

Thor continues to grow

The shipping company Thor from the village of Hósvík has no less than 24 vessels under their wings. Of these 16 are vessels for the offshore industry and 8 are fishing vessels. A brand new seismic supply vessel is on its way to the Thor fleet and next year another sister vessel will join. Upto 700 people work for Thor and it is to be counted as one of the largest companies in the Faroes

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Hans Andreas Joensen, CEO of Thor and part of his staff

The two brothers, Mr Hans Andrias Joensen and Mr Gunnbjørn Joensen, are holding their own. Since the founded the company Thor in 1994, they have continually expanded their activities. Activity begun on a small scale in 1990, and upto 1997 mainly encompassed fishing vessels. Today, their activities encompass the offshore industry, fishing, and cable and pipe-laying. They have established themselves to such an extent within the offshore industry, that they deliver services to the world's largest seismic companies.

Mr Gunnbjørn Joensen admits the pace has been fierce since

they founded the company thirteen years ago, but this is due not least to the many good staff they have acquired, he adds.

Two new seismic supply vessels

The Thor fleet today counts 24 vessels, but the fairytale does not stop here, because in mid-November 2007, the new seismic supply vessel "Thor Alpha" is set to join the fleet and in the autumn of next year a sister vessel, which has not yet been named will join.

The hull of the Thor Alpha was

floated from the Skála shipyard dock on the 21 of July 2007 and is currently being completed. It should be ready to begin operations by mid-November, after it has been to the Danish town of Hirtshals to sandblasted and painted.

The Thor Alpha is 55 metres long and will cost in the region of DKK 76 million. The sister vessel, which is expected to be ready in mid-September next year is expected to cost app. DKK 80 million. Mr Gunnbjørn Joensen says the Thor Alpha will set course directly for Mexico when it is ready. The company is

providing offshore services all over the world, so there is nothing strange in this situation.

To Aberdeen to meet friends

Asked what errands they have at Offshore Europe 2007, Mr Joensen says they first and foremost go to meet cooperation partners and visit old friends: - "We will exhibit at the Faroe joint stand, hold meetings and ply our cooperation partners", he says.

It is rare to sign new contracts at a conference, but a conference

can lay the basis for coming activities.

Thor has become a provider of services in its field and according to Mr Joensen the company has enough tasks for all its supply vessels.

It is important for a company like Thor to participate at such conferences as the company is active globally with most of its activities outside of the Faroes.

At the moment, app. 500 people are employed by the Thor group.

Thor heldur á at vaksa



One of the Thor wessels in the beautiful village of Hósvík

Reiðarið Thor í Hósvík hefur ikki færri enn 24 skip undir sínum veingjabreiði. Av hesum eru 16 fráländaskip og 8 fiskifør. Eitt nýtt seismikkveitingarskip er á veg í flotan, og í næsta ár kemur eitt annað sama slag. Upp í 700 fólk starvast hjá Thor, sum er millum størstu fyrirkur í Føroyum

Teir halda tær, brøðurnir Hans Andrias og Gunnbjørn Joensen í Hósvík.

Síðani teir stovnaðu felagið Thor í 1994, hava teir áhaldandi vaksið um virkseini. Virkseinið byrjaði í tí smáa í 1990 og umfataði fram til 1997 einamest fiskiskap. Í dag umfatar virkseinið fráländavinnu, fiskiskap, kaðal- og rørleggingarvirkseini. Teir hava fingið fótin so mikið fastan innan fráländavinnu, at teir í dag veita tænastur til heimsins størstu seismikkfeløg.

Gunnbjørn Joensen, annar av stjórunum í Thor, ásannar, at tað hefur gingið við rúkandi ferð, síðani felagið varð stovnað fyrri 13 árum

síðani. Men hetta skyldast ikki minst, at teir hava nógv góð starvsfólk afturat sær, leggur hann afturat.

Tvey nýggj seismikkveitingarskip Samlaði flotan hjá Thor er í dag 24 skip, harav 16 eru fráländaskip og 8 eru fiskifør. Men ævintýrið steðgar ikki her, tí hálvan november í ár kemur nýggja seismikkveitingarskipið Thor Alpha inn í flotan, og á heysti næsta ár kemur eitt seismikkveitingarskip afturat, sum er systirskip til Thor Alpha. Hetta seinna skipið er ikki navngivið enn.

Skrokkurin til Thor Alpha fór av bakkastokki á Skála Skipasmiðju tann 21 juli í ár, og verður í lötuni bygt liðugt. Tað verður klárt at fara í vinnu um hálvan november, eftir at tað hefur verið í Hirtshals og er blivið sandblást og málað. Thor Alpha er 55 metrar langt og kemur at kosta umleið 76 mió. krónur (DKK). Systirskipið, sum eftir ætlan skal vera liðugt hálvan september næsta ár, kemur at kosta góðar 80 mió. krónur (DKK).

Gunnbjørn sigur, at Thor Alpha fer beina kós til Meksiko at gera

fráländatænastur, tá tað er liðugt. Felagið ger longu tænastur í fráländavinnuni kring allan knøttin, og tí er einki ókent í hesum sum so.

Til Aberdeen at røkja vinarbond Spurdur hvørji ørindi teir hava á olju-ráðstevnuni í Aberdeen, sigur Gunnbjørn Joensen, at teir fyrst og fremst fara at hitta samstarvsfelagar og røkja gomul vinarbond.

- Vit fara at vísa fram á føroyska felagsbásinum, halda fundir, og annars halda tey samstørv og bond við líka, sum vit hava, sigur hann.

Tað er sjáldan, at ein undirskrivar nýggjar sáttmálar á einari ráðstevnu, men ráðstevnan kann vera við til at leggja lunnar undir komandi virkseini. Thor er eftirhondini vorðin ein kendur veitari á sínum øki, og sambært Gunnbjørni, so hefur felagið í lötuni nóg mikið av uppgávum til øll veitingarskipini.

Tað hefur týðning fyrri eitt felag sum Thor at luttaka á slíkum ráðstevnum, tí felagið virkar sera globalt og hefur størsta partin av sínum uppgávum uttan fyrri Føroyar. Tað starvast í lötuni umleið 500 fólk í samtakinum hjá Thor.