

Press Release

MESPAS launches release R5.13 of its fleet management software *mespas R5*

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MESPAS AG has released version 5.13 of its fleet management software *mespasR5*. With more than 80 new functionalities and modifications, this software upgrade is the most complex and largest ever released by MESPAS. It contains enhancements and innovations to benefit the operational as well as the management side of a shipping company's business. The most important innovations relate to the *mespas Cube* and *mespas Reporting Engine*.

Over 80 new functionalities and enhancements

MESPAS announced that it will release its new software upgrade *mespasR5.13* on January 22, 2011. New features include a complete redesign of the Planned Maintenance System (PMS) – now called *Asset Management System* – which is further improving the system's architecture as well as the functionality and look & feel of the user interface. Additional enhancements were implemented in part management, procurement, and maintenance. For example: simplified recording of jobs; enhanced part management functionalities including location history; easy categorization of recurring jobs; and many others. All software enhancements and new functionalities in *mespas R5* come free of charge to MESPAS customers.

Two major innovations: *mespas Cube* and *mespas Reporting Engine*

The ***mespas Cube***, installed on board the ships, is a small offshore server (see attached picture). It acts as the hub between the vessel's PCs and the central database ashore. With the Cube, the vessel client architecture was changed from a "single user/single PC" to a "client/server" architecture, which is fully network and multi-user capable. This means, the software can be run on multiple PCs on board the ship, without impinging on the software's ability to synchronize and work with the central database ashore. Since everything is pre-installed and pre-configured on the *mespas Cube*, there is no IT knowledge or intervention needed on board the ships to ensure the safe and robust running of the software. In addition, the *mespas Cube* allows automating certain processes.

Ship owners and ship managers require accurate and timely information on the performance of their fleet as the basis for informed decisions. The new ***mespas Reporting Engine*** was developed with this need in mind. *"Those responsible for the cost-efficient running of a whole fleet need a tool that gives them, at the push of a button, the ability to review critical performance indicators, purchasing analyses, budgeting information as well as a variety of technical overviews"*, says Daniel Gsponer, Chief Technology Officer of MESPAS AG. *"All this information is available within the Reporting Engine."* The overviews, comparisons and analyses can be run on single vessel level as well as across products or even the entire fleet, thanks to the centralized database. With the *mespas Reporting Engine*, the huge amount of data that is recorded and documented every day can be analysed and made available to relevant internal and external stakeholders.

Very successful second half-year 2010

The launch of the new software release comes at the back of a very busy second half-year 2010. MESPAS signed up 131 new installations with European and Asian ship owners and ship managers.

The mespas Cube



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About MESPAS

MESPAS is the world's leading fleet management software system provider based on cloud computing, and the fastest growing *software as a service* company in the maritime industry. It was founded in 2004 and is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland.