lift GmbH. In addition, a new branch office will be established in Rotterdam where Erik ter Horst, Matthieu Moerman and Michiel Rijkaert – all of whom are well known in the Benelux region as offshore specialists – will be based. This office will be fully integrated into Marine Projects.

Aside from Sune Thorleifsson also Julia Wildt and Mike Grant will be part of the team, who together have more than 60 years of experience in serving oil & gas, renewables, salvage and civil work projects.

Erik ter Horst, Senior Project Engineer adds; *“I am very excited to be part of this team. SAL has a unique offering to the market – we have the most cost efficient DP2*



*vessel in the market, boasting some 7500m<sup>2</sup> cargo storage area, a combined lift capacity of up to 2000t and capable of transiting with 20kn. We can combine shipping solutions and installation support or offering our vessels as asset charter – a truly flexible service offering to our customer”.*

Marine Projects will encompass the entire fleet of SAL, and will work with customers across all industries and add to the already existing long track record of marine transportation and installation support.

Sune Thorleifsson states: *“We are essentially back to our roots as a one stop shop. We are a heavy lift specialist offering a diversified portfolio of services. Whether you need decommissioning support as we showed with our engagement in the Costa Concordia salvage operations, installation of offshore structures as we showed with Kitchen Light Unit III project or complex project shipping as just undertaken with the Walney Extension Project, SAL and the Marine Projects team are here to help”.*

### **About SAL Heavy Lift**

SAL Heavy Lift, a member of the Harren & Partner Group, is one of the world's leading carriers specialized in sea transport of heavy lift and project cargo. The company was founded in 1980 as “Schiffahrtskontor Altes Land GmbH & Co. KG” and belongs to Harren & Partner Group since 2017. The modern fleet of 21 heavy lift vessels offers highly flexible options to customers. The vessels of SAL Heavy Lift boast an impressive travel speed of 20 knots, up to 3500 square metres of unobstructed main deck space and combined crane capacities ranging from 550 to 2000 tons: amongst the world's highest lifting capacity in the heavy lift sector. As a leading global company in the heavy lift and project cargo segment, the company meets the highest standards with regard to quality, technical innovation and health, safety and environment.

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