

## Ocean village

New Lease of Life, a renewing concept on secured basis

Bolidt has recently completed the installation of the new outdoor deck coverings on the Ocean Village project. This project involved the removal of thousands of m<sup>2</sup> of existing covering and the installation of BOLIDECK 1500 and BOLIDECK SELECT SOFT deck covering to the sun, pool and Jacuzzi decks.

P&O Cruises has chosen for Bolidt deck covering systems because of the functional properties and the flexible adaptation. Recently a new concept was born: the Ocean Village adults only cruising concept. A brand new take on holidays at sea, for people who like to go flat out at sports and activities one minute and flat out by the pool the next. Easy going and informal in style, dressing down, not up, is what OceanVillage is all about. The crew is wearing Caribbean shirts instead of stiff uniforms.

The first ship of P&O under this concept has been given name beginning of May 2003 by Ulrika Johnson. Originally built as the Star Princess in 1989 by Chantiers d'Atlantique Bolidt has been involved in refits throughout the 1990's where by the original outdoor deck coverings (like synthetic grass) have been systematically removed and replaced with Bolidt systems.

In April the ship has been totally rebuilt at Lloyd Werft (bars, pool area, theatre, trapezium, cabins) to comply to the 'new lease for life'. Tickets are sold now already to be present for one night and view the shows in the trapezium.

For Bolidt the greatest part of this job took place at sea, in a very short period. It was a great challenge for Bolidt: the logistic part of the job had to run smooth, the annoyance for the passengers had to be minimal, the timing had to be perfect.



This deck system has been renewed several times by Bolidt in order to stay ahead regarding sound attenuation, antislip when wet, fire-retarding properties, aesthetics and cleaning properties. The job has been done: The Bolidt deck is forming an innovative part of the concepts of P&O Cruises and on the Bolidt decks a cruise holiday can be an unforgettable one!