



## PRESS RELEASE

### **MANTARCTIC SHIPPING SEASON ARRIVES WITH ICE-CLASS VESSEL MPV Everest**

**Amsterdam, 31 December 2020** - Maritime Construction Services (MCS) announces today, that the MPV Everest has arrived Hobart to commence work for the Australian Antarctic Program, resupplying Australian stations and changing over personnel this summer.

The Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) has chartered the vessel to undertake two voyages to Casey, Davis and Mawson research stations in Antarctica.

The first voyage is scheduled to depart for Casey research station on 9 January after cargo and equipment is loaded for resupply, and expeditioners board the vessel.

Built in 2017, the 140-metre long MPV Everest is an ice-strengthened ship with the ability to break sea ice up to one metre thick, and an international crew experienced in polar conditions.

Owned by Maritime Construction Services (MCS), the multipurpose vessel can carry bulk fuel and has cargo space for up to 96 twenty-foot containers on its decks, as well as a helipad above the bridge.

By comparison, Australia's newly completed icebreaker RSV Nuyina (currently undertaking sea trials in the North Sea and due to arrive in Hobart next year) is 160.3 metres long.

The AAD's 2020-21 summer season is focused on preventing the introduction of COVID-19 to Antarctica and keeping people safe.

Activities have been scaled back to changing over teams and resupplying stations, with around half of the usual 500 people travelling south.

Stringent quarantine measures by MCS and AAD are in place to prevent COVID-19 cases on MPV Everest.

Crew members of the MPV Everest were COVID-19 PCR tested three times during a fourteen day isolation period prior to joining the vessel in South Korea.

Expeditioners travelling south on the first voyage are currently in isolation in Hobart and will undertake COVID-19 testing before boarding the vessel.

### **DP3 Multi-Purpose Vessel EVEREST**

The Multi-Purpose Construction vessel EVEREST is built to the latest standards and equipped with a wide range of capabilities and features. Due to its unique characteristics, the MPV Everest can continue operations safely, under the most challenging conditions. With 1,400m<sup>2</sup> of deck space a large quantity of project equipment or subsea structures/parts can be brought on board or lowered. The EVEREST is

equipped with a 250MT Active Heave Compensated crane and three state-of-the-art ROV's, 18 men SAT system making the vessel particularly suited for subsea construction and other specialized projects.

The DP3 1A Super ice class multipurpose vessel EVEREST can handle the severest Polar conditions. Built to the latest standards this state-of-the-art vessel continues to work safely where other vessels must stop.

### Specifications

Type	<b>Ice Class</b> Multi-Purpose Construction Vessel
Length and width	140 x 30 x 13m
Deck space	1,400m <sup>2</sup>
Accommodation	140 personnel / 100 cabins
Power	25,000 kW
Key Characteristics	DP3, Super Clean Ship with Green Passport, Ice Class 1A Super, winterized to -40°C, DSV, oil recovery and firefighting ship

[Download all specifications](#)

Additional pictures and video can be found there:

<https://cloudstor.aarnet.edu.au/plus/s/uldSw7z0LQlr2ds>

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### **About Maritime Construction Services**

Maritime Construction Services (MCS) is an emerging, independent offshore contracting and vessel management company. MCS provides high-quality project management and engineering services to the oil & gas majors and main contractors worldwide.

MCS has been established in 2015 as an independent Dutch entity, to execute international projects and deliver project management, tendering, business development and commercial support. The services of MCS range from pipelay, heavy lift and SURF to SAT diving. In addition, MCS serves its clients in the construction of ports & terminals and vessel management. MCS has a broad network of international partners to ensure to its clients, exclusive access to various offshore assets and local offices worldwide. For more information please visit [www.mcs.nl](http://www.mcs.nl).

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### **About the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD)**

The Australian Antarctic Division, based in Hobart, Tasmania, is part of the Australian Government's Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. The Division is responsible for Australia's

presence and activities in the Australian Antarctic Territory and the Southern Ocean. The Division leads Australia's Antarctic Program.

The research conducted through the Australian Antarctic Program helps to develop technologies and policies that protect the Antarctic and Southern Ocean environments. It also enables Australia to contribute to and strengthen the **Antarctic Treaty system** and its environmental protection regime.

Supporting science on the ice requires a comprehensive logistics operation involving sea, air and ground transport and year-round research stations. Australia maintains three year-round research stations, **Casey**, **Davis** and **Mawson** and one on sub-Antarctic **Macquarie Island**. The population of the stations range between 40 and 100 expeditioners over summer and 15 to 20 over the harsh winter months. Each season more than 500 expeditioners travel south with the Australian Antarctic Program.

More information: <http://www.antarctica.gov.au/>