

SMIT INTERNATIONALE (GABON) S.A.

Part 1



SMIT Gabon started during 1999 when SMIT took over DAMEN Marine Services in Gabon, the company which is operating a large fleet of all kind of vessels is based at the new port of Port Gentil in Gabon and have a yard in front of the office with workshops etc, where the maintenance is

done on the vessels.

The company is very active with the small harbour tugs and pusher tugs which are pushing roll on/off barges with trucks and cars upon the rivers due to lack of roads in the area and larger tugs such as the **Annelies** and the **Huberta** are based at the Total Fina Elf export terminal at Cape Lopez.



Right : The 1350 HP **Makokou** was build during 1975 and measures 22.1 x 6.8 mtr with a GRT of 94 tons.



Left : The **ESHIRA** a STANTUG 1600 powered by 750 hp measures 16.1 x 5.5 mtr.



Left : The 1980 build pushertug **MOUNANA II** departs from the SMIT yard for another trip with one of the barges upon the rivers, the **MOUNANA II** is powered by 2 GM engines generating in total 480 hp and measures 14.4 x 6.0 mtr with a GRT 55 tons.



there are 3 pushertugs of the same type operating in the Port Gentil area, the above mentioned **MOUNANA II**, the **MIMONGO II** (at the picture left) and the **MANDOROVE**. The vessels are of the **STAN PUSHER 1500** Type, and can develop a speed of 7,5 knots and are operating with 4 crew members.

At the SMIT yard the 11.2 GRT **BELIMA** together with her sistership **Mabora** were put on for sale.



Also the Rotork vessels **AKORI** and **NAMINA** were placed up for sale, these vessels were built during 1992, and measuring 12 x 3.0 mtr and displayed in the yard.



Left : The 1987 build **KOUNGA** is also a **STAN TUG 1600** and measures 16.1 x 5.5 mtr with a GRT of 38 tons. The vessel is equipped with 2 GM diesels giving the vessel a total output of 480 hp good for a service speed of 9,5 knots.



Another STANTUG 1600 operated by **SMIT Gabon** is the **ONAL**, this vessel is powered by 2 CATERPILLAR 4306 BTA engines with a total output of 650 hp which will give the vessel a speed of 9.8 knots. The **ONAL** is built in 1991 and measures 37 GRT.

Left : The **ONAL** pushing a barge.



SMIT Gabon also operates the **ANNE** and the **JAN**, this 2 vessels are of the **STAN CARRIER 1906** type, and are delivered by Damen shipyard during 1994 under yard number 3704 and 3705.

The basic functions of these vessels are Towing, Pushing, anchor handling and transport of deck cargo.

These vessels have a length of 19.4 mtr and a beam of just over 6 mtr, with a draft aft of 1.7 mtr, the displacements is 111 ton, the vessels are powered by 2 Caterpillar engines with a total of 760 hp which will give the vessels a speed of 7 knots and a maximum bollard pull of 11 tons.



Top : The **ANNE**, **KOUNGA** and the **ESHIRA** moored at the SMIT base in Port Gentil



Top : The **MOUNANA II** departing from Port Gentil

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PART II will give a view on the larger tugs operating at the Total Fina Elf terminal.