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LUKOIL MARINE SUPPLIES THE WORLD'S LARGEST CONTAINER VESSEL FROM MSC

With the launch of the MSC OSCAR, Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) sets a new record: with its 19,224 TEU capacity, the latest addition to the MSC family is the largest container vessel ever built1. It was officially inaugurated at the Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering (DSME) Shipyard in South Korea on 8th January 2015 and will service trade routes between Asia and Europe.

"Congratulations to MSC on this fantastic achievement! We are very proud to be the lubricant supplier for the MSC OSCAR", says Jan Thiedeitz, Director of LUKOIL Marine Lubricants. The company specializing in marine lubricants is an important business partner for MSC, supplying lubricants to more than 100 vessels in the MSC fleet.

But it is not only the size of the vessel which is impressive. MSC also demonstrates its concern for the environment for example, by equipping the MSC OSCAR with increased fuel efficiency engines for a healthier supply chain. For all its new orders, MSC trusts in the pioneering technology developed by LUKOIL Marine Lubricants: the iCOlube®. This is an 'intelligent cylinder oil lubrication' unit optimizing both the performance and overall efficiency of vessel engines.

"I am more than pleased to have chosen LUKOIL Marine as a supplier for this incredible vessel", Pasquale Formisano, Senior VP in MSC Geneva tells us, "and the partnership will continue with MSC's next new vessel, MSC OSCAR's sister ship MSC OLIVER, which will be launched in April 2015."

1 In TEU capacity

With a capacity of 19,224 TEU, the MSC OSCAR is the world's largest container vessel today.