

## PRESS RELEASE

### **DEME orders two new vessels to strengthen its position in the offshore energy market**

*Zwijndrecht 15 January 2014* – DEME has ordered two new vessels serving the offshore energy market. Contracts have been signed with shipyards La Naval in Spain and Uljanik in Croatia to build respectively the multipurpose vessel “LIVING STONE” and the self-propelled jack-up vessel “APOLLO”. Both vessels will be delivered in 2017.

The new jack-up vessel “APOLLO” will join GeoSea’s current fleet of self-propelled jack-ups. The vessel will be equipped with an 800 tonne leg-encircling crane. The vessel deck provides free area of 2000m<sup>2</sup> with a load carrying capacity of 15 t/m<sup>2</sup>. The jack-up “APOLLO” will be outfitted with 106.8m long trussed legs that allow her to operate in water depths of up to 70m. “APOLLO” will have standard accommodation for 90 persons on board upgradable to 150.

The multipurpose vessel “LIVING STONE” will join DEME’s fleet of fall-pipe vessels servicing the offshore energy market, which currently includes the Flintstone, Rollingstone and Seahorse. The vessel will be equipped with a fall-pipe system as well as cable/umbilical loading & installation facilities and will have advanced subsea construction capabilities. “LIVING STONE” will be able to accommodate 100 persons.

Both vessels serve the **offshore energy market**.

“LIVING STONE” has rock installation capabilities and serves transport- and installation projects as well as offshore power cable and umbilical installation for amongst others, interconnectors for the future European supergrid.

“APOLLO” is an installation vessel that will also be deployed by **GeoSea’s subsidiary EverSea**, which is providing services to the oil and gas industry with particular focus on the installation, maintenance, rejuvenation and decommissioning of platform facilities as much as well intervention and well P&A (plug & abandonment) activities.

The vessels “APOLLO” and “LIVING STONE” have been designed as **green vessels** with ‘dual fuel’ main engines, solar panels and wind turbines on board, use of biodegradable grease and oil and heat recuperation, in order to operate them with the lowest possible fuel consumption while also keeping CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> & SO<sub>x</sub> exhaust to the strictest minimum. Both ships will have a Green Passport and a Clean Design notation.



Artist Impression of the jack-up vessel APOLLO

**About DEME**

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