

Press release

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Royal IHC signs MoU with SDHI for build of Offshore Construction Vessels

Royal IHC and Swan Defence and Heavy Industries Limited (SDHI), India's largest shipbuilding and heavy fabrication company, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together in the build of Offshore Construction Vessels. The agreement, signed in collaboration with Alar Infrastructure, Royal IHC's representative in India, marks a pivotal step in expanding Royal IHC's footprint in Asia and supporting India's maritime ambitions.

The partnership will focus on the design, construction, and retrofitting of Offshore Construction Vessels, Pipe Laying Vessels, and Multi-Purpose Offshore Support Vessels at SDHI's advanced shipyard located at Pipavav Port, Gujarat. This initiative aligns with the Government of India's Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat programs, promoting indigenous manufacturing and enhancing cost competitiveness in the global shipbuilding market.

"We are delighted to partner with Royal IHC at a time when the industry is witnessing a growing demand for offshore vessels capable of serving both oil & gas and renewable energy markets. This collaboration positions us to address these emerging opportunities with world-class capabilities and competitive solutions," commented Vivek Merchant, Director, Swan Defence and Heavy Industries on the MoU signing.

"This agreement marks a significant step in strengthening our presence in Asia by partnering with India's largest shipyard," said Derk te Bokkel, CEO of Royal IHC. "Together with SDHI's infrastructure and capabilities, we can deliver reliable and advanced offshore solutions to meet the evolving needs of the global energy market."

Royal IHC will contribute its world-class expertise in vessel design, engineering, mission equipment integration, and project management. SDHI brings to the table its expansive infrastructure, skilled workforce, and strategic location. The Pipavav shipyard features India's largest dry dock (662m x 65m) and a fabrication capacity of 144,000 tons per annum, offering unmatched capabilities for large-scale maritime projects.

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This partnership underscores Royal IHC's commitment to delivering sustainable and innovative maritime solutions and reinforces its role as a trusted global partner in the offshore energy sector.



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About Swan Defence and Heavy Industries

Swan Defence and Heavy Industries Limited (SDHI), formerly known as Reliance Naval and Engineering Limited, is a leading shipbuilding and heavy fabrication company in India. Strategically located on the west coast of India, the shipyard operates the country's largest dry dock (662m x 65m) and has an impressive fabrication capacity of 144,000 tons per annum – providing an unmatched advantage in fulfilling India's maritime and industrial ambitions. SDHI is committed to innovation, excellence, safety, and sustainability.

About Royal IHC

Royal IHC is a leading supplier of maritime technology and determined to play a leading role in making the maritime industry more efficient and sustainable.

Anchored in the rich Dutch maritime history, Royal IHC continues to build on its position as a leading provider of maritime technology and craftsmanship. With the right expertise on board and driven by innovation, Royal IHC offers a clear competitive advantage to its global clients in the dredging, offshore, mining and defence industries.

Through its equipment, ships and services, Royal IHC delivers reliable, integrated solutions to increase customers' operational efficiency and enable more sustainable solutions. In an ever changing world, our goal remains to find the smartest and safest way forward for both our customers and Royal IHC employees.

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