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A detailed illustration of a cable-laying vessel, showing its complex rigging and equipment for laying cables on the seabed.

## EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

### BONGA TRANSPORT



The tugs **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE**, **SMITWIJS LONDON** and the **JOHN ROSS** arrived near the Tyne entrance with the Bonga FPSO, the crew have discharged the 70.000 tons of ballast and the Bonga is ready to enter the river Tyne and to proceed to the AMEC yard.

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The Pacific Banner have taken over the towing connection of the **JOH ROSS**, this tug proceeded to Rotterdam where the vessel arrived Monday evening,

Left : The **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE** close to the Bonga.

Photo : Capt Kees Pronk ©



Top : the **SMITWIJS LONDON** left alone on the bow of the Bonga after the **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE** disconnected off the river Tyne.

Photo : Capt Kees Pronk © – Master **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE**

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The **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE** disconnected also from her towing gear to prepare herself the connect again on the stern , the **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE** will tow the Bonga stern first onto



Top : The **PACIFIC BANNER** arrives on the river Tyne prior arrival of the Bonga Transport  
Photo : Kevin Blair ©

the river Tyne to the yard, whilst the **PACIFIC BANNER** will act as the steering tug, at the river 4 harbour tugs will assist the tow.



The **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE** entered Tuesday morning the river Tyne to collect some stores at TCQ in North Shields – Photo's : Kevin Blair © and the vessel departed again one hour later back to the transport.



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Top : A file picture of the **SMITWIJS LONDON** with the BONGA in the Red Sea enroute from Korea to the river Tyne.

**Photo : Capt. Kees Pronk © – Master SMITWIJS SINGAPORE**

At present the transport is still waiting for weather improvements, and the forecast is not favourable at present, the transport is also restricted for the tide on the river Tyne, which means that when the Bonga don't enter before October 19<sup>th</sup> they have to wait for the next window which will start October 26<sup>th</sup>.

The **SMITWIJS LONDON** will disconnect from the Bonga before entering the river and will proceed to Rotterdam, the same for the **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE**, this vessel will return to Rotterdam after a safe delivery of the Bonga at the AMEC yard.