

## **Grandweld delivers new 41m crewboats to Stanford Marine**

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*The new vessel 'Stanford Puma'.*

**Grandweld, a shipbuilding, ship repair and conversion specialist, and Stanford Marine, an offshore oil and gas industry fleet operator, both part of the UAE-based GMMOS Group, are celebrating the delivery of a six vessel order.**

The delivery of these 41m crewboats represent a strengthening in the relationship between the two companies.

This is demonstrated by the number of vessels in the order and also that this is a repeat build of their sister vessel, Stanford Swan.

Jamal Abki, Grandweld General Manager, said:

'This design has been highly successful addition to Grandweld's portfolio since it was first developed for Miclyn Express Offshore. Our clients recognize the quality of our vessels, and this is instrumental in receiving repeat business.'

Sumit Gupta, Stanford Marine General Manager, said, 'These excellent vessels have the speed, cargo capacity and endurance that make them very desirable for charter by our clients. With the expansion of offshore oil and gas facilities in recent years, these new vessels are key to meeting our business requirements.'

The vessel carries 45 tonnes of deck cargo and has a maximum speed of 24knots. The design was carried out by the Grandweld Engineering Department using Autoship and ShipConstructor software to ensure optimal performance. This involved a complete 3D computer model being made for hull, structural and machinery systems. 'Walk-throughs' in the accommodation and engine room spaces were done in the software prior to construction to achieve an efficient layout and to fully visualize the interior of the vessel.

The delivery of first vessel in the six vessel order closely follows on the January order by CGGVeritas of a new aluminium vessel and the continued construction of vessels for local operator Sharaf Shipping and French company Bourbon.

Mr. Abki said, 'The requirement for new aluminium vessels is very strong due to the large capacity of the market and the lack of available vessels. This enables us to continue to build on our shipyard's strengths, and is reflected by our client's need to expand their fleets.'

From its Dubai-based Al Jadaf shipyard, Grandweld has built a strong reputation for delivering offshore vessels with high quality, on budget and on time. The new vessel 'Stanford Puma' is to be followed by one vessel every month for the remaining five Stanford vessels.

Established in 1984, Grandweld has developed into a leading builder in the region and has a

portfolio of steel and aluminium vessels in the range of 20 to 70m. This reputation has brought the company to international attention and now its client base spreads across the globe.

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