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Lauritzen Kosan increases Far Eastern presence

Lauritzen Kosan, the gas carrier division of J. Lauritzen A/S, took delivery of *Helle Kosan* the first in a series of six 3,700 cbm pressurized gas carriers built at Yangzhou Kejin Shipyard in China on November 30th 2010.

“Yangzhou Kejin is a relatively young and very cooperative and supportive shipyard, which has made it possible for Lauritzen Kosan to implement our own cargo plant design without compromises, same time challenging the traditional idea about how a fully pressurized gas carrier should be built”, says Thomas Wøidemann, Senior Vice President of Lauritzen Kosan.

Apart from the basic requirements in terms of safe cargo handling and operation, the key words for the new vessel design have been: operational efficiency, crew comfort, accessibility, durability and maintenance friendliness.

The vessels are equipped with a PSA plant and on deck a symmetrical overlaying platform provides perfect access to all the equipment and operation interfaces.

Looking at crew comfort, the ships are equipped with IT Café offering each crew member their private mail box and additionally the crew has access to a recreation room offering library and cinema.

Helle Kosan will be commercially operated by Lauritzen Kosan’s office in Singapore and has already been fixed for her maiden voyage and will continue to trade in the far eastern region, servicing Lauritzen Kosan’s customers in the fast growing Far Eastern markets.

The next vessel in the series is due for delivery in March 2011 and the remaining four newbuildings will be delivered through 2011.

Lauritzen Kosan controls a combined fleet of 46 semi refrigerated/ethylene and fully pressurized gas carriers in the 3,000 to 10,000 cbm segment including vessels under construction.

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Photo of gas carrier newbuilding *Helle Kosan* attached.