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New Building Aframax Crude Carrier Delivered

GE Shipping took delivery of a new building Aframax crude carrier from Samsung

shipbuilding yard, Korea. Named 'Jag Lavanya', the vessel is the ninth Aframax crude

carrier in the company's fleet.

The company's current shipping fleet stands at 38 ships aggregating 2.5 Mn dwt with an

average age of 12.9 years and 31 offshore vessels.

After the delivery of 'Jag Lavanya', the new building order book has 8 vessels viz. 3

tankers and 5 OSVs.

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Place: Mumbai