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**MILESTONE ACHIEVED: COCHIN SHIPYARD CUTS STEEL FOR NEW  
SOV FOR NORTH STAR SHIPPING LTD., UK,**

\*Cochin, February 25, 2025 – Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), India's leading shipbuilding and ship repair organization, achieved a significant milestone today with the steel-cutting ceremony for a state-of-the-art hybrid Service Operation Vessel (SOV) for M/s. North Star Shipping (Aberdeen) Limited, UK. The ceremony was officiated by Mr. James Bradford, Chief Technology Officer at North Star Shipping, who initiated the cutting of the first steel in the presence of Mr. Sreejith K. Narayanan (Director – Operations), Mr. Harikrishnan S. (Executive Director – Shipbuilding), along with other senior officials from CSL and representatives from the classification society DNV.

Aberdeen-based M/s. North Star Shipping Ltd. is a pioneer in the offshore wind industry committed to developing sustainable energy solutions in response to the global movement towards a more environmentally friendly future. The 68 m hybrid-electric SOV is designed by VARD AS, Norway. The VARD 4 07 SOV is first of the two SOVs being constructed by CSL for North Star. The DP2 class vessel shall be powered by 3 Nos. diesel main generating sets from Yanmar and high-capacity Li ion batteries in combination. The vessel is being fitted with Voith electric-cycloidal propulsors and the Walk-to-Work system from SMST. Once commissioned the vessel is expected to revolutionize service, maintenance, and operating tasks because it has been designed especially to satisfy the demanding requirements of the offshore wind sector. This cutting-edge walk-to-work vessel shall accommodate total 54 men including specialists & crew, in charge of wind turbine maintenance and operate as a warehouse and logistics centre.

CSL demonstrates its unwavering commitment to global collaboration through this project, further establishing India as building, cutting-edge, next-generation ships on the global shipbuilding map.

CSL's steadfast dedication to excellence, coupled with the international collaboration embodied in this project, reinforces its reputation as a global player in shipbuilding. The business is still at the forefront of influencing how sustainable maritime solutions will develop in the future.

Official Spokesperson

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