



# Press Release

## MV WERFTEN awards classification of “Endeavor” expedition yachts to DNV GL

The contract includes the classification of three ship newbuildings to be delivered in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

**Wismar, 12 December 2016** | MV WERFTEN contracted DNV GL for the classification of the “Endeavor”-class vessels. The contract includes three 20,000 GT mega yachts, which will be three of the first passenger ships to be classified according to the new DNV GL rules.

The “Endeavor” newbuildings will be the world’s largest expedition yachts with ice class. They will be fabricated at MV WERFTEN in Stralsund from 2017 and delivered to luxury cruise line Crystal Yacht Expedition Cruises from 2019. Being built according to the Polar Code with ice class PC6, the expedition yachts are designed for operation in the Arctic, Antarctic and also in the Tropics.

“The extensive experience in ship classification makes DNV GL a strong and reliable partner for us,” stated Guido Schulte, Vice President Design at MV WERFTEN.

“We are extremely pleased that we were asked to provide classification services for these innovative vessels. It is a special honour to have been entrusted with such an advanced project by MV WERFTEN and Crystal Yacht Expedition Cruises,” said Matthias Ritters, Regional Manager Germany, DNV GL – Maritime.

DNV GL is the world’s leading classification society and a recognized advisor for the maritime industry. The company has its focus on enhancing safety, quality, energy efficiency and environmental performance of the global shipping industry.

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## About MV WERFTEN

MV WERFTEN comprises of three shipyards in Wismar, Rostock and Stralsund in the German state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (MV) and has some of the largest docks and covered fabrication facilities in Europe. The yards are located in a region with an excellent transportation and logistics infrastructure and have direct access to the Baltic Sea. Further investments in a laser thin-plate welding line, cabin manufacturing, state-of-the-art software and other automation will be made to make MV WERFTEN one of the most efficient cruise ship builders in the world.

In their 70-year history, the three shipyards have designed, produced and fitted out around 2,500 sea-going newbuilds, including two AIDA cruise vessels, Premicon river cruise vessels and Stena Line ferries. MV WERFTEN, headquartered in Wismar, is constantly investing in innovation and new technologies as well as employee training to guarantee excellent “made in MV” quality.

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