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Mercator Limited Acquires Two More Dredgers

Mercator Limited (Mercator) one of India's largest Marine and Energy group with businesses in Oil & Gas, Coal, Shipping and Dredging, today announced that it is expanding its dredging business by adding two more Dredgers to its fleet

Mercator has taken delivery of two European built dredgers; one is a Trailer Suction Hopper Dredger which would be one of the largest capacity dredgers in India and second a Bucket Ladder Dredger. Both these dredgers would be commissioned around first week of September this year.

The above acquisition substantially enhances the capacity and capability of Mercator to serve the coastal dredging activities at major and minor ports of India as well as the Indian Navy.

With the addition of these two dredgers, Mercator's fleet has grown to 9 dredgers, making it the second largest dredging company in India. Mercator's dredger fleet is currently deployed on its long term contracts.



(In image dredger "Darshini Prem")

Mercator has recently announced its first oil discovery through its subsidiary, Mercator Petroleum Ltd (MPL). Crude oil flowed from its very first well, Jyoti -1 in CB-9 block in Cambay basin, Gujarat, India, onto the surface in presence of the DGH representative. The discovery opens up a large corridor of possible hydrocarbon accumulation in the area. The discovery is also testament to the company's strong team and capability in the Oil & Gas exploration space.

About the Company:

Mercator Limited is one of India's largest Marine and Energy group with businesses in Oil & Gas, Coal, Shipping and Dredging.

Mercator's Oil & Gas business runs one production platform (MOPU) and Floating Storage (FSO), own Oil blocks and is also currently running a large EPC project for ONGC, India. The Coal division operates 3 coal mines in Indonesia along with Coal trading and logistics and has a mining license in Mozambique. The Shipping division owns and operates tankers, gas carrier and bulkers in addition to dredgers.

The Group services primarily Indian / International Oil Majors, large thermal-based power plants and steel companies, Ports, Indian Navy and has established strong relationships with its reputed end user customers such as Indian Oil Corporation, ONGC, HPCL, BPCL, BG Exploration & Production , some major Indian Ports, Afren PLC, to name a few.

Mercator's strategy is to employ a large part of its fleet on long-term contracts, specifically time charters and contracts of affreightment ("COAs")/ consecutive voyage ("CV") contracts. Its long term fixed rate contracts, ensures revenue stability and cash flow visibility.

Helmed by an experienced management team with in-depth understanding of the industry, a wide network of customer contacts and diligent risk management practices, Mercator has been able to make proactive business decisions for well-timed expansion and diversifications.