



GNV secures uptime and reduces maintenance costs with Alfa Laval Service Agreement

Grandi Navi Veloci, Italy

In order to ensure uptime, minimize service disruption and extend the lifetime of its centrifugal separators, Grandi Navi Veloci (GNV) has signed Alfa Laval Service Agreement.

Continuous operation is critical to GNV, an Italian passenger and freight ferry company with a fleet of seven ferries. The success of its 13 different routes in the western Mediterranean Sea is dependent on the on-time delivery of passengers and goods, which is why preventive maintenance makes good business sense.

The right approach to cost efficiency

GNV and Alfa Laval have long enjoyed a business relationship. But when economic crisis put pressure on the shipping industry, GNV tried non-original parts and service as a cost-cutting measure for a number of years.

The result, however, was higher costs and increased challenges. That experience was one of the reasons for entrusting Alfa Laval with a Service Agreement.

A comprehensive undertaking

Under the Service Agreement, Alfa Laval has full responsibility for the preventive maintenance of 49 Alfa Laval separators. This includes 23 Alfa Laval fuel oil separators, comprising eight Alfa Laval SU 600, nine Alfa Laval FOPX 613 and six Alfa Laval FOPX 611 units. It also includes 26 Alfa Laval lube oil separators, comprising eight Alfa Laval SU 600 and 18 Alfa Laval LOPX 707 units.

All service intervals are included in the agreement, as well as spare parts and training.

Taking responsibility on board

The Alfa Laval preventive maintenance service includes well-planned maintenance activities every 12 months or 8,000 operating hours on the FOPX and LOPX separators, and every 18 months or 12,000 hours on the separators. The service involves the renewal of lubricating oil and all wear parts included in the service kits, such as friction elements, seals and bearings.

Under the terms of the agreement, Alfa Laval engineers go on board to inspect and fine-tune each separator at each of the pre-determined intervals.

Performance without surprises

Alfa Laval ensures the maximum uptime of each separator by providing timely parts supply and replacement while monitoring the performance of the equipment. The Alfa Laval Service Agreement covers the required man-hours, service kits, genuine spare parts and, if necessary, emergency visits to keep the separators performing optimally without service interruption.

With this arrangement, GNV can count on exceptional separator performance and unmatched reliability – yet its maintenance costs remain fixed.

“By entrusting Alfa Laval with responsibility for maintaining all 49 high-speed centrifugal separators in our fleet,” says Marco Fasciolo, Head of Technical Office at GNV, “we are able to count on maximum uptime and lower cost due to savings and a fixed annual maintenance budget.”

360° Service Portfolio

The Alfa Laval 360° Service Portfolio covers the entire lifecycle of your equipment, and brings you maximum uptime, high performance, low maintenance and operating costs.

About the solution

The route to optimum performance

Alfa Laval Service Agreements are the perfect complement to Alfa Laval equipment. They are individually tailored service solutions that can include any of the services in our extensive 360° Service Portfolio. Based on your specific needs, they maximize your return on investments, ensure continual top equipment performance and make budget work easy.

Read more about Alfa Laval Service Agreements on:
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Fast facts

Company challenge

- Interrupted operation a threat to on-time business
- Desire to extend separator lifetime
- Higher costs due to non-original parts and service

About the solution

- Tailored Service Agreement giving Alfa Laval full responsibility for preventive maintenance of 49 separators
- All service intervals, spare parts and training included
- Regular onboard inspection and fine-tuning
- Emergency visits if necessary

Results

- Separator uptime maximized
- Optimal separator performance without service interruptions
- Fixed maintenance budget with lower costs

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