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SVITZER NAMES NEW TUG IN FELIXSTOWE, UK

Svitzer held the naming ceremony for “Svitzer Deben”, a new Damen ASD 3212 80 Tonne bollard pull escort tug, for the Port of Felixstowe on 22nd April 2016.

Svitzer Deben was built at Damen Song Cam Shipyard in Vietnam and delivered to the Port of Felixstowe earlier this year.

The naming ceremony was hosted by Marc Niederer, Managing Director of Svitzer Europe. Svitzer Deben was alongside on the quay, blessed by Sister Marian Davey before Alyson Cheng, wife of Clemence Cheng, CEO of Hutchinson Ports UK, named the tug.

Felixstowe has successfully attracted regular calls of the largest container vessels in the world. To handle the “mega-vessels” safely and without delay Svitzer is continuously investing in newer and larger tugs. “Svitzer Deben is a clear sign that we are investing in the future of Felixstowe” said Marc Niederer.

Representatives from all parties in the Port of Felixstowe and Harwich Haven Authorities joined the celebrations to welcome the new tug.

The new vessel is an 80 Tonne bollard pull Damen ASD 3212 escort tug, equipped with a 2800mm controllable pitch propeller, a hydraulically driven double drum forward winch, a single drum aft winch, two Caterpillar 3516C HD+ TA/D engines and two Rolls Royce US255 P30 CP Special thrusters.

Svitzer Deben is already working in the port, complementing the fleet consisting of Svitzer Shotley, Svitzer Sky, and Svitzer Stanford. The 80 Tonne bollard pull on Svitzer Deben is required to safely assist the largest container vessels as they approach the Port of Felixstowe. Svitzer’s investment in the fleet goes hand in hand with the expansion of the Port of Felixstowe, lately with the opening of berth 9.

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ABOUT SVITZER

Since 1833, Svitzer has provided safety and support at sea. With 4,000 employees, a fleet of more than 430 vessels and operations all over the world, we are the global market leader within towage and marine related services.

In the picture from left to right:

Phil Dulson, Svitzer; Clemence Cheng, Hutchinson Ports Holdings; Alyson Cheng, Godmother of Svitzer Deben; Marc Niederer, Svitzer and Chiel de Leeuw, Damen Shipyards.