

Svitzer Brazil Strengthens Fleet With Two Newbuilds

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RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 AUGUST 2022 – Svitzer, leading global towage operator and part of A.P. Moller-Maersk, has today announced that it is further strengthening its fleet in Brazil with two newbuilds. The two new azimuth stern drive (ASD) 70-ton bollard pull tugboats will be delivered by Brazilian shipyard Rio Maguari in 2024.

In 2021, Svitzer expanded its port coverage in Brazil by adding Suape and Pecem to the footprint and ordering four newbuilds, also to be delivered by Rio Maguari, as part of the company's strong growth ambitions in Brazil. With the latest two newbuilds, Svitzer Brazil is further strengthening its fleet to meet customer demands.

Commenting on the investment in new tugs, Daniel Reedtz Cohen, Managing Director Svitzer Brazil says:

"We are running a solid business in Brazil with good volumes and I am very pleased that we are now investing in another two newbuilds as the investment will enable us to expand our port coverage even further to the benefit of our customers. The two new tugs are a vital addition to our existing fleet as they will be equipped with FiFi 1 (firefighting) capabilities, which we know is highly requested by both our customers and port authorities. We have an ambition to serve our customers with Brazilian built vessels and I am therefore also very pleased that we can continue our good partnership with Rio Maguari with this new order."

The two new tugs will be from the RAmparts 2300 series designed by Robert Allan Ltd. and will be delivered in 2024.

Today, Svitzer Brazil serves seven ports in the country – Suape, Pecem, Santos, Vitoria, Rio Grande, Sao Francisco do Sul and Paranagua – with 17 tugs and employs 160 people.