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INNOVATION COMBINED WITH MORE THAN 120 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



Shipyard De Hoop concentrates on designing, engineering and building custom vessels, for both the inland and seagoing markets. The yard has all the core disciplines in house to provide clients with creative and innovative solutions, both in design and production. De Hoop is committed to a customer-oriented, goal-based approach in which quality and flexibility are paramount.

Shipyard De Hoop



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Amadeus Silver - Suite on the Mozart deck



Amadeus Silver - Suite bathroom



Amadeus Silver - Restaurant

It has been a busy and productive two years for Shipyard de Hoop since its last feature in Shipping and Marine magazine in 2011. As the world continues

to change and industries become more demanding, the company has spent the last two to four years investing in both of its shipyards while also creating new designs and constructing new ships for its clients. "We have completed a large investment programme so the facilities in both shipyards are now renewed. At our Lobith yard we have world premiere technology with our steel cutting machine, a lot of new cranes that can lift up to 40 tonnes, and two slipways for longitudinal launching, one of which is 60 metres wide so we can build wide vessels such as semi-submersibles and jack-ups. This renovation means we have the facilities to be ready for future opportunities and can now custom-build ships

from 30 metres to a maximum of 200 metres in length," enthuses Patrick Janssens, chief executive officer at Shipyard de Hoop.

Located in the village of Lobith, on the east border of the Netherlands near Arnhem, the Lobith shipyard is situated on the river Rhine, with a direct connection to the Rotterdam harbour. Covering 105,000 square metres, including the head office and engineering office, the yard employs 140 experienced craftsmen and has another 50-150 local contract staff available; it also has collaboration with a select range of qualified local contractors during high workloads. The company's second yard, de Hoop Foxhol, was acquired in from Volharding Shipyards; covering 25,000 square metres it employs 65 experienced craftsmen and has ten to 50 dedicated local contract staff available as well as local subcontractors. De Hoop Foxhol boasts a

complete range of state-of-the-art facilities, such as slipway facilities for sideways launching to accommodate vessels up to 135 metres long and 16 metres wide, and a workshop for small steel work and prefabrication workshops. Even with de Hoop's location's offering a combined quay length of 450 metres, the shipyards have an additional 200 metre quay in Rotterdam. Mainly used for the outfitting of vessels that have been built at the shipyards, the site is ideal for performing the final finishing touches.

As competition has increased in the shipping industry, there has been higher demand for innovative designs and ideas that will satisfy the needs of customers in the cruise and oil and gas industries. "The cruise industry has grown rapidly, particularly the inland cruising sector, and we have been a big player in this area over the last decade," says Patrick. "We have always