



THE GREAT EASTERN SHIPPING COMPANY LIMITED

## **G E Shipping makes presence felt in the Middle East**

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The Great Eastern Shipping Company Ltd. (GE Shipping) is privileged to announce the opening of its representative office at Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

GE Shipping is the largest Indian private sector operator of harbour tugs and the first offshore service provider in India to be awarded an ISO 9002 certification. GE Shipping through its offshore division provides services to the offshore energy industry and port authorities by operating a diversified fleet of offshore support vessels which includes vessels like AHT, AHTSV, DSV and tugs. The division which commenced operations in 1983, has catered to varied clients including all oil majors and major ports in India apart from international clients like NPCC, Enron Oil & Gas, Cairn Energy, Hardy Oil, Nicco Resources, Cochin Shipyard Ltd., Mazagaon Shipyard Ltd. and L & T to name a few.

GE Shipping has entered into a long term operating agreement with Saudi Aramco for deployment of Malaviya Two, a 4800 BHP Anchor Handling Tug Supply Vessel (AHTSV). " We are proud of this association as it is the first time that an Indian company has won an international tender for long term operations with Saudi Aramco" said Mr. Vijay Sheth, Managing Director, The Great Eastern Shipping Company Ltd.

Saudi Aramco with interests in oil exploration, refining and distribution is a fully integrated global oil company and the largest in the Middle East in terms of revenue, manpower and assets. It operates through its joint ventures in several domestic companies in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia and abroad.

The Malaviya Two is equipped with a 9 man Fast Rescue Craft Capability of 25 knots speed, for rescue operations in offshore fields and has fire fighting capability (2400 m<sup>3</sup>/hr) which makes it a unique Anchor Handling Tug Supply/ Safety Vessel.