

Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited (HCSL)

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Introduction

1. The East Coast of India has throughout been the epicentre of Maritime activity and has been the beacon for the country as far as shipbuilding is concerned. Towards this Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in its endeavour to further strengthen the shipbuilding sector in this region has taken on the age old legacy of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Limited (HDPEL) who were the pioneers of shipbuilding in the eastern cost of the country.

2. HDPEL is one of the oldest shipyards of the country established in the year 1819 in the name of Hooghly Docking and Engineering Company Limited. It has later merged with Port Engineering Works and came to be known as Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Limited (HDPEL). CSL took over this yard which includes facilities at Nazirgunge and Salkia and rechristened as Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited (HCSL) in October 2017 as a joint venture with HDPEL and thereafter HCSL became a wholly owned subsidiary of CSL with effect from November 01, 2019, pursuant to the approval of the Union Cabinet on October 03, 2019. Subsequently, pursuant to the approval of the shareholders, the Registered Office of HCSL was changed to 'Administrative Building, HCSL Premises, Satyen Bose Road, P.O. Danesh Shaikh Lane, Nazirgunge, Howrah, West Bengal – 711 109' with effect from June 01, 2021.

3. CSL, keeping in line with the thought process of the Govt. of India to develop the National Waterways being piloted by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways through the Jal Marg Vikas project of IWAI has refurbished and restructured the Nazirgunge unit into a modern shipbuilding facility. HCSL completed the project phase and its new facility for shipbuilding and ship repair at Nazirgunge was dedicated to the nation on August 16, 2022 by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, the Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways. Besides, the Company has obtained IMS Certification including ISO 9001-2015 – Quality, ISO 14001-2015 – Environment and ISO 45001-2018 – Health & Safety, from the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS). Moreover, in April 2022, the Company has implemented one of the best available ERP solutions, the SAP S/4HANA, which is expected to improve the efficiency of business transactions considerably.

4. The Yard is very well poised to contribute to CSL group's long term strategy, CRUISE 2030, by capitalising the vast opportunity in the small vessels segment especially inland barges and vessels, passenger ferries, RO-RO/ RO-PAX, ship repairs etc. primarily in the North East region of the country. HCSL, being a Yard with its access to the National Waterways 1 and 2, envisaged by the Government of India can be best utilized for building small vessels at the least possible cost. This will help the Company to penetrate the high volume low margin small vessels segment both in domestic as well as international markets.

A Few highlights of the facility at HCSL:

- All shop floors equipped with the state-of-the-art facilities for ship building.
- End launching (02 nos.) with winch and cradle system for vessels upto 80 Mtrs.
- Side launching (01 no) for vessels upto 120 Mtrs.
- Fitout berths (04 nos.) with jetties – each with floating pontoons (30mtr*7mtr) with gangways and tower cranes (5Tons).
- Wide range of standardized designs to meet customers' requirements.
