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UK: Tidal Transit to Exhibit 'Eden Rose' at Seawork 2012

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Vessels on display at Seawork 2012 International [22-24 May 2012] have immediate access to Southampton Water, and visitors to this event who are involved in the offshore wind industry should be sure to visit the Tidal Transit berth [V34] to go aboard Eden Rose.

Eden Rose, the second of Tidal transit's fleet of wind farm service vessels, arrived in the UK on 30 April 2012 from its Spanish boat builder, Mercurio Plastics, and it has already been chartered by RES Offshore in Grimsby servicing meteorological masts some 60 miles offshore.

Like its sister Ginny Louise, it is a state-of-the-art, purpose designed vessel for use by companies involved in the planning, development and construction of offshore wind farms in the Greater Wash and southern North Sea.



Eden Rose is built to exactly the same specification as its sister vessel Ginny Louise, that specification being far higher than that of those vessels currently being used for the same purpose in UK coastal waters. MCA Cat 1 coding and 10,000 litre fuel tanks allow the vessels to work up to 150 miles offshore, which is well within the range of the UK's forthcoming Round 3 offshore wind farms. Each vessel provides four crew members and twelve passengers with comfortable beds, galley, bathrooms, internet access and entertainment facilities, allowing wind farm engineers and support technicians to live and work offshore for up several days at a time.

Being of rugged GRP construction enables Tidal Transit's vessels to operate in rough seas – a major advantage when working in the North Sea. Twin V12 MAN engines facilitate speeds of up to 27 knots when carrying twelve passengers, the crew, and their on-board cargo. Massive cargo decks fore and aft can accommodate up to 10,000kg of tools, equipment and spares, and the Guerra crane on the fore deck has a lifting capacity of 1,025kg at 6.9m which caters for long reach loading and unloading. Cranes can be deployed for camera surveys and grab sampling.

“I am amazed at the speed at which offshore wind farm activity is developing off the East Coast Of England,” said Leo Hambro, Tidal Transit's Commercial Director who will be showing visitors around Eden Rose at Seawork 2012 International. He continued: “I believe that the constantly increasing demand will quickly enable us to expand our fleet by a further eight vessels over the next two years.”

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