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*'A new beginning at the end of 2020'*

## Smart Marine Group forays into vessel handling services

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**S**MART Marine Services Pvt. Ltd has announced to the trade about the commencement of the New TMC Service to VOC Port, Tuticorin.

The maiden voyage of *M.V. Iberian Express*, on her deployment to the New TMC Service (Tuticorin – Male – Colombo), berthed at DBGT Terminal, VOC Port on Sunday, December 20, 2020. Mr Bimal Kumar Jha, Deputy Chairman of VOC Port Trust, inaugurated the first voyage of the new service. The CEO of DBGT, Mr Senthilkumar Subramanian, Traffic Manager of VOC Port Trust, Mr R. Prabakar, Capt. Ferdinand Soldevilla, Master of the vessel and General Manager of Smart Marine Group Mr. P. Badrinath were the other dignitaries who graced the occasion.

Maldives Shipping Services (MSS) is a Maldives-based leading shipping company which is into all verticals of logistics, and it also operates the Colombo-Male regular feeder

service. It is now extending this existing service leg to VOC Port, thereby connecting three countries in the ISC Region.

This new feeder service, operated by Maldives Shipping Services and handled by Smart Marine Services at VOC Port, offers ex-



im services between Tuticorin – Male – Colombo and is intended to be a regular service to serve the trade in the coming days. The feeder class vessel *M.V. Iberian*

*Express*, built in 2012, with a handling capacity of 1,118 TEUs inclusive of 220 reefer plug points, will help Smart Marine to



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*"This is a significant achievement for the group and offers us tremendous opportunity to utilize our existing expertise and capabilities in the field of logistics."*

**ABDUL WAHID MOOSA**  
Chairman - MSS



*This new TMC Service will provide an opportunity to enhance the existing business capabilities in the region manifold.*

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 expand its operational network and provide extended services to its increasing client base on the eastern coast of the Indian Subcontinent.

Smart Marine Services, in its press note, said that Vessel Handling Agent Services is professionally managed by the company's expert team at Tuticorin, which is a tremendous opportunity for the Group to utilise its existing expertise and capabilities in the field of logistics. Smart Marine is confident of extending vessel handling agency services to other locations across the country where it already has

a strong foothold.

The management of Smart Marine thanked MSS for reposing confidence and extending their cooperation in providing this business opportunity to the Group. It stressed that this service is the need of the hour to serve the trade, especially in the current crucial scenario where there is severe shortage of vessel space. "We firmly believe the trade will capitalise this service to enhance the existing business capabilities in this region," the release emphasised.

The Smart Marine management also thanked all government / port / termi-



**From L to R : Mr. Senthilkumar Subramanian, Mr. P. Badrinath, Mr. Bimal Kumar Jha, Capt. Ferdinand Soldevilla. Mr. R. Prabakar**

nal officials / trade / liners / customers / associates and, above all, the company's dedicated staff for their support and excellent cooperation in making the inaugural service launch ceremony a grand success at very

short notice. It is indeed a proud moment for Team Smart Marine, the release highlighted.

It concluded by saying that 'This marks a New beginning at the end of 2020'.



**Dignitaries inaugurating new TMC service**



**Team Smart Marine aboard M.V. Iberian Express**