

PRESS RELEASE**-OPENS-****BURGESS MARINE OVERHAULS 2X RUSTON
RK270 MAIN ENGINE SIMULTANEOUSLY**

Burgess Marine has begun two major main engine overhauls, for two different key customers, simultaneously.

Brittany Ferries opted to complete the works at Portsmouth Naval Base in partnership with BAE Systems Surface Ships Support. Incat 057, the "Normandie Express", suffered a mechanical failure resulting in the need to change the crank shaft on PIME (port inner main engine). The vessel is expected back in service on or around 20 May.

Condor Ferries opted to complete their works in Weymouth with and on the Syncrolift in Cherbourg. Incat 042, "Condor Express", suffered a mechanical failure resulting in the need to change the entablature on SOME (starboard outer main engine). The vessel is expected back in service at the beginning of June.

Mr Nick Jalie, General Manager of Burgess Marine Portsmouth comments in relation to Incat 057 "The unfortunate timing of these failures presented us with a major challenge; with supporting works ongoing for BAE, SeaFrance and Solent Towage we had to work very hard to manage our labour in an effective fashion to resource all the works". He goes on to say "fortunately the men stepped up and we resourced 24hr working as and when required. Our guys have a tremendous amount of experience with the RK270 main engine and with the full support, and onsite assistance of MAN Diesel we completed all the specified works on schedule".

Burgess Marine specialises in the overhaul of medium and high speed diesel engines; with a team of MTU and MAN Diesel experienced fitters the company routinely travels internationally to support the growing Fast Ferry market. Recent overhauls have been completed in the Caribbean, Korea, Saudi Arabia, France, and Spain, and 'offshore' in support of the North Sea oil industry.

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