

**Press Release
22 August 2016**

**CSL LAUNCHES- DECK CARGO/LAUNCH BARGE (YARD NO.BY 95) FOR
M/S NATIONAL PERTOLEUM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, ABU DHABI**

Cochin Shipyard Ltd launched a Large Deck Cargo / Launch Barge (Yard No.BY 95) being built for National Petroleum Construction Company, Abu Dhabi. This event is considered to be one of the milestone events in the life of a vessel as it touches water for the first time. The ceremonial event of launching of the vessel was held at the Dock floor of the building dock in Cochin Shipyard at 0900 hrs on 22 Aug 2016.

Dr J Letha, Vice- Chancellor, Cochin University of Science and Technology, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Shri Madhu S Nair, Chairman & Managing Director, Shri Sunny Thomas, Director (Technical), Shri Paul Ranjan, Director (Finance) and Shri N V Suresh Babu, Director (Operations), senior management team, officers, supervisors and workmen of Cochin Shipyard, the representatives of the owners, NPCC and representatives of classification society were also present.

The barge, designed and built by CSL [is amongst the largest of its kind, having a length of 180 M, Breadth of 42 M and Depth of 11 M. The barge can carry offshore topsides upto 30,000 Metric Tons (MT) and can be used for launching Offshore Jacket Structures upto 15000 MT.

She is fitted with four numbers large pumps with a total capacity of 26,000 Cu.M/Hr., a fully computer controlled level controlling and monitoring system and two Main generator sets of capacity 2100 KW each, catering to the power requirements.

The order for this barge was bagged by CSL on 5 Jan 2015. The Barge is fully designed by CSL and meets the standards of American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) and various international regulations.

NPCC is an Abu Dhabi Government holding company and operates in Arabian Gulf, South Asia and South East Asia. This is not the first time CSL is building for NPCC Abu Dhabi. Way back in 2002, CSL had built and delivered a 130 M long Barge for them. After more than a decade CSL has received a repeat order from NPCC.

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Official Spokesperson**

