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Mr. Vijay Arora

Indian Register of Shipping (IRClass) announces a top management transition with Mr. Vijay Arora taking over as Managing Director with effect from 1st July 2021. This appointment follows the superannuation of Mr. Suresh Sinha on 30th June 2021.

A qualified Marine Engineer with a professional experience of more than three decades,

Mr. Arora has strong maritime expertise under his belt. During his long tenure at IRClass, Mr. Arora has worked in various survey stations in India and abroad and has handled multiple responsibilities within IRClass.

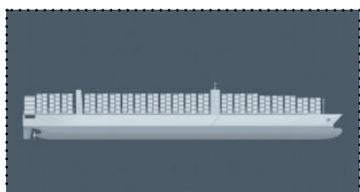
Some of his key contributions in international forums include member of the IACS Statutory Panel, Chairman of the IACS Safety Panel and held the Chair

of IACS GPG from July 2019 to June 2020. He participated in the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO's) Ship Design and Construction (SDC), Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE), Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) & Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC).

"We have a capable and dynamic team which strives to

improve service levels for our customers and stakeholders. I look forward to build on the strong foundations with a renewed focus on innovation and safety. I am confident that the rapid changes in the regulatory as well as technological domains within the maritime sector will provide multiple growth avenues for IRClass", said Mr. Arora.

Seaspan Grows Orderbook to 45 with New Order for Ultra-Large Ships



Hong Kong-based containership leasing company Seaspan Corporation has placed its latest order for six new 15,000 TEU ships, bringing its total orderbook to 45.

The company announced that it has entered into an agreement

with an undisclosed major shipyard for the construction of the ships with deliveries planned for the first and second quarters of 2024. All six will be scrubber-fitted and will enter long-term charters with a leading global liner customer upon deliveries, Seaspan said.

With this latest order, Seaspan increases its new build order book to 45 ships, with all orders placed since December 2020. The company has also acquired four second-hand

vessels, two of which have since been delivered. **The orders will increase Seaspan's total capacity to 1,784,200 TEU on a fully delivered basis, from 129 ships representing 1,090,200 TEU currently.**

Bing Chen, Chairman, President and CEO of Seaspan, commented, "Our customers continue to recognize the added value of our fully-integrated platform. This order further highlights of our differentiated services, operational excellence,

and ability to implement solutions tailored to our customer's changing requirements."

Seaspan said the Vessels are anticipated to be financed from additional borrowings as well as cash on hand.

Seaspan is a wholly owned subsidiary of NYSE-listed Atlas Corp. (NYSE: ATCO).

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to create sustainable shareholder value. Atlas brings together an experienced asset management team with deep operational and capital allocation experience. We target long-term, risk adjusted returns across high-quality infrastructure assets in the maritime sector, energy sector and other infrastructure verticals. Our two portfolio companies, Seaspan Corporation and APR Energy are unique, industry-leading operating platforms in the global maritime and energy spaces, respectively.

National Conference on "Shipping - The backbone of international trade" by AMET

The National virtual conference on "Shipping- The backbone of international trade" organized by the department of nautical science, AMET University was held on 30th June 2021. The virtual conference witnessed the confluence of stalwarts from shipping industry. The purpose of the conference was to bring to the fore the indispensable contribution of the shipping industry to sustain global trade and deliberate on contemporary issues impact on shipping.

Capt.K.Karthik, Dean and Head of the nautical science department welcomed the virtual gathering and expressed his appreciation to all the

invited guest and participants for their wonderful response to the conference by way of contribution through expert lectures and presentation of research papers. He also thanked the guidance and support extend by **Dr.J. Ramachandran Chancellor, AMET university and Col Dr.G.Thiruvasagam, Vice chancellor, AMET university**.

Inaugurating the conference, **Dr. Jayaprakashvel, Registrari/c of AMET University,** said in his presidential address that sea is the first front faced by humans and the first living organism in this world evolved in the oceans, he touched upon the importance of declaring "Shipping

indispensible to the world" as the theme for year 2016 by IMO.

Capt.Sankalp Shukla, Chairman-FOSMA Chief Guest of the event, began his address by requesting the participants to observe a minute of silence to respect the souls that the shipping industry lost due to pandemic. He thanked the families of seafarers for the support rendered by them to the seafarers to sail through the pandemic. He also said if ship is the back bone, seafarers are the central nervous system. He thanked the Directorate General of Shipping(DGS) for the continued support to FOSMA,

INSA, MASSA and CMMI during these difficult times.

Capt.Birendra Kumar Jha Master, Company of Master Mariners of India(CMMI), in his guest of honour address, through his presentation drove the message that Shipping is best mode of transportation when it comes to cost, environment, safety and volume of trade and recent Suez canal incident has made the world to realize that the supply chain could go for toss even if shipping freezes for a day.

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