

Amarinth wins orders for \$4m from Petrofac in the Middle East

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Amarinth, a leading company specialising in the design, application and manufacture of centrifugal pumps and associated equipment to the chemical and petrochemical industries, has secured orders from Petrofac totalling \$4m for delivery by June 2010. The majority of the pumps are destined for the ASAB Full Field Development project in Abu Dhabi, the biggest on-shore project ever awarded in the region.

Underlining its continued growth in the Middle East, Amarith has secured orders for \$4m of API 610 pumps from Petrofac, one of the largest EPC contractors in the world. The main order of \$3m is to supply 33 VS4 Vertical, and 8 OH2 Horizontal pumps, some with Amarith Protect System seal support systems and others with Amarith's innovative in-pump gully sucker arrangement, for use in the ASAB Full Field Development project in Abu Dhabi.

The ASAB project, the biggest on-shore project ever awarded in the region, is to upgrade existing facilities enabling the operator Abu Dhabi Company for Oil Operations (ADCO) to increase production capacity to a peak rate of 720,000 barrels per day of stabilised crude oil. The pumps will operate in particularly demanding and harsh conditions, including low NPSH duties.

Prior to this order, Amarith secured a smaller order from Petrofac on the same ASAB project for 6 API 610 OH2 pumps for use in pumping produced and potable water. Following both of these contracts, Petrofac placed a further order for 15 API 610 VS4 Vertical sump pumps for use on a Sonatrach project in the El-Merk field in Algeria. Again, these pumps will operate in harsh conditions requiring low NPSH and this time will have to withstand high operating temperature extremes that can reach 315°C in an upset condition, which is very rare for a vertical sump pump.

Oliver Brigginsshaw, Managing Director of Amarith commented: "We are delighted to have been awarded these contracts from Petrofac which underlines our commitment to providing the very best pumping technologies, short-lead time deliveries and full documentation and support to such demanding major petrochemical projects in the Middle East such as the ASAB Development".

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