



Specialized Rail Transport uses new railcar to move giant transformer

Specialized Rail Transport (SRT)'s new 20-axle railcar has recently successfully completed the move of its first massive

power generating cargo – a transformer (pictured).

The 450 tonne capacity railcar,

launched earlier this year, was manufactured by Kasgro in Pennsylvania, USA.

Hovertrans achieves lift off

A new designer and manufacturer of hoverbarges for heavy lift operations on difficult terrain in the global oil and gas, and specialist transportation industries, has entered the market.

Hovertrans Solutions is a joint venture between the UK-based Hovertransport Consultants Ltd, Clearstone Investments LLC, and Singapore Technologies Marine Ltd (ST Marine). ST Marine holds 51 percent of the company, with the other two firms holding equal shares of the remaining stake.

The amphibious hoverbarge is capable of carrying thousands of tonnes in payload over swamps or wetlands, tundra, ice and shallow water. It opens up possibilities for oil and gas exploration, and remote field development. The hoverbarge exerts only one psi ground pressure whilst on hover, minimising any environmental footprint.

Hovertrans has access to ST Marine's US operations with VT Halter Marine shipyards in Mississippi. STM is part of a group with shipyards in Singapore and the USA.

TPL launches anti-rust product

A new anti-corrosion product has been launched in the Benelux countries by Transport & Project Logistics (TPL).

A founding member of World Project Group (WPG), Boechout-based TPL has introduced Armor anti-corrosion protection products to its Readybox and industrial mountings products portfolio.

TPL is involved in transport for turnkey projects in the oil and gas, power generation, mining and construction industries, and will now represent Armor (technoprifaf) in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. The volatile corrosion inhibition (VCI) product has a range of uses, from project shipments to automotive spares. VCI foil or paper can be reopened and closed after a Customs' inspection without losing its protection.

This is important for project shipments that require both short



The VCI product in use on a recent cargo.

or long-term storage on site.

Last year, TPL developed Readybox – foldable plywood boxes ideal for containerised cargo, airfreight, spare parts and completely knocked down (CKD) project packing, such as pre-mounted case panels that allow clients' staff to make a

seaworthy case without external assistance.

In 2009, TPL came to a working arrangement with a specialist industrial mounting and rigging manufacturer to offer industrial mounting, demobilisation and dismantling operations.