



Press Release

Cancellation of New Building Contracts for Four Type 179 Vessels August 20, 2008

We are sorry to inform you that the new building contracts for four heavy lift vessels of Type 179 vessels have been cancelled in mutual agreement with the Sietas shipyard. These vessels were to feature a crane capacity of 2 x 1000ts and a Dynamic Positioning System to accommodate the needs of the offshore industry. SAL has invested significant financial and intellectual resources over the past two years to develop one of the most innovative heavy lift vessels in the market to service the oil and gas sector.

However, over the last few months a variety of reasons have emerged that have led SAL shareholders to the decision to withdraw from the new building contracts with the Sietas shipyard. This decision will not affect the delivery of two new buildings of type 176 with a crane capacity of 2 x 700ts. With slight delay, these vessels are scheduled to be delivered in end November 2008 and February 2009.

Despite this short-term termination, SAL remains dedicated to the offshore market and is actively exploring alternative new building options with other shipyards incorporating and advancing the existing know how to further optimize our services to the oil and gas industry. Our valued clients will be kept informed shortly on further developments.