Servest supports Mossel Bay gas exploration

Servest Marine – A perspective on Servest’s offering

Part of Servest’s integrated facilities offering includes the provision of around the clock transport solutions to the marine industry. Servest’s Marine solutions supports shipping companies across a number of ports in South Africa to transfer personnel, official documents, crew mail and newspapers, fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh water, ship stores, oil and lubricants, airfreighted ships spares and other urgent requirements.

Each operation is different, and for this reason, our solutions are customised for each individual client’s specific requirements. Our extensive experience in the marine transport industry gives us a deeper understanding of our clients’ needs, their pain points and their challenges with facilities management.

Our work with Mossel Bay operations

In August 2019, Servest was assigned to provide marine support solutions in Mossel Bay on a vessel with a gross tonnage of 24 000 and a summer deadweight of 17 670 tonnes that arrived in South Africa from Singapore.

Our role was to provide dedicated support to the vessel. The intensive four-day operation involved making crew changes, as well as taking out provisions and stores.

This year alone, Servest transported about 16 million kg of cargo and 25 000 crew members in and around South Africa’s ports.

With the recent discovery of gas in the Outeniqua Basin, located just off the coast of Mossel Bay. This has resulted in widespread interest from the global oil and gas industry, with exploration drilling by multinational energy corporations presenting opportunities and knock-on benefits for South Africa’s ocean economy.

Results

- Servest Marine was responsible for crew changes, which enabled the vessel to continue its operation
- Enable our client to focus on achieving their strategic business objectives, while we provide a seamless solution to support the vessel and transport the crew.
The marine industry is a highly skilled industry. Our crews have diverse technical skills and expertise developed over the years and include the following.

**Solutions**

- Towing and salvage for vessels in distress
- Fuel and fresh water transfers / pumping
- Receiving of sludge and the disposal thereof
- Diving tenders for hull cleaning and underwater surveys
- Contract services on offshore construction and pipelines
- Launches for logistic supplies to offshore rigs and mining vessels
- Offshore rendezvous with vessels too large to enter ports to transfer personnel, stores, spares and any other urgent requirements.
- Provide launches for logistic supplies to offshore rigs and mining vessels.

**Support team**

The marine industry is a highly skilled industry. Our crews have diverse technical skills and expertise developed over the years and include the following.

- Operations crew
- Master coastal skipper
- Mate
- Chief engineer
- Motorman
- Able seamen
- Cook with Cook Certificate of Competency

We are involved in providing marine transport solutions to international navy vessels, rigs and iconic vista class cruise liners such as the Queen Victoria in and around the country’s ports.

We offer future thinking solutions, while utilising innovative software to optimise marine transportation and reduce costs to our clients.

Servest was at the forefront of fast offshore supply boat innovation. These fast supply vehicle (FSV) provided the necessary speed and flexibility to cater for the needs of our clients, thereby improving our services delivery commitment to ships agents, vessel owners and charterers.

FSV can be used for several purposes – towing and salvaging vessels in distress, transferring gas and/or oil and fresh water, receiving and disposing of sludge. The vessels are also suitable for hull cleaning and underwater surveys, contract services on offshore construction and pipelines, onshore launching of logistic supplies to offshore rigs and mining vessels.

We already have operations in Mozambique, Namibia and Ghana.
Conclusion

A study conducted by the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University showed that oceans around the country have the potential to contribute R54 billion to the GDP and an estimated potential to create 316 000 jobs. At the launch of Operation Phakisa in 2015, marine transport and manufacturing in particular were estimated to contribute nearly R25 billion to the GDP by 2020, and an excess of 15 000 direct and 45 000 indirect jobs within the same timeframe.

At Servest, we are proud to contribute to the ocean’s economy of South Africa, with expertise spanning over 20 years in the marine space, our gaze is focused on expanding reach across Africa’s 30 000-kilometre coastline.

There is no greater unknown than the sea, but for dedicated, reliable and around the clock marine transport solutions in any of our country’s ports – Think Servest.

Integrated Facilities Solutions? Think Servest.

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