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Christening and Handover Ceremony Held for VLCC "GASSAN"

On June 26, 2012 a christening and handover ceremony was held for the VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) GASSAN*, the first vessel chartered by the TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; president: Jun Mutoh) since 2000**. The 300-thousand ton tanker was built by Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. and is operated by Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; president: Koichi Muto). TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. Representative Director and Vice-President Takashi Hirose and his wife attended the ceremony.

GASSAN was named by Mitsui O.S.K. Lines after Mount GASSAN located in Yamagata Prefecture, which stands at the height of 1,984 meters above sea level and is among the 100 Famous Mountains in Japan, in hope of recovery of the Tohoku Region. On the same day the ceremony was held, it set sail from the Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding Co. Chiba shipyard for the Middle East, where it will be loaded with crude for delivery to the TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. Wakayama Refinery around mid-August.



* GASSAN specs:

Builder: Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. Owner: Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Loaded weight: 308,200 tons Length: 333 meters Width: 60 meters Draft: 20.90 meters Gross tonnage: 160,000 tons Engine: 19,980 horsepower



** After 2000, TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. utilized the ExxonMobil fleet as a member of the ExxonMobil Japan Group.