

**PRESS RELEASE****“UNILIGHT” COMPLETES TENTH VOYAGE TO MAJOR LNG PROJECT ON EAST AFRICAN COAST**

**The vessel is one of various ships that UNIATLANTICO deploys for the delivery of construction material to Afungi, Mozambique. The Hamburg-based company has established itself as a key player in the maritime supply chain of the 20-billion-dollar project. “Suppliers benefit from our long-standing expertise in Africa and, in particular, the experience already gained in Mozambique,” says Joris Kriett, CCO of UNIATLANTICO.**

Hamburg/Afungi – The “UNILIGHT” has already been deployed for the major energy project on the East African coast for several months – now the multipurpose vessel of the Hamburg-based shipping company UNIATLANTICO has successfully completed its tenth voyage to Afungi, Mozambique. Once again, the ship was carrying construction components for one of the largest LNG projects in all of Africa.

„Over the past few months, we have established an extremely reliable liner service between the Middle East and northern Mozambique with the ‘UNILIGHT’,” says Joris Kriett, UNIATLANTICO’s Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) and Africa expert. However, the ‘UNILIGHT’ is just one of a number of vessels the Hamburg-based company is using to support the construction of the massive LNG facility that is being built on and off the East African coast.

As a key player in the maritime supply chain for this major project, estimated at around 20 billion U.S. dollars by the French energy group TotalEnergies, UNIATLANTICO connects not only the Middle East but also suppliers and ports in Southern Africa, the Far East, and the Mediterranean region with the construction site in the Cabo Delgado province. Currently, the company has an average of five of its own and chartered vessels in service exclusively for the major construction site. “We expect this number to increase significantly as the project progresses”, Kriett says.

So far, the vessels deployed by UNIATLANTICO have primarily transported breakbulk cargo and containers to Afungi. “However, we are also well-prepared to deliver bulk and, in particular, project cargo to Mozambique for a wide range of customers in the coming years,” Kriett says.

Suppliers of construction materials and plant components benefit from UNIATLANTICO’s long-standing expertise in Africa as well as the experience already gained in Afungi. “UNIATLANTICO has long been at home on the African continent. We know the conditions and have a strong network of excellent partners,” says Kriett. “Now, we have a head start on the LNG project, which will undoubtedly benefit our customers.”

The delivery conditions in Afungi are challenging. For instance, the “UNILIGHT” moors at a provisional pier, at the so-called Afungi Temporary Beach Landing close to the construction site. “After all, terminals, onshore LNG processing plants, and the offshore gas production facilities still largely need to be built,” says Kriett. UNIATLANTICO’s trusted partner for agency services in Afungi is LBH Mozambique. UFL Logistics, a contracted logistics partner and major contributor to the LNG project, is the trusted partner for the voyages of the “UNILIGHT.”

Until the port terminals at the LNG facility are completed, not every ship can be used for transport to Afungi. For example, there are restrictions on draft and ship length. “This makes UNIATLANTICO an ideal partner for forwarders supplying the project during the multi-year construction phase,” says Kriett. “Our own ships are ideally suited for the task. At the same time, we have direct access to suitable tonnage from reliable partners.”

**About UNIATLANTICO:**

*Hamburg-based UNIATLANTICO has been a full-service shipping company since 2016. The company has established itself as a reliable partner for customers in various industries, including oil & gas, construction, mining, and agriculture. UNIATLANTICO’s team of experienced maritime professionals offers customized solutions for all requirements and nearly any type of cargo – either with the company’s own versatile, modern fleet or with chartered ships from trusted partners. UNIATLANTICO has branches and offices in Germany, Belgium, Portugal, Namibia, and South Africa.*

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