

SMIT INTERNATIONALE (GABON) S.A.

Part 2



Left : The 1975 build **Makokou** seen here departing from Port Gentil.

The **Makokou** measures 22,1 mtr in length and have a beam of 6.8 mtr.

The vessel is powered by 2 GM 12V149 diesels which develop a total power of 1350 hp , this is good for a free running speed of 10 knots.

The vessel measures a BRT of 94 tons and is under class by BV as + I 3/3 E Service cotier.

At the TOTAL FINA ELF terminal at Cape Lopez several larger tugs are operating, The **ANNELIES** which is build during 1994 by Richard Dunston in Hull (U.K) has a power of 3500 BHP, the vessel is powered by 2 Caterpillar engines and is equipped with a bowthruster of 300 kW, the length is 41.3 mtr and the beam is 9.8 mtr, the summer draft is 4.5 mtr, with a GRT of 487 ton.



Another tug which is operating at the terminal is the **HUBERTA** , this vessel is a STAN TUG 3509 design and was build during 1997 and flies the Panamanian flag. The 374 GRT vessel has a length of 35 mtrs and a beam of 9,25 mtrs with a draft of 3.6 mtr, the 66 ton bollard pull is delivered by 2 Caterpillar engines of 2550 kW each, the vessel is further equipped with fire fighting equipment.

Recently the **IEVOLI GREEN** joined the fleet of SMIT Gabon, this new vessel is bare boat chartered by SMIT from Marnavi S.P.A. for about 2 years.



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| Loa | 36 mt |
| Beam | 10.2 mt |
| Max Draught | 4.0 mt |
| Grt | 489 |
| Rec - Oil | 70 cubm |
| Bollard Pull | 66 Ton |
| Main Engines | 4600 HP |
| Clear working deck space | 18 x 10 M |
| Deck Cargo | 200 Ton |



One of the older tugs of SMIT Gabon is the **COLBERT**, this tug is build during 1971 and is rated : BV +I3/3 E Deep Sea Tug, the vessel has a length of 38.5 mtr and a beam of 10.55 mtr, the draft is 4.5 mtr, the vessel is powered by 1 Crepelle 12 V engine with a power of 2100 hp which gives the tug a bollard pull of 32 tons. Further the 370 BRT vessel is equipped with Fire Fighting equipment and operates with a crew of 8.

At the picture left the **COLBERT** is leaving from Port Gentil with a barge for Cameroon.



The tug **COURBET** was build during 1983 and has a power of 3100 hp, she measures 40.2 mtr x 10.5 mtr with a GRT of 494 ton.



Top : the **RENOVATION** after having been sold is getting painted in the colours of the new owner.

Besides the several tugs SMIT Gabon operates 7 flat top barges which all measures 45 x 12 mtrs and 2 LCT's , the 3rd LCT 1981 build, named **RENOVATION** was recently sold to SATRAM Maritime in Port Gentil.

The other 2 LCT's operated by SMIT Gabon are named **MITZIC** and **SALLY BELL**, these vessels are build during 1989 and are 50 mtr long and 12 mtr width.

During my visit to Port Gentil, Gabon the **PENTOW SALVOR** came in to offload and load some materials.



The **PENTOW SALVOR** which was built as **ROCK FISH** by Pattje in Waterhuizen (The Netherlands) during 1982 under yard number 349 is powered by 2 A/S Winchman engines with a maximum of 4000 bhp which give the vessel a bollard pull of 50 tons, the length of the vessel is 53.5 mtrs, width is 11.7 mtr, the maximum draft is 4.5 mtrs and the GRT is 851 tons.

The **Pentow Salvor** is owned by SMIT Int Shipping investment and flies the Saint Vincent and the Grenadine's flag.





Another old lady which operates from Port Gentil is the [SMIT CURACAO](#), this vessel which started her life as the **SMIT LLOYD 108** is at present operated by Smit South Africa and the crew onboard is Ukrainian.



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