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RENK: Gear unit orders for cruise ferries of high comfort class

RENK AG in Rheine has recently been awarded various orders for the supply of gear units intended for most impressive ship new buildings.

One of them is the new cruise ferry, built at the Kvaerner Masa Yards in Turku/Finland for the Norwegian shipping company Color Line. Said ferry will be equipped with double-marine gear units which excels by their extremely low structure-borne sound values thus complying with the stringent sound specifications made to this type of ferry for the sake of convenience. Part of the propulsion plant are two RENK double-marine gear units of type NDSQL-3800. This type of gear unit transmits a total power value of 31,200 kW. The Hanover Works of RENK AG supplied the 4 pedestal slide bearings for the propeller shaft. With a total of 74,600 GT this new building is the largest ferry with cruise vessel characteristics worldwide.

Three ferry new buildings of the Aker Finnyards in Rauma also rely on RENK gear units made in their Rheine plant in order to enhance their passengers' convenience. Ever since May 2002 RENK gear units have proven their outstanding quality in daily use aboard the 40,000 GT cruise ferry "Romantika". The operating results were so excellent that RENK was not only awarded an order for the similar construction of the "Romantika" but also for another 33,000 GT cruise vessel for the Birka Line shipping company.

Various fast high-convenience cruise vessels in the Mediterranean Sea are equipped with RENK gear unit systems thus guaranteeing low-noise voyages and a maximum level of convenience. Both aboard the latest vessels of the Grimaldi shipping company – called "La Superba" and "La Suprema" – and also the latest vessels of the Tirrenia shipping company RENK gear units are proving their reliability everyday. Therefore, it almost seems perfectly natural that also two further new buildings for Tirrenia will be equipped with RENK gear units at the Fincantieri yard.