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The Pella Shipyard, located just outside Leningrad, has an excellent tug building reputation both in and outside Russia with an excellent portfolio of half a dozen good modern tug designs. Rimman Kolontay told *IT&S* that the recession has had practically no effect on production activity at the yard.

“Our order book is increasing annually. We built nine vessels in 2010, 12 vessels will be built and delivered to customers within 2011, and in 2012 we are planning to deliver 12 to 14 vessels of different types.”

Diversification has obviously helped with four new designs of which examples have already been built – a 65-tonne BP ASD escort tugboat (see *Dir* on page 82), a pilot boat, a fast crew boat and a survey boat. In addition, the yard has developed the SKPO 1000 multifunction complex port service vessel with washable cargo compartments. This allows the bunkering of vessels with different types of fuel; the collection of oily content/sewage/bilge waters and dry garbage from vessels and floating objects; buoy handling, boom placement and oil spill removal etc. The yard is also in negotiation with world-leading design companies regarding the construction of arctic class supply vessels.

Kolontay added: “Multi-year positive experience in the construction of different types of vessels, technical research, production line and capacity expansion (including our plans for the construction of a new shipbuilding site), as well as the possibility of advantageous financial schemes, allow us nowadays to feel rather confident.”

