

Aker and Sonsub form alliance

TWO of the world's leading offshore service companies, Aker Kvaerner and Sonsub, have signed a three-year cooperation agreement to jointly seek project opportunities in the field of subsea construction and removal.

The agreement will allow Sonsub and Aker Marine Contractors to optimise the use of their respective resources and assets.

Under the agreement, Aker Marine Contractors and Sonsub will jointly identify projects where their resources and technologies can be combined.

Aker Marine Contractors and Sonsub will bring different areas of service and equipment to the agreement. Among the key resources to be shared is an extensive fleet of vessels - including the "Boa Deep C", "Boa Deep C II" and the "Normand Cutter".

A comprehensive array of subsea construction equipment will be part of the agreement. ■

AMS continues to expand

WITH an expectation of continuing the growth of offshore activities and a boom in the marine / oil and gas industries in Australian waters, Perth-based Australia Marine Services Pty Ltd (AMS) has continued its recent expansion.

The company has acquired five new barges and is aiming to become the largest barge supplier in Australia/New Zealand.

AMS' main operations in the Oceania region is the offering of bareboat charter/sales of various sizes and specifications of tugs/supply vessels, specialised vessels and barges.

Currently the company own/operates a modern fleet of vessels comprising tugboats, support/supply vessels, work barge and flat top barges with an average age of less than 12 months, which are capable of supporting all sort of offshore explorations/activities.

It also offer services for the design and construction of new tugs and barges as well as other specialised vessels in its Singapore yard to suit client's requirements.

The company's customers for its offshore support vessels vary from oil and gas companies involved in exploration and production work, marine construction to mining and dredging work. AMS has forged strong connection with offshore marine companies and local manning/marine companies, enabling it to provide reliable and quality marine solutions packages to its clients.

With its ability to provide a comprehensive service to meet all our customers' marine support and logistic needs under the most equitable terms, AMS is well poised for the future. ■



One of AMS' new barges is launched in Perth.