

Published in Tradewinds on 30th July 2010

'Tembek' passes terminal noise test

Lucy Hine

London

An LNG carrier that recently had its diesel generator silencers upgraded made a call at a UK terminal this week without causing any noise problems.

Residents close to the South Hook LNG terminal in the UK say the 216,000-cbm *Tembek* (built 2007) was so silent that several did not even know the ship had berthed.

"It's good to know it [a noise-free visit] can be achieved," one resident said.

But they remain cautious about the upcoming visit of the 266,000-cbm LNG newbuilding *Shagra* which was due to deliver a cargo to the Milford Haven terminal in South Wales this week. The Q-max has proved troublesome on its previous two visits to the terminal, despite undergoing what is said to have been a silencer retrofit prior to delivery.

The *Tembek* is one of 14 Q-flex and Q-max vessels that South Hook says has undergone silencer-upgrading work as part of a three-phase programme. In response to questions from TradeWinds, terminal operator South Hook, which is a joint venture between Qatar

Petroleum, ExxonMobil and Total, named all the vessels in a written response (*see table*).

South Hook says noise monitoring and analysis by independent specialist consultants continues.

The *Tembek* was the first ship to call at the terminal in 2009 and at the time residents complained

about the noise from the vessel and received an apology from the terminal. However, in the interim nearly 30 different ships have called at the facility and statutory nuisances have been logged against at least seven of them by the Pembrokeshire County Council Port Health Authority.

QATARI VESSELS TO HAVE UNDERGONE UPGRADE

Vessel	Size (cbm)	Built	Owners
<i>Tembek</i>	216,000	2007	OSG/Nakilat
<i>Al Hamla</i>	216,000	2008	OSG/Nakilat
<i>Al Gattara</i>	217,000	2007	OSG/Nakilat
<i>Al Gharrafa</i>	215,000	2009	OSG/Nakilat
<i>Al Ruwais</i>	210,100	2007	Pronav/Nakilat
<i>Al Ghariya</i>	210,100	2008	Pronav/Nakilat
<i>Al Saffiya</i>	210,100	2007	Pronav/Nakilat
<i>Duhail</i>	210,100	2008	Pronav/Nakilat
<i>Mozah</i>	266,000	2008	Nakilat
<i>Al Mafyar</i>	267,335	2009	Nakilat
<i>Al Mayeda</i>	267,335	2009	Nakilat
<i>Bu Samra</i>	267,335	2008	Nakilat
<i>Mekaines</i>	267,335	2008	Nakilat
<i>Umm Slal</i>	267,335	2008	Nakilat



THE "TEMBEK":
Keeping residents happy

Photo: OSG/Nakilat/Samsung