

# EXTRACTION OF OIL FROM WRECK

Oil removal in 3800m depth



Towing & antipollution services



During summer 2004, MERCLEAN and SAIPEM joined forces to remove 17 000t of fuel oil from Prestige wreck in 3 800m depth

1. Concept innovation of an oil transportation shuttle carried back up the sea surface by Archimedes' forces
2. Numeric simulations of oil transfer from Prestige wreck to tanks
3. Designing of the 1<sup>st</sup> shuttle and pilot runs on the wreck in October 2003
4. Operation of shuttle towing
5. Operation of 4 antipollution vessels as part of an oil spill contingency plan

