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MOL to install mini-VSAT (Sep 23 2011)

MOL LNG Transport Co, a subsidiary of Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, is to implement KVH's TracPhone V7 mini-VSAT satellite communications system on three of its LNG tankers, following the completion of a trial.

The service is being provided by SKY Perfect JSAT, a KVH partner, under the OceanBB brand name. SKY Perfect JSAT is working with Japan Radio Co (JRC) to install and integrate the TracPhone V7 antennas through a wholesale agreement with KVH.

The mini-VSAT system was originally installed for a trial on one of MOL LNG Transport Co's LNG tankers in May 2011, before MOL chose to adopt the system on the additional vessels.

The company says it will use the service to access weather, current, tidal, and ice information as part of its plan "to become the world leader in safe vessel operation as well as voyage optimisation."

"SKY Perfect JSAT, along with its OceanBB branded service, will be tremendously important as the Japanese market for mini-VSAT Broadband expands," said Brent Bruun, KVH's senior vice president of global sales and business development.

"We expect that many major commercial fleets such as Mitsui O.S.K. Lines will adopt the solution, and outstanding customer support from our local partner will be crucial for maintaining that growth."

"KVH's combination of affordable commercial-grade service, outstanding global support, and compact hardware provided by excellent wholesalers such as Japan Radio Co, offer the perfect solution for diverse fleets, including Mitsui O.S.K. Lines. We look forward to bringing this best-of-breed solution to a much wider audience in Japanese waters."

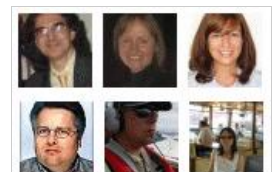


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