

Marine Masters successfully concludes Israel crane and jetty project

Marine Masters worked through challenging conditions to clear a collapsed 1200 tonne coal transfer crane and jetty in Ashkelon in Israel ahead of the initially estimated timeline.

The Netherlands, 28 June 2023: Leading salvage expert Marine Masters has successfully salvaged and removed a collapsed 1200 tonne coal transfer crane and a portion of the associated jetty damaged during extreme weather conditions on 13 March 2023 in Ashkelon, Israel. The work required removal of all the debris and crane components from the seabed. The team were also able to recover the missing body of the crane operator who regrettably lost their life during the crane collapse.

Contracted by EDT Marine Construction via a tendering process, Marine Masters provided salvage and engineering expertise to ensure that the work had minimal impact on the marine environment in the aftermath of the incident. The engineering team performed frequent inspections of the sister coal transfer crane to assess the likely form of the collapsed crane's structure. This allowed them to quickly define exact locations for the subsea cuts by the salvage divers and ensure the structure's total recovery from the seabed. The team worked rapidly over 7 weeks, despite being impacted by geopolitical conflict, and completed work ahead of schedule.

Danny Spaans, Director of Marine Masters, said, "We are very pleased to have completed this project ahead of the initially estimated schedule. Despite challenges such as the heavy entangled crane and bridge components, significant underwater cutting and access difficulties, the Marine Masters team delivered swift results without compromising safety. This was largely due to the supportive, flexible and transparent working environment in place with EDT Marine Construction, with whom we collaborated closely."

EDT Marine Construction provided barges, anchor handling tugs, and cranes for the project. The team utilised single point lifts wherever possible to ensure that subsea cutting and rigging works were minimised wherever possible, saving diving time and enabling speedier recovery and removal of the collapsed crane.

Following removal of the 25mt electric house lift and the 80mt heavy mechanical house, a controlled collapse of the remaining crane parts was performed and then all the sections were extracted. The team also removed a 200Mt damaged section of the jetty and related debris from the seabed.

Miki Peleg, General Manager of EDT Marine Construction, said, "We are very pleased with how this project was delivered and were impressed by the Marine Masters team. Skilled personnel and the right equipment, combined with a collaborative approach and a flexible mindset are the right formula for success, particularly in a complex endeavour. Our joint efforts on this project have allowed normal operations in the area to resume."

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Photo Captions:

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Danny Spaans, Director, Marine Masters
Site upon arrival in Ashkelon, Israel
Carrying out of salvage operations in Ashkelon, Israel
Site upon completion of salvage in Ashkelon, Israel

About Marine Masters

Founded in 2016, Netherlands-headquartered Marine Masters are renowned contractors and consultants for the salvage, maritime and offshore energy industries. Known for their innovative approach and cost effectiveness, the company offers services including salvage, repair, ship modifications, project management, engineering and naval architect services, decommissioning, ship operations and technical superintendency, and more. The company has bases in the Netherlands, India and the UK, as well as a network of established partners across the globe.

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