Svanehøj wins VLEC order | XPV Water Partners

The Danish pump specialist Svanehøj has secured an order from Samsung Heavy Industries to provide 42 pumps for three new very large ethane carriers (VLECs).

The ships, which have been ordered by the Chinese company Zhejiang Satellite Petrochemical, will be used to carry liquid ethane from Texas, USA to the company's petrochemical terminal in Lianyungang, China.

The Svanehøj order includes 24 offloading pumps, 12 spray pumps and six fuel pumps. All of the pumps will be manufactured in Denmark and delivered to Samsung Heavy Industries in South Korea within the first six months of 2020.

"3–4 years ago we predicted that there would be opportunities in this area as the international demand for ethane for the production of plastics has risen. Together with our French partner, GTT, we have worked to develop solutions specifically for these VLECs, and we are now beginning to see the results," said Svanehøj sales director Hans Høyer Jensen.

Svanehøj has previously supplied pump systems for ships that transport ethane, but not for vessels as large as these.

www.svanehoj.com



Svanehøj's cargo pumps are used for offloading liquid gas from the VLECs.

XPV Water Partners invests in Holland Pump

Canada's XPV Water Partners, a growth equity investor focused on water treatment and management, has invested in Holland Pump Company, the US specialty pump rental and dewatering solutions provider.

Holland Pump manufactures, sells, rents and services pumps and related equipment for infrastructure project dewatering and sewer by-pass, as well as for a wide range of agricultural, mining, marine and other industrial applications.

Formed in 1978, Holland Pump produces diesel driven systems and maintains a large fleet including diesel driven rental pumps deployed primarily in the southern United States.

The company's corporate, manufacturing and central repair facilities are in West Palm Beach, Florida. Holland Pump has branch offices in Pensacola, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, Ft Myers, and West Palm Beach, Florida as well as an operation in South Carolina.

"XPV shares our vision for future growth and we're excited to leverage their vast network of industry relationships," said Win Blodgett, president of Holland Pump. "After doing our due diligence with XPV, it became clear there was a good basis for a collaborative business proposition, and they were the right partner to help take us to the next level."

www.hollandpump.com www.xpvwaterpartners.com

Grundfos appoints chief marketing officer

The Grundfos Group has hired Ulrik Gernow for the new role of chief marketing officer (CMO).

Gernow joins Grundfos from the LEGO Group where he has held several executive positions over the past 24 years, most recently serving as chief business transformation officer.

He will become a member of Grundfos group management reporting directly to CEO and group president Mads Nipper. Before moving to Grundfos in 2014, Nipper served as LEGO's chief marketing officer and executive vice president.

"Strong customer focused innovation, world class marketing and branding, and great leadership, is the combination that Ulrik will bring to Grundfos," said Nipper. "With his proven track record, I feel convinced that Ulrik can make great contributions to Grundfos and our 2025 strategy as we accelerate our efforts to pioneer the solutions to the world's water and climate challenges."

www.grundfos.com



Ulrik Gernow, the new chief marketing officer at Grundfos.

Lewa Nikkiso awarded CERN contract

Lewa Nikkiso Switzerland AG has received an order worth more than CHF5.5 million from the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), following a call for tenders.

The contract, which was signed in September 2018, includes the delivery of 33 LDG drive units with remote pump heads in single, duplex and triplex designs. These units are intended to cool a variety of detectors using liquid CO₂ as part of the ATLAS and CMS experiments. The contract also covers maintenance services on the systems for a period of up to 13 years.

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The first test systems were commissioned in May 2019.

The A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS (ATLAS) experiment and the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) experiment are two of four projects currently installed at the Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest particle accelerator, in Geneva.

This is not the first time that CERN and Lewa Nikkiso have collaborated. In 2005, the research institute received a Lewa Ecoflow LDC-M9 pump through the Dutch institute NIKHEF. Lewa's Swiss subsidiary has also provided CERN with additional pump systems in various sizes featuring a remote pump head design.

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The Lewa remote head pumps are intended to cool a variety of detectors using liquid CO_2 . Source: CERN.