



News Release

GE Transportation and VMS Group Partner to Power Exceptional Experiences at Sea

Engine and Parts Agreements Will Power the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic fleet

GE Transportation and Danish channel partner, VMS Group, signed a contract to supply a shipset comprised of [two 8L250MDC and two 12V250MDC marine engines](#), tools and spare parts for the world's foremost expedition ship. The vessel will be built at Ulstein Verft in Norway, and is scheduled for delivery in 2020. The ship will be the first polar new build in the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic fleet

"We're proud to partner with GE Transportation to power exceptional experiences at sea," said Peter Krogh Nymand, CEO at VMS Group. "One of the primary reasons we distribute GE's engines is because they provide the best power per footprint and reduce key emissions while maintaining fuel efficiency."

GE's L250 and V250 Series Diesel Engine meet the EPA's stringent Tier 4 and IMO's Tier III emission standards without the use of selective catalytic reduction (SCR) equipment and urea-based aftertreatment. The diesel engine integrates an upgraded control system, high-pressure common rail fuel injection, two-stage turbocharging, and advanced exhaust gas recirculation (EGR). The non-SCR/non-urea based in-engine emission design saves customers up to 75 percent space, avoids the hassle and cost associated with handling urea, while reducing the time and cost spent maintaining hardware.

VMS Group covers all aspects of service, such as repair and maintenance, spare parts delivery, sales of complete propulsion systems, project management, and engineering projects within the maritime and offshore industry. VMS Group offer comprehensive 24/7 service of engines, gears and propellers, turbochargers as well as engineering, project management and an extensive stock of spare parts.

"We are pleased to partner with our channel partner, VMS Group, on this exciting project," said Yuvbir Singh, GE Transportation Vice President, Global Locomotive and Marine/Stationary Power/Drill. "The partnership we have represents our commitment, and theirs, to continue evolving sustainable marine operations."

The state-of-the-art polar vessel has been designed as the ultimate expedition platform with a focus on safety and comfort, as well as incorporating innovative sustainability solutions, like GE Transportation's marine engines, to reduce its environmental impact. Lindblad-National Geographic have delivered remarkable experiences to guests for the past thirteen years, and this will be the first vessel to integrate GE's marine engine technology.