

## WILSON ASA TO BUY SKYSAILS PROPULSION

### FIRST NORWEGIAN SHIPOWNER TO INSTALL ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TOWING-KITE PROPULSION SYSTEM

Bergen-based Wilson ASA has become the first Norwegian shipping company to order SkySails propulsion. This environmentally friendly towing-kite propulsion system is scheduled to be installed on the vessel "Wilson Grip" next year. "Wilson has high expectations that SkySails on "Wilson Grip" will prove to be an environmental and economic success for further Wilson vessels," says Oyvind Gjerde of Wilson ASA. "This sale to Wilson gives SkySails the opportunity of thoroughly examining how SkySails propulsion performs during practical use in the conditions on the northern North Sea and the Norwegian Sea," adds SkySails founder and Managing Director Stephan Wrage. The MV "Wilson Grip" is 88 meters long, has a deadweight of 3,700 tons and produces nearly 1,500 kW of power. The ship will be outfitted with a SKS C 160

SkySails (160-square-meter). With a good wind a SkySails-System of this size can generate up to 8 tons of tractive force. For comparison: the "Wilson Grip" needs about 11 tons of thrust to reach its cruising speed of 11 knots.

SkySails propulsion is currently in use on

two cargo ships belonging to the carriers Wessels and Beluga Shipping as part of pilot testing being conducted along several different shipping routes. SkySails will begin series production in 2009 and its manufacturing capacity has already been booked for one year in advance.



Picture: Computer Rendering

## SKYSAILS AT THE SMM 2008

### VISITOR RESPONSE TOPS ALL EXPECTATIONS

SkySails showed its innovative towing-kite propulsion system to an enthusiastic audience of industry professionals and visitors at the international Shipbuilding, Machinery & Marine Technology 2008 (or SMM) trade fair. This year's fair marked SkySails' fourth appearance at the SMM. Visitors were provided a wealth of information about the SkySails-System at the stand and were able to take a detailed look at each of the system's components

along a specially designed parcours. This event also marked the first time that an original-size SkySails kite was displayed. Coordinating closely with SMM project management, the towing kite was suspended from the glass ceiling of the Kaltmall, where it served as an exciting attraction and unique way of welcoming the visitors directly at the entrance to the new exhibition halls A1 and A4.

"The interest in the SkySails-System and the

