

AKELA NOTES

WORD FROM OUR CUSTOMERS

Stena Oil AB | DEA Deutsche Erdoel AG | Distribuidora Marítima Petrogás

AKELA

We are passionate about our work. We help individuals and companies in Health, Safety and Environment. Our focus is on offshore oil, gas and energy industries where we develop safety, survival and skills training solutions and pollution response services.

Our Environment

Our natural environment is worth protecting. The exploration and industrial production of oil and gas is a risky business. We at Akela assist in minimising the risks and provide training and support in case of accidental spills and pollution response.

Our Commitment

Akela is committed to help our customers to improve work place safety and protect the environment by introducing new ideas, equipment and training methods.



Stena Oil to the rescue

Stena Oil AB, at the beginning of the summer 2016, had to step up to the mark. Under the EU European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) inspectors' watchful eye, the bunker vessel Nordea together with its crew showed that they had what it takes to be able to deal with oil spills. The drill was a big success.

Stena had been preparing a long time for the task. It was the beginning of 2015 when Akela and Stena first started discussions about the possibility, feasibility and possible success of a joint venture. EMSA had published a tender for a oil spill recovery vessel availability contract. What followed was successful bidding and contract negotiations over the next several months. And finally in the end Stena came out as a winner.

Stena, together with the owner and operator of the vessel, Oljola AB, have demonstrated tremendous dedication and have spared no effort to fulfil, and in most cases exceed, the stringent demands made. Hampus Rondahl from Stena Oil comments: "We put a lot of effort in adapting the ship so as to be able to use the oil recovery equipment. And a lot of work has gone into training the crew. But we were able to be ready well ahead of the project deadline, thanks to the help from Pekka at Akela"



Facts

STENA AB

Stena Oil is Scandinavia’s leading supplier of bunker oil, providing full-service solutions for ships operating in the Skagerak, Kattegatt, North Sea and the UK. The company also trades internationally in bunker oil for shipping companies around the world.

PETROGAS S.A.

Petrogas is the leading company in the sea transport of oil-based products in the Canary Islands. Petrogas fleet consist of seven own seven vessels and one additional vessel on a time-charter basis.

DEA AG

Originally, more than 100 million tonnes of oil were deposited in several oil-bearing zones at depths of 2,000-3,000 metres below the sea floor off the coast. Over 30 million tonnes have so far been produced and another 20-25 million tonnes of oil are considered to be recoverable. DEA Mittelplate accounts for half of the country's oil production and it makes a major contribution to safeguarding Germany's energy supplies.

Petrogás to save the seas

The oil tanker Mencey from the Spanish shipping company Distribuidora Marítima Petrogás S.A. is on contract by EMSA for stand-by oil pollution response in Madeira and the Canary Islands. Mencey can be mobilised within 24 hrs to an oil pollution from its base in Las Palmas. Mencey has been fitted with equipment for containment, recovery, temporary storage and also chemical treatment of the oil pollution.

Petrogás well trained and dedicated team are well equipped to handle new tasks. “In order to meet the strict requirements of the contract responsibilities Akela’s support in training our crews for oil pollution response was most helpful during 2016. We have now contracted Akela also to support us in Search and Rescue training.”, says José Rull Cullen, General Director of Petrogás.



DEA AG raises the bar - again

DEA Deutsche Erdoel AG operates the Mittelplate drilling and production island in the Wadden Sea region of the German North Sea coast since 1987 and today it is Germany’s largest and most productive oil field. The region has enjoyed national park status since 1985. Mittelplate enjoys an excellent reputation in the global oil industry – as an excellent example of environmentally sound oil production with multiple safeguards to avoid even rain water to escape from the island.

In response to the new legislation for EU oil and gas industry, DEA has started a rigorous readiness program for even further improved environmental protection. Peter Sauer from DEA: “Together with oil pollution response equipment, DEA has invested in training of its personnel to respond rapidly and efficiently in the unlikely case of an oil spill into the Wadden Sea environment. Akela and its trainers have been very helpful in training of our personnel in theoretical and practical sessions”.