

Smit Lamnalco off to Africa

Smit Lamnalco has lined up a lucrative contract to support the mining operations of African Minerals Limited in the West African nation of Sierra Leone.



The five-year deal sees Smit Lamnalco provide four Damen-built 3212 terminal and towing tugs in the new iron-ore loading port of Pepel.

Smit Lamnalco has also lined up a contract with London Mining Co to provide a complete logistics and marine package to support exports from London Mining's upriver Marampa Mine.

The Dutch-Middle Eastern tugboat joint-venture is to supply four shallow-draft river tugs that will tow four 93 metre-long barges to the Sierra Leone coast.

The company will also provide logistical support for the commissioning of London Mining's transshipment vessel *Pride of Marampa*, which will be operated by Bernhard Schulte to load capesize bulkers.