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OMS Group invests in cable-laying vessels to help meet growing global telecommunication demand

OMS Group, a leading provider of subsea digital infrastructure solutions, has signed a contract with Royal IHC for the construction of a series of next generation cable-laying vessels. The first vessel is expected to be delivered in the first quarter of 2027.

OMS Group's strategic investment in the new vessels will enhance its ability to serve rising telecommunications demands and deliver resilient global connectivity. Upon completion, the vessels will help address the urgent and growing need for modern, efficient solutions to keep pace with the rising demands of global connectivity. The vessels, which are designed with sustainability in mind, will enable OMS to deliver more efficient and sustainable solutions for their clients.

Datuk Lim Soon Foo, Founder and Chairman of OMS Group, said: "We are excited to announce this strategic investment that underscores our commitment to strengthening our capabilities and ambition to be a key global player in the subsea telecommunications industry. With the new vessels, we will enhance our operational capabilities to deliver exceptional service to our clients worldwide and better serve the ever-growing demand for global telecommunication connectivity."

Bert Jan ter Riet, COO of Royal IHC, stated: "As global demand for subsea digital infrastructure grows, we are honoured to support industry leader OMS Group with cutting-edge cable lay vessels and equipment. Subsea cable installation is an important element of our wide range of maritime solutions. We are excited to provide innovative technologies that empower OMS Group to build and maintain the critical infrastructure for a connected world, while ensuring top performance and dependability."

Allan Cairns, General Manager Royal IHC Offshore Energy, added: "This collaboration leverages Royal IHC's experience with advanced technologies and stringent safety regulations, ensuring the new vessel and cable lay system meet the demanding specifications required for efficient and reliable subsea cable operations."

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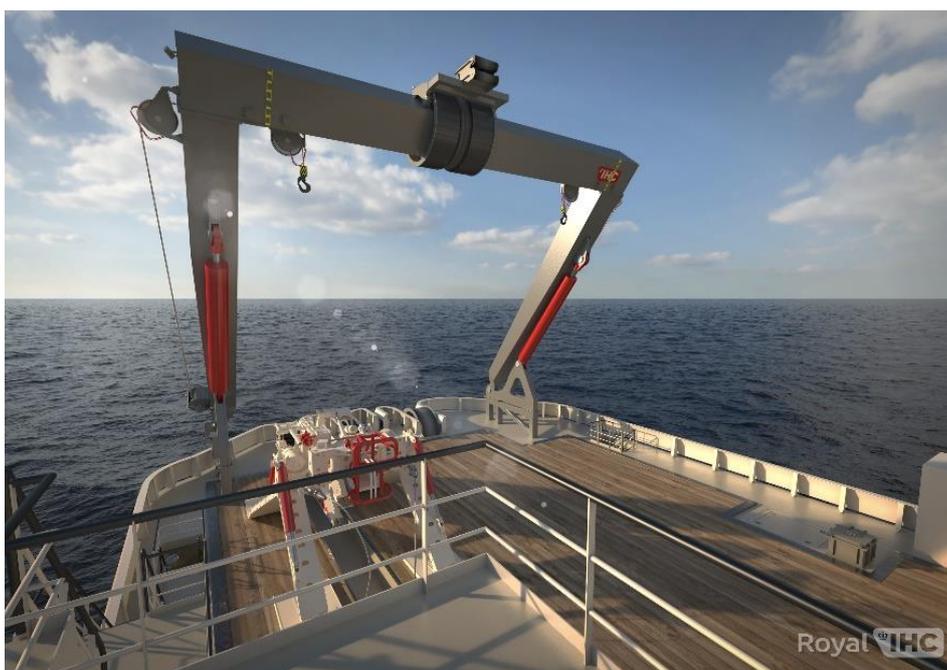
Renowned for our expertise in complex shipbuilding projects, Royal IHC brings a wealth of experience to the construction of OMS Group's new cable-laying vessels and has a proven track record in delivering high-quality, integrated vessels for various maritime sectors.

Additional information:

Features of the first vessel, due to be completed in the first quarter of 2027, include:

- *Length, breadth*
Vessel length 130 meters and breadth of 22 meters
- *AUT-IMS certified vessel class*
Meets high standards for automation, enhancing both safety and operational efficiency.
- *Cable tank capacity*
Approximately 6,500 tonnes
- *Plough capability*
3.3m burial depth with jetting capability and bollard pull of over 100 tonnes
- *Energy Storage System (ESS)*
Optimises energy use through advanced storage solutions
- *Flexible generator set-up*
Allows adaptable energy generation, improving overall efficiency
- *Energy-efficient HVAC system*
Reduces energy consumption by utilising ENTHALPY wheel
- *Optimised hull design*
Enhances fuel efficiency and minimises environmental impact

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Company profile

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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