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### **ICE MAIDEN I – OFFSHORE FLOTEL VESSEL CONVERSION**

A&P Tyne Ltd are pleased to be advised that they have been awarded the contract to carry out the conversion of a former ice breaking cargo vessel into a DP3 Flotel, accommodation vessel carrying up to 399 persons.

The contract has been awarded by the C&M Group of Aberdeen on behalf of the owners Silters, to A&P Tyne Ltd. Some preparations have already taken place on the vessel in the USA. The vessel is due to be brought to the Tyne by the heavy lift cargo vessel Fairstar Fjord where the main part of the conversion will be undertaken.

This is a challenging project and typical of the complex marine conversions carried out by A&P Tyne over recent years.

The project will require the fitting of some 1400 tonnes of new accommodation block steel work, accommodation for 399 people which include all the necessary services to support the personnel to be carried.

There will be a further 1900 tonnes of steel work fabricated and fitted to form new decks and machinery spaces. 8 new generating sets will be fitted to power 8 new thrusters giving the vessel full DP3 dynamic positioning capability.

An interesting design feature is the fact that the vessel will be the first of her type to be fully Ice Classed and will be capable of operating in conditions of minus 40 deg Celsius.

The vessel (ex "Paardeberg") has been renamed "Ice Maiden 1".

The contract will take 9 months to execute from the time of arrival at the yard and is worth in excess of £30 million pounds.

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#### Notes to Editors:

A&P Group Ltd are leading contenders of European Shiprepair, Conversion and Marine Services. Owing facilities strategically located around the UK, we are within easy access to customers operating in North West Europe. With extensive drydock, wharfage and fabrication facilities; combined with a strong project management and engineering team you can expect safe, timely and cost effective solutions from A&P. Visit us online @ [www.ap-group.co.uk](http://www.ap-group.co.uk) for further information.

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