



PRESS RELEASE

ENGINE ROOM FIRE ON BOARD THE MPV EVEREST

Amsterdam, April 5, 2021 - Maritime Construction Services (MCS) announces today, that there has been an engine room fire on board the MPV Everest this afternoon. The ice-strengthened ship is travelling home after resupplying Mawson research station in east Antarctica.

All 109 expeditioners and crew on board the vessel are safe and there are no injuries. Families have been informed.

Just after 2pm the fire was detected in the vessel's port-side engine room. It was contained and has been extinguished.

The DP3 classed vessel has full redundancy in the onboard power systems and it is currently maintaining its course northwards using its starboard engine room.

MPV Everest is 1700 nautical miles south of Perth, four days into a 14 day return trip.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has been alerted. AMSA has contacted ships in the area to assist if required.

Further updates will be posted on the website on Tuesday 6 April.

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 1,400m² 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	Ice Class Multi-Purpose Construction Vessel
Length and width	140 x 30 x13m
Deck space	1,400m ²
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>

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.

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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/>