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BURGESS MARINE COMPLETES COMPLEX MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS TO GAZELLEBANK

UK-based marine engineering specialist Burgess Marine is more usually known for its activities in the conventional and fast ferry repair and maintenance market. But this is only one of the Portsmouth/Dover-based company's specialities.

Recently, Burgess Marine showcased its skills in the main engine repair sector for large deepsea ships, carrying out the main engine overhaul of the starboard prime mover aboard Andrew Weir Shipping's 22,910dwt ro-lo *Gazellebank*. Repairs to this 1983-built vessel took place while the ship was alongside at ARNO's repair yard in Dunkirk, France.

The work package on *Gazellebank*, involved the immediate strip down of the vessel's starboard Sulzer V14ZA40/48 main engine, lift-out, crankshaft and case, removal and engine rebuild. Burgess Marine managed the entire work package on a turnkey basis, including the 68 tonne internal lift, and subsequent inspections, calibrations and survey work.

Commenting on this challenging job, which was completed on time and within budget, Ray Cutts, Burgess Marine's Technical Director, said: 'despite the tight time-scales and challenging working environment, all parties pulled together to get the job done. Our fitters worked very well, and the support from Andrew Weir Shipping, and their crew was greatly appreciated.'

The main engine repairs to *Gazellebank*, is an indication of Burgess Marine's continued diversification and growth strategy in the newbuilding, repair and maintenance, and marine engineering sectors.

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