

MEDIA RELEASE

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New Bunker Tanker for Fremantle.

BP Marine (bp) and ASP Ships Group (ASP) are pleased to announce the arrival of the bunker tanker MT ABSOLUTE I in Fremantle. The ABSOLUTE I has replaced the prior vessel (Vacamonte).

ASP has time chartered the vessel to bp to supply bunkers to its customers' vessels in Fremantle, Kwinana and at the local Anchorages. ABSOLUTE I is an 8,646 DWT Tanker, capable of carrying three grades of fuel. She was launched in October 2019 and delivered into Fremantle in April 2020. Following a change of flag and initial audits and inspection, the vessel subsequently went into service for bp.

The ABSOLUTE I successfully carried out her first bunker delivery to the bulk carrier ASL FORTUNE at the Fremantle/Kwinana Anchorage on 23 April 2020.

Anthony Tolani, bp Marine general manager ANZ said the arrival of ABSOLUTE I comes after many months of planning and provides the flexibility needed to deliver three grades of fuel in the future. At present the vessel will continue to supply bp Very Low Sulphur Fuel Oil (VLSFO) and Marine Gas Oil (MGO). The increased capacity of ABSOLUTE I means bp will be in a better position to service the ever growing number of ships calling to Fremantle and Kwinana. In addition, the new vessel will allow bp to increase bunker deliveries at the Gage Roads Anchorage. Anthony thanked ASP and the vessel crew for their efforts in bringing the vessel on-line in a timely and professional manner.

David Borcoski, ASP Ships Group CEO thanked bp Marine for its confidence in ASP through the charter of this vessel. Given ASP's expertise in the bunker and tanker markets, ASP looks forward to continuing working with bp Marine to further support and grow its bunker businesses in Australia. David welcomed the vessel to the ASP fleet and expressed his gratitude to the crew and shore based team for their efforts in bringing the vessel on-line.

ASP now time charters three bunker tankers to bp Marine in Australia.

Editor's Note:

BP Marine Australia/New Zealand (ANZ) is the marine fuels supply division of the global oil major bp. BP Marine ANZ is the largest bunker supplier in the region. BP supplies VLSFO, HSFO and MGO via a combination of barges, pipelines and road tankers at some 27 ports in the Australia and New Zealand region.

The ASP Ships Group (ASP) is a global specialist marine services provider with a focus on Australia, New Zealand and the Asian regions. ASP has been involved in the bunkering industry for some time, through the ownership of the International Bunker Supplies business in Gladstone from 2002 – 2017, continuing ownership of the bunker trading business Universal Bunkering as well as our long history of managing bunker barges, and now proudly adding ABSOLUTE I to the fleet.