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MAN Diesel & Turbo to Supply Engines for Modern Cruise Ferries

Norwegian shipping group orders common-rail technology

MAN Diesel & Turbo continues to seek out opportunities in a difficult market and recently signed a supply contract with Norwegian shipbuilder, Bergen Group Fosen, in Rissa, Norway. Under the terms of the deal, MAN Diesel & Turbo will supply eight state-of-the-art, common-rail-based 10L32/44CR main engines, along with six L21/31 auxiliary generating-sets and four RENK gearboxes for two ferries to be operated by Fjord Line Danmark A/S, the Danish subsidiary of the Norwegian ferry company. The main engines could optionally be retrofitted to a dual-fuel (DF) version, once the development of the DF type has been completed.

Fjord Line reached an agreement earlier this year with Bergen Group Fosen for the construction of two modern cruise-ferries. Both ferries will have the capacity to carry up to 1,500 passengers and 600 vehicles, and will offer daily sailings on services between Norway and Denmark. The vessels will sail under Danish flag.

Bergen Group Fosen chose the well-proven MAN 32/44 common-rail engines on account of their fuel-efficiency and minimal emissions. The two vessels are due for delivery to Fjord Line in 2012. Hulls will be constructed by Bergen Group's Polish partner, Stocznia Gdansk, while final completion, assembly and interior work will be carried out by Bergen Group Fosen.

About Fjord Line

Fjord Line is a modern shipping company with services between Norway and Denmark. The company operates the *MS Bergensfjord* with routes between Bergen, Stavanger (both Norway) and Hirtshals (Denmark), and the *HSC Fjord Cat* on the express route between Kristiansand (Norway) and Hirtshals. In addition to passenger transport, Fjord Line also offers a cargo service through its own cargo division in Norway and Denmark.

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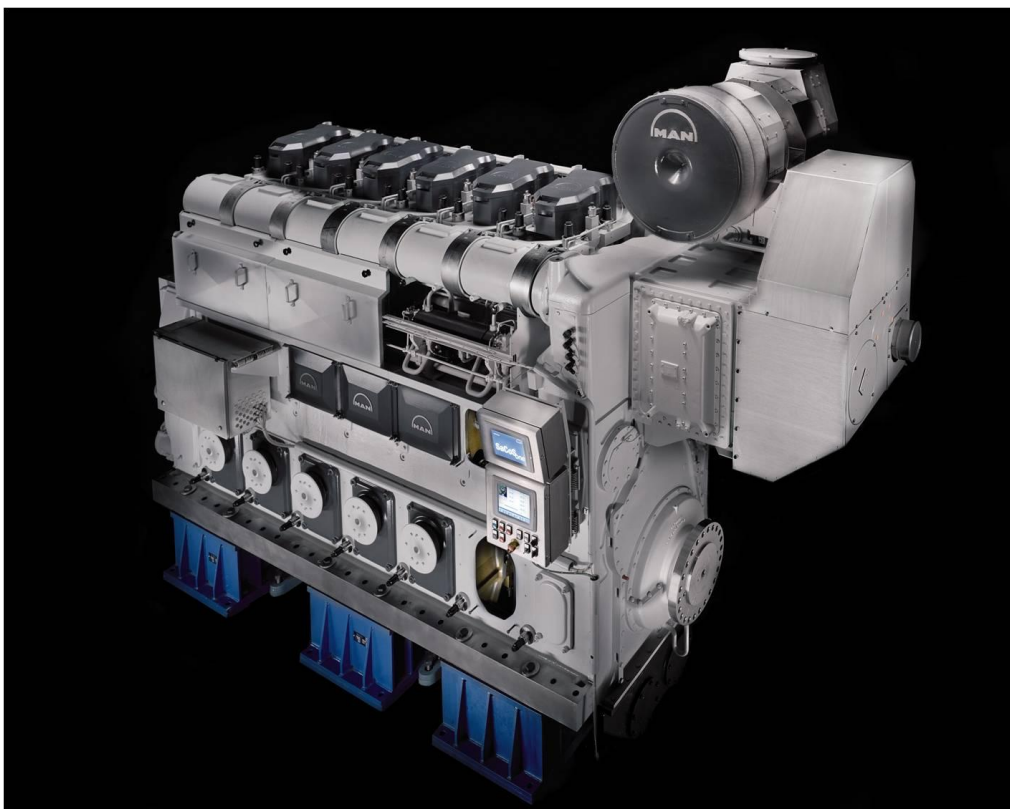
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Fjord Line was established in 1993. The company has approximately 245 employees, comprising 85 based in offices in Bergen, Stavanger, Egersund (Norway) and Hirtshals, with the remainder working aboard the company's ships.

About Bergen Group and Bergen Group Fosen

Bergen Group is a maritime industrial group with its main focus on the offshore industry and advanced specialised vessels. The group has 1,900 employees located along the Norwegian coast from Kirkenes in the north to Stavanger in the south, with a main office in Bergen. The shipyard that is today known as Bergen Group Fosen was established in 1918 and has 40 years experience in the construction and equipping of a wide variety of vessels. Bergen Group Fosen is a part of the Bergen Group Shipbuilding Division that specialises in large, offshore and RoPax vessels.



The MAN 6L32/44CR engine

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Graphical rendering of one of the two new Fjord Lines ferries, each to be powered by four common-rail-based 10L32/44CR main-engines, along with three L21/31 auxiliary generating-sets and two RENK gearboxes

MAN Diesel & Turbo

MAN Diesel & Turbo SE, based in Augsburg, Germany, is the world's leading provider of large-bore diesel engines and turbomachinery for marine and stationary applications. It designs two-stroke and four-stroke engines that are manufactured both by the company and by its licensees. The engines have power outputs ranging from 47 kW to 87 MW. MAN Diesel & Turbo also designs and manufactures gas turbines of up to 50 MW, steam turbines of up to 150 MW and compressors with volume flows of up to 1.5 million m³/h and pressure levels of up to 1,000 bar. The product range is rounded off by turbochargers, CP propellers, gas engines and chemical reactors. MAN Diesel & Turbo's range of goods also includes complete marine propulsion systems, turbomachinery units for the oil & gas as well as the process industries and turnkey power plants. Customers receive worldwide after-sales services marketed under the MAN PrimeServ brand. The company employs around 12,500 staff at over 100 international sites, primarily in Germany, Denmark, France, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Italy, India and China. MAN Diesel & Turbo is a company of the Power Engineering business area of MAN SE, which is listed on the DAX share index of the 30 leading companies in Germany.