

Pics of the day – RT ADRIAAN



The newbuild harbor tug RT ADRIAAN arrived in Cape Town earlier this week en route from the Japanese builders to Bremerhaven, Germany, where she will take up duties with Kotug. Two other tugs have already entered service with the Dutch tugboat company Kotug GmbH and have been deployed in Bremerhaven, Germany, where they are named RT ROB and RT PETER. A fourth tug remains on order. The tugs were built at the Niigata Shipbuilding and Repair yard in Niigata, Japan.

The 32m long tug has a beam of 12m and is propelled by three Caterpillar 3512C diesels producing a total of 7,200bhp (1,765kW) to power three fully azimuthing Schottel SRP1215 propulsion units via TwinDisc 3000LD slipping clutches. This unique propulsion system gives the Rotor Tug RT80-32 exceptional manoeuvrability, a bollard pull of 85 tons and a free running speed of 13.5 knots. On the aft deck is installed a heavy duty, twin drum Plimsoll hydraulic towing winch with a brake force of 200 tons. Pictures and facts by Aad Noorland

While in Cape Town the tug was inspected by a marine delegation from Port Maputo.