**THE JOURNEY BEGINS: MED MARINE LAUNCHES THE FIRST OF SIX STATE-OF-THE-ART TUGBOATS FOR OMMP**

The first of six high-performance tugboats built for OMMP has been successfully launched at MED MARINE’s EREĞLİ SHIPYARD. This powerful RAmparts 2800 series tugboat, launched on May 27th, is designed to enhance OMMP’s operational capabilities. The launch follows a prestigious contract signed between OMMP and MED MARINE in November 2023, marking the beginning of a promising new partnership and culminating in the launch of the first of six contracted tugboats.

The newly launched tugboat, part of a series of six sister vessels of the ASD type, is engineered to deliver a minimum bollard pull of 60 tonnes ahead. Designed to meet Class FIFI-E requirements, it combines power and versatility for a wide range of missions. Equipped with two diesel medium speed engines and featuring an open aft deck capable of accommodating two 10-foot containers. The vessel ensures readiness for complex ship handling, towing, mooring, escorting, pushing, and firefighting operations. As a proud member of the RAmparts 2800 series, it offers optimal performance, reliability, and adaptability for modern port operations.

Designed by the globally acclaimed Robert Allan Ltd, all six RAmparts 2800 series tugboats will each measure 28 meters in length. This ambitious fleet project stands as a testament to the seamless collaboration between MED MARINE’s advanced shipbuilding expertise and OMMP’s progressive maritime strategy, highlighting a mutual dedication to delivering innovative and future-ready solutions for the maritime industry.

**Technical specifications of the tugboat:**

Length: 28,20 m

Beam: 11,50 m

Depth: 5,49 m

Draft: 5,40 m

Gross Tonnage: 428

Bollard Pull: 60 tons

Speed: 12 knots @ 80% MCR

Crew: 8

**About Med Marine:**

Med Marine is a leading Turkish shipbuilder and tugboat operator. The company employs Eregli Shipyard, one of the largest shipyards in Turkey based on some 180.000 sqm with more than 30.000 sqm indoor areas to build state-of-the-art tugboats, workboats, offshore vessels and coated/Stainless Steel (STST) IMO II type chemical/oil tankers, either for its own operations or clients around the world. Med Marine has an extensive selection of state-of-the-art tugboat design portfolio, and the shipyard is constantly being improved with advanced production standards by keeping up with latest health, safety, and environmental regulations. Med Marine has successfully completed the construction and delivery of over 200 projects, including tugboats, chemical/oil tankers, mooring and pilot boats. Eregli Shipyard, owned by Med Marine Group, has received certifications for “Shipyard Security Compliance” and “Shipyard Production Compliance” certificates to build naval ships for Turkish Military and NATO.

**About OMMP:**

The Office of the Merchant Marine and Ports “OMMP” (former Office of National Tunisian Ports “OPNT – Office des Ports Nationaux Tunisiens” and former State Department of Commercial Ports coming under the Ministry of Public Works) was created by virtue of the law n° 65-2 dated February 12th, 1965, modified by the law dated February 15th, 1972. OMMP is a public state establishment endowed with financial autonomy and legal status. As a port authority, the OMMP’s main task is to handle in optimal conditions of lead time, cost and safety the whole of ships and goods passing through the Tunisian ports. The activity fields of the OMMP port chain are characterized by the diversity of maritime traffic, whether line or tramping traffic, handling containers, RO/RO, passengers, cruise passengers. Thus, the OMMP manages and runs its rich and varied installations in compliance with the norms of productivity and safety: oil ports, container terminals, a passenger terminal, ore terminals, specialized installations.