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Genting Hong Kong Commences Construction of Dream Cruises' Second Global Class ship at MV WERFTEN

Rostock, 10 September 2019 | Production of Dream Cruises' second Global Class ship commenced at MV WERFTEN in Rostock-Warnemünde today, almost exactly a year after the keel laying of the flagship of the series. Genting Hong Kong's Chairman and CEO Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay initiated at the press of a button the first steel cutting for the 342m long, 46m wide, 208,000 gross ton cruise vessel.

"We are delighted that our comprehensive investments at the three shipyard locations are bearing fruits and we can already celebrate today the first steel cutting for another technologically advanced vessel for our shipping company Dream Cruises," Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay stated. "Also thanks to the use of artificial intelligence, Dream Cruises' second Global Class ship will offer our guests a very interesting, modern and highly comfortable travel experience."

Dream Cruises' second Global Class ship is identical in construction to her ship sister ship, which is due to enter operation under the name "Global Dream" in 2021. Production work on the vessel with the yard number 126 is also being divided up among all three locations of MV WERFTEN. For example, up to 30 large sections are being built in Stralsund for subsequent final assembly in Wismar, where a 125m high crane, purchased specially for the Global project, is currently being installed at the outfitting quay. The keel laying of the ship is planned already for 9 December 2019, with delivery scheduled for 2022.

MV WERFTEN's CEO Peter Fetten said: "Building these sophisticated high-tech ships is a challenge, but above all an enormous opportunity for us. We would like to thank all colleagues and partners for their great work during the planning and design phase, and we are glad to start now with production."

Like her sister ship, Dream Cruises' second Global Class ship is also intended for the fast-growing Asian market. With 2,500 passenger cabins accommodating over 9,000 passengers and a crew of 2,200, Dream Cruises' "Global Dream" and the second Global Class ship are the first vessels worldwide capable of carrying more than 10,000 persons. In terms of passenger capacity, they are the largest ships ever built in Germany. They are well equipped with state-of-the-art digital technologies, such as face and speech recognition or climate control, mood lighting etc via app, and are thus optimally designed to meet the advanced digital requirements of the Asian cruise market. The standard cabins are the most spacious in the sector – at 20 m² about 15% larger than those offered on other cruise ships.

With 2,500 passenger cabins and 836 crew cabins for the new ship are being produced as completely prefabricated modules at MV WERFTEN Fertigungsmodule in Wismar. A total of over 600 firms are involved in the construction of the second Global Class ship. Over half of the partner companies come from Germany, a fifth from the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, contributing to the growth of the local economy.

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|  | <p>Genting Hong Kong's Chairman and CEO Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay (left) and the Minister for Economic Affairs of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Mr. Harry Glawe posed with a steel cut of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania for Dream Cruises' second Global Class ship.</p> |
|  | <p>From the right: Genting Hong Kong's Group President Mr. Colin Au, MV WERFTEN's CEO Peter Fetten, Genting Hong Kong's Chairman and CEO Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay and The Minister for Economic Affairs of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Mr. Harry Glawe initiated the start of the steel cutting for Dream Cruises' second Global Class ship.</p> |

About Genting Hong Kong Limited ("Genting Hong Kong")

Genting Hong Kong is a leading corporation principally engaged in the business of cruise and cruise related operations along with leisure, entertainment and hospitality activities.

As a pioneer in the Asian cruise industry, Genting Hong Kong took on the bold initiative to grow the Asia-Pacific as an international cruise destination with the founding of Star Cruises in 1993. In 2015, to further expand its cruise portfolio in the region, Genting Hong Kong launched Dream Cruises to cater to the fastest growing Asian market. The same year, Genting finalized the acquisition of Crystal Cruises to extend Genting Hong Kong's reach in the global up-scale market. The three cruise brands together are now collectively known as Genting Cruise Lines.



Genting bought three shipyards in Germany in 2016, collectively known as “MV Werften”, to build cruise ships up to 200,000 gross tons for its three cruise brands, following the purchase of Lloyd Werft the previous year which specializes in building Megayachts and other newbuilds.

Initiating the Group’s foray into land-based attractions, Resorts World Manila was the first integrated resort in the Philippines when it opened in 2009. A one-stop, non-stop entertainment and leisure destination, Resorts World Manila features world-class entertainment, unique events, and exciting lifestyle options throughout its extensive premises. Genting Hong Kong’s investment in iconic Singapore nightlife brand Zouk – a world-class entertainment institution and trendsetter in Asia’s dance music scene, and perennial top-ten fixture in the annual DJ Mag Top 100 Clubs global poll - further diversifies the company’s appeal to a younger and more dynamic clientele.

About Dream Cruises

Genting HK brings 26 years’ of Asian cruise industry experience in creating its new cruise line – Dream Cruises. Featuring a complete fleet of quality, German built vessels for Asian sourced passengers, Dream Cruises aims to be a pacesetter in the global cruise industry, meeting the needs of the ‘emerging generation’ of confident, independently-minded and upwardly-mobile Asian travellers. Dream Cruises offers inspirational journeys, which are Asian at heart and international in spirit.

Purpose-built for the Asian market, Genting Dream, the first ship of the fleet, debuted in November 2016, with her sister ship World Dream joining in November 2017, offering guests cruising from Guangzhou, Hong Kong and Singapore the highest levels of service, as measured by crew to passenger ratio, and most spacious comfort as measured by gross tons per lower berth. Further expanding the Dream Cruises family, Explorer Dream joined in 2019 with homeports in Shanghai, Dalian and Tianjin during summer and Australia and New Zealand in winter. Construction has also started in Germany on the first 208,000 gross ton Global Class ship, Global Dream, and also the second Global Class ship, which will join the fleet in early 2021 and 2022 respectively.

Since its launch, Dream Cruises has been recognized by the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide 2019 ranking Genting Dream and World Dream in the world’s top ten Large Resort Ships – the only two highest rated 4.5 star ships operating in the region.

Dream Cruises was also recently awarded ‘Best Cruise Operator’ at the Travel Trade Gazette’s (TTG) Travel Awards 2018 and “Best Cruise Line – Cuisine” and “Best Cruise Line – Entertainment” by the Travel Weekly Asia Readers’ Choice Awards 2018 and “Best New Cruise Ship” for World Dream at the 12th Annual TTG China Travel Awards 2019.

