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# MILESTONE ACHIEVED: COCHIN SHIPYARD LAID KEEL FOR ASTDS 70 T BOLLARD PULL TUG FOR POLESTAR MARITIME LTD

Kochi, 18 November 2026: Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), India's leading shipbuilding and ship repair organisation, achieved another milestone today with the keel-laying ceremony of the first of two ASTDS 70T Bollard Pull Tugs being built for Polestar Maritime Limited. The keel was laid by Shri Bhavesh Bajaj, Management Consultant, Polestar Maritime Limited, in the presence of Shri. Jose V.J., Chairman and Managing Director of CSL. Dr. Harikrishnan S. (Director – Operations), Shri Rajesh Gopalakrishnan (Director – Technical), Mr. Shiraz V.P. (Executive Director – Shipbuilding), senior officials of CSL and representatives of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).

The 70-tonne Bollard Pull tugs will have a length of 33 m, a beam of 12.2 m and a draft of 4.2 m. Each vessel will be equipped with two main engines rated at 1,838 kW and 2.7 m propellers supplied by Niigata IHI Power Systems Co. Ltd. The vessels are based on designs developed by Robert Allan Limited, one of the world's leading design firms specialising in harbour tugs.

The current order book of the CSL Group comprises 17 ASTDS tugs and 6 green tugs.

“CSL and Udupi-CSL have introduced Robert Allan Ltd.-designed tugs in India in compliance with ASTDS requirements, setting benchmarks in quality and delivery timelines. In partnership with Polestar Maritime Limited, CSL is also constructing two GTTP tugs under the Government of India's Green Tug Transition Programme, thereby contributing to the advancement of sustainable maritime operations,” said Mr. Jose V.J., Chairman and Managing Director of CSL.

The keel-laying marks another important milestone in the ongoing association between Cochin Shipyard Group and Polestar Maritime Limited. It further reinforces their commitment to delivering advanced tug designs and supporting the evolving requirements of India's maritime and port sectors.

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