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## Kanoo Shipping handles 1st vessel at King Salman Shipyard

In a bid to expand its maritime operations throughout the region, Kanoo Shipping, a division of The Kanoo Group and Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo Group—one of the largest family conglomerates in the region—has successfully handled the first vessel that came to King Salman Global Maritime Industries Complex (KSSY).

The division handled vessel Zhenhua 26, which came alongside berth 107 at the Saudi-based shipyard on October 6, and commenced discharging on October 7. Prior to this feat, Kanoo Shipping has never gotten involved with any shipment related to KSSY before.

The King Salman Global Maritime Industries Complex is a shipyard in Ras Al-Khair, Saudi Arabia, set to be the largest shipyard in the world upon completion.

Zhenhua 26 was also the first vessel that came to KSSY berth 107, according to Nikolai Norman, the Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) at Kanoo Shipping. He said that all the parties involved were very much concerned on berthing as they were not sure about channel depth, drafts, safe berthing.



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“We got documents related to that area (dredging report and depth drawing) from receivers and submitted them to Ras Al Khaimah (RAK) port authorities to further investigate from their side. The RAK Marine department sent a pilot to survey the channel and berth twice, after which he informed us that all looks fine and vessel can berth safely,” he said.

The division initially had a lot of difficulty in getting things in line, he added. However, with daily visits to RAK and KSSY ports, Kanoo Shipping managed to organize everything and convinced all related parties—including Saudi Arabian public petroleum and natural gas company Aramco and Chinese construction and engineering company SEPCO Electric Power Construction Corporation—to approve the berthing process.

“The Kanoo Shipping Project Team carried out an outstanding job with concern regarding berth under construction, channel depth, drafts & safe berthing. This is a sentiment that no job is too big for Kanoo Shipping,” added Norman.

Kanoo Shipping is a division of Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo. From being the first shipping agency in the Arabian Gulf region in 1912, it has grown into the largest regional shipping agency in the Middle East, handling over 20,000 ship calls every year through the company’s professional network, which covers all ports in the Suez, Indian sub-continent, and East/South Africa.

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