COCHIN SHIPYARD DECLARES DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011

Cochin Shipyard Limited, the leading Shipbuliding and Shiprepair yard in India has declared and paid a dividend of Rs 16,86,79,400/- (Rs 16.87 crores for the year 2010 – 11). The dividend consists of Re.1 per Equity Share on the 11,32,80,000 fully paid equity shares of Rs 10 each amounting to Rs 11,32,80,000 (Rs 11.32 crores) and Rs 70 per 7,91,432 fully paid 7% Non Cumulative Preference Share of Rs 1,000/- each amounting to Rs 5,53,99,400/- (Rs 5.54 crores). The dividend cheque was handed over today to the Hon'ble Minister of Shipping, Shri G K Vasan, by Cmde K Subramaniam, CMD, CSL. This is the third consecutive year that the company is paying dividend to the Government of India. The yard has also contributed handsomely to the exchequer in 2010-11 by way of value added tax, Income Tax, Fringe Benefit Tax, Excise Duty, Customs Duty and Service Tax amounting to Rs 110 crores.

2 The above was possible due to the stellar performance achieved by the yard in the last few years. The yard has been able to increase its turn over by four times from Rs 373 crores in 2005 – 2006 to Rs 1426 crores in 2010 – 11 . During the same period the company's Profit Before Tax increased by 14 times from Rs 25 crores to Rs 346 crores (Rs 331 crores in 2009 – 2010) and the Net Profit by 13 times ie from 18 crores to 228 crores. (Rs 223 crores in 2009-2010).

3 Presently, Cochin Shipyard has 34 ships on order consisting of 20 Fast Patrol Vessels for Coast Guards, 13 Offshore Supply Vessels for Foreign Owners and one 'Aircraft Carrier' for Indian Navy. The approximate value of orders in hand is Rs 3500 crores excluding the Aircraft Carrier. 4. In the current year CSL delivered a Platform Supply Vessel in July 2011 for Norwegian Owners. This is the first time in India, that such a high technology Offshore Vessel, clean design, diesel electric propulsion conforming to comfy class, have been constructed and delivered as per the exacting quality standards of the Norwegian Owners. Another three ships, of similar design, are slated for delivery in the next 3 months all for Norwegian owners . Apart from the above, the yard is constructing six ships for M/s Shipping Corporation Of India, the first of this series is slated for delivery in mid Sep 2011 and three more is scheduled for delivery in this financial year. The yard has also commenced work on four Offshore Support Vessels for Norwegian Owners based at Cyprus. On the defence front, the construction of 20 Fast Patrol Vessels has commenced and the steel for the first vessel is expected to be cut in Oct this year. The first vessel is due for delivery to the Coast Guard in September/ October 2012. The company is making all out effort to launch the 'Indigenous Aircraft Carrier' by December 2011.

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