

First non-EU ship recycling yards join EU List of approved facilities

LEYAL and LEYAL-DEMTAS join the EU list following independent verification from Lloyd's Register (LR)

The European Commission published the fourth version of the 'European List of ship recycling facilities' last week, adding six new yards, taking the total up to 26. It includes 23 facilities located in European Union (EU) member states, and for the first time ever, three located in non-EU member states – LEYAL and LEYAL-DEMTAS in Turkey and a facility in the USA.

From 31 December 2018, the EU Ship Recycling Regulation will require all ships flying the flag of an EU Member State to use an approved ship recycling facility included in the European List. The addition of the LEYAL Group facilities to the EU List will help meet the capacity requirements for the recycling of larger EU flagged ships.

LEYAL is the leading ship recycling company in Turkey and has a long and successful track record of robust performance and a wealth of experience in green recycling spanning 37 years, making it one of the most experienced ship recycling facilities worldwide.

LR previously certified LEYAL's facilities in compliance with the IMO Hong Kong Convention in 2016. The assessment/verification was conducted through rigorous reviews of ship recycling facility plans and supporting documentation, and a series of demanding site inspections, ensuring that management systems and operations were in full accordance with the Convention.

On the occasion of the publication of the new 'European List of ship recycling facilities' EU Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Karmenu Vella, said: "The EU is committed to reducing the impact of EU shipping industry on the environment, including through better protection of environment and workers in ship recycling. The inclusion of the first yards located outside the EU is a major milestone and the recognition of very significant efforts and resources dedicated by the concerned yards towards this goal. The updated List will increase the recycling capacity of the European List, and give European ship owners a wider range of recycling options."

Dimitri Ayvatoglu, Head Special Projects & External Affairs at LEYAL, commented: "We are once again proud to have achieved another major milestone in our continuous effort to offer the industry sustainable ship recycling options, both in relation to realising significant asset values as well as with respect to safe and environmentally sound recycling operations. Being the first non-European ship recycling facility worldwide to be added the EU List and the first and only from Turkey is a showcase of our high quality environment, health and safety standards and a testament to our strong commitment to remain at the forefront of developments."

LR's Ehud Bar-Lev, Global Manager, Ship Inspection & Assessment, said: "LEYAL's commitment towards safe and sustainable ship recycling is a continuous effort reflected in its day-to-day operating culture. Lloyd's Register is proud to play a major role in changing this industry towards a better future for the environment, employees and the shipping industry."

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About LEYAL

Founded in 1981, LEYAL Group is the leading ship recycler in Turkey, with a long and successful track record spanning over 37 years of continuous operations and having recycled in excess of 1000 vessels since the early

1980s. The facilities span an area of 60,000 m2 with an annual capacity of 140,00 lightweight tons. LEYAL has extensive experience with the recycling of all types of vessels, ranging from FPSOs to Aircraft Carriers and from bulkers, tanker and containerships to submarines.

LEYAL is an OECD based facility therefore also within the scope of the European Waste Shipment Regulation 1013/2006, under which it has recycled in excess of 50 European Navy vessels. The ship recycling facilities are certified to an integrated QHSE management system specifically for ship recycling according to ISO30000, ISO9001, ISO14001 and OHSAS18001. LEYAL is also certified by Lloyds Register both to the IMO Hong Kong Convention and to the EU Ship Recycling Regulation, as well as having been successfully vetted and contracted by Oil Majors such as Shell, Chevron and ENI.

With its long history and highly skilled management team, LEYAL has extensive experience with helping high profile clients navigate through the maze of national, regional and international regulations on ship recycling and waste management.

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