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Thor involved with exciting project in Jan Mayen

Recently one of the Thor vessels returned from Jan Mayen. This was not one of the Thor fishing vessels coming home to offload a catch, but rather one of the Thor veteran offshore vessels, the Thor Assister. It docked in Torshavn to bunker and take onboard other equipment due for the seismic vessel the Nordic Explorer, which is shooting seismic around the Jan Mayen area, on a charter by the Norwegian state. The Thor Assister in Tórshavn, loading provisions onboard The Thor Assister has landed this task and has therefore become part of a very exciting project, which may pave the way for future hydrocarbon exploration in the area. It is the Norwegian authorities, which have chartered the PGS vessel the Nordic Explorer for a three month seismic shooting project. The Faroe based Thor shipping company has truly managed to make its mark in the international seismic industry, through the very good services it provides and has simultaneously positioned the Faroes on the world map in this respect. Thor has for quite a long time now had a very good working relationship with PGS, one of the large very important international seismic companies. Thor has chartered one of their vessels to be both a stand-by and supply vessel for the Nordic Explorer, a task the vessel is uniquely suited for. The Nordic Explorer recently docked in Tórshavn, to prepare for this large and very exciting task. The Norwegian authorities have decided, together with PGS, to try out the Faroes as a supply base for the whole project. This is a completely new concept within the Faroe offshore industry and it ought to allow Faroe companies and the service sector to show their true worth. If a success, it could pave the way for similar operations in the future. The first step was to refurbish the Nordic Explorer before it set out on its course towards Jan Mayen. The Thor Assister has now come for bunkers and some other provisions for the Nordic Explorer. The Thor shipping

company is also the Faroe agent for PGS. Oljan.fo took the opportunity to visit onboard the Nordic Explorer, which is a very exciting vessel, having operated all over the world.