

Acceleration through integrated logistics solutions



DHSS, recently acquired by Clarkson Port Services and now part of Clarkson PLC, continues to grow its coverage of services on a global scale. With strategic locations around the UK and the Netherlands, the combination forms a solid tandem, providing important turn-key services, including port agency, terminal handling and quayside logistics, warehousing, helicopter services as well as customs brokerage.

The DNA of DHSS - Clarkson Port Services sets the pairing apart from the competition, as it aims to be the reliable partner of choice. The experienced team is dedicated to going above and beyond every client's expectations to provide excellent service across its full portfolio of services.

The company often operates as a stage director for its clients, locally in ports and heliports, dealing with anywhere up to 40 different suppliers. This means clients are able to focus on their core objective of installing and maintaining offshore renewable energy.

'We work together with all kinds of qualified stakeholders and supply chain companies,' CEO Wim Schouwenaar says. 'Every day is different in the offshore energy business, especially during the construction phase of offshore wind farms. Our wide scope is beneficial to our clients and includes husbandry services for the crews involved. By teaming with Clarkson Port Services, we are able to unburden clients on a global scale.'

The company currently employs 220 people, a fluid number since the transition into renewable energy is full speed ahead globally.

Involvement

With its 18 locations around the UK, including Belfast in Northern Ireland, as well as its A1 offshore energy locations in various ports in the Netherlands, the company is well positioned to serve all contractors. From surveying new offshore wind sites, to cable laying and construction of each wind farm, team DHSS - Clarkson Port Services is involved in delivering its integrated services.

Construction

The company offers a wide range of support for the offshore energy industry. 'We deliver the full package of services when it comes to the logistics of people and cargo,' Schouwenaar continues. 'This includes assistance to a wide variety of vessels, such as installation, cable laying, CSOV and crew tender vessels.'

'DHSS - Clarkson Port Services has the added value of also being involved in helicopter operations, an important point during the construction phase, to minimize downtime while building wind farms offshore.'

In conjunction with these helicopter services flying out cargo and crew, the company provides a package of port logistics and vessel agency services. It operates a 3PL warehouse management system, including both bonded and external storage, an efficient stock control system and temperature-controlled storage for critical components. DHSS - Clarkson Port Services also facilitates customs formalities, support base operations, freight forwarding and procurement management.

'Our full-service concept is beneficial for clients, since we are able to unburden them with our services in port, while our helicopter coordination centre manages the helicopter operations during crew changes offshore.'

'Together with a qualified supply chain, our services unburden all stakeholders during projects by being the stage director for logistics of equipment and crew, including all additional enquiries. Whether it is port call or helicopter related, our team is qualified and has operational experience.'

'We are heavily involved in the transition into the renewables industry in the wider North Sea region. We're currently involved in the development of various offshore wind farms with both port and helicopter logistics, beside the services delivered in the O&M phase for involved developers.'

In the Netherlands, the integrator has been involved in the development of all wind farms offshore during construction, while its Eemshaven based team also acts as point of contact for OWF Merkur and OWF Deutsche Bucht during the operation & maintenance phase.

Current operations

The company is involved in the construction of various offshore wind farms, including Hollandse Kust Zuid and Hollandse Kust Noord in The Netherlands. From its position



in Port of IJmuiden, the commissioning teams of Siemens Gamesa are being facilitated at quayside locations run by DHSS.

It is also involved in Dogger Bank in the UK, assisting with multiple stakeholders from both the UK side as well as the Netherlands. This is one of the examples of providing full, cross border coverage to clients and being physically present on both sides of the water.

Contract extension

Recently, DHSS - Clarkson Port Services extended its logistics contract with GE Renewable Energy, with another five-year agreement for OWF Merkur. For SOV Windea Jules Verne, various CTVs and campaign related vessels, DHSS is the facilitator of all customs related activities, as well as all local required services to keep the GE team going offshore. This is a great milestone for the company and proves the solid relationship between both teams.

TenneT, the grid

The high-voltage grid is the backbone of the electricity supply system, connecting producers to consumers, connecting and integrating electricity markets. The main task is to secure electricity supply to 17 million people living in the Netherlands, but also the need to design, build, maintain and operate this grid. This is all while driving the country's transition to a zero CO₂ economy.

TenneT is the driving force behind the energy transition. To achieve the ambitious targets, the offshore grid must be expanded at an accelerated pace. From 2028 onwards, wind farms built further offshore will be connected via 2GW converter stations. A new standardised platform, a new certified cable system, and a higher transmission capacity, all with the least environmental impact

possible. The 2GW Program sets the ground for our next generation offshore grid connection systems.

DHSS - Clarkson Port Services provides various services to the Dutch grid provider as a solid partner for storage of equipment, both with critical and operational stock. Furthermore, the customs team works closely with the client on the importation of all kinds of materials.

Sustainability

The company's role is to support smarter, more sustainable business. As the global leader in port as well as shipping services, it supports smarter, more sustainable trade

across the maritime industry. It is committed to being a responsible business, working with clients, people and communities to make a positive contribution to the world we live in. DHSS - Clarkson has a hard-earned reputation for integrity, excellence and fairness.

The world is uniting to tackle climate change and accelerate action towards more sustainable ways of living. It is playing a key role in guiding the maritime industry through this green transition, to minimise shipping's impact on the environment, whilst continuing to meet the demands of global trade and energy markets.

As expected of a company heavily involved in the sustainable energy sector, DHSS has taken steps to reduce its own carbon footprint. As well as ISO45001, certification of the CO₂ Performance Ladder in the Netherlands has been achieved, with the UK offices of Clarksons Port Services expected to achieve the same. The company is continuously focusing on energy savings and reducing CO₂ emissions in its projects and supply chain.

Company development

The Dutch team is currently extending its presence in the Port of Eemshaven, with the site being extended by a hectare. This will be used as yard storage, but also for a warehouse, including a business centre for market related stakeholders to strengthen the location on a highly sustainable level, by centralizing a variety of related offshore wind service companies at one location. Collaboration in the most efficient manner is the way forward.

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