

# CONTRACTS AND FLEET EXPANSION FOR AUSTRALIA MARINE SERVICES

*MARINE company Australia Marine Services Pty Ltd (also known as AMS Tugs & Barges) reports recent activities relating to its fleet of vessels.*

The Perth-headquartered company's managing director, Alan Yeo, said its "A.M.S. 23" (32 metre 1440 BHP shallow draft multi-cat) has been involved in the Blacktip project, including the towing of barges, supply runs and moving of equipment.

The vessel has also been involved in the Pluto project as a standby vessel.

Mr Yeo added that "A.M.S. 23" has been repainted, outfitted with additional equipment onboard (including auto-pilot, additional radar, new genset and various add-ons to the current equipment).

AMS is currently looking at installing an hydraulic A-Frame and stern roller to the vessel.

"A.M.S. 23" was involved in the construction of an iron ore loading berth at Port Hedland, which was completed on schedule.

Mr Yeo said three brand new barges, "A.M.S. Brisbane", "A.M.S. Melbourne" and "A.M.S. Constructor" were completed in December 2008.

"A.M.S. Brisbane" is a 250ft deck cargo/ballastable barge with 20T/m2 deckloading. Its

water line has been brought up to 3.8m, its internal tanks are all coated and 10pcs anodes bolted in each tank for ballasting purposes.

The vessel comes with a four-point mooring system of four x 20T hydraulic driven winch with 3T flipper delta anchors.

"A.M.S. Melbourne" is a 35m construction barge with 15T/m2 deckloading, suitable for positioning a crane on deck while working in coastal areas such as port expansions/bridge constructions.

The vessel is committed for a 21 months contract in Sydney, commencing in January 2009.

"A.M.S. Constructor" is a 59m SWL 640T sheer leg crane barge with 15T/m2 deckloading, internal pumproom with pipings for ballasting.

In addition to these vessels - "A.M.S. Shine" - a new-build shallow-draft multi-cat is due to join the fleet in the first half of 2009.

The delivery schedule of the 40m AHT/S - "A.M.S. Divine" has been brought forward from the initial date of December 2009 to August 2009, bringing her delivery time from contract signing to just 20 months.

The company is currently looking into the possibility of adding to its fleet with an additional barge, USV and AHT/S. ■



The "A.M.S. 23" vessel.