



# Two L&T-made 505-t reactors deftly loaded on to Chipolbrok vessel



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**I**N an adroit operation, two Larsen & Toubro (L&T)-built reactors weighing about 505 tonnes each were loaded on to the Chipolbrok (C-P) vessel *m.v. Wladyslaw Orkan* at Mumbai Port's BPX Terminal last week.

The entire operation, coordinated by **Samsara Shipping Pvt. Ltd**, the general agents for Chipolbrok in India, was facilitated by the ship's two onboard cranes, having a combined lifting capacity of 640 tonnes (320 tonnes each).

The reactors, which were headed for a petrochemical plant near Bayuquan in China, were transported to Mumbai Port by barge from Hazira in Gujarat (where L&T has an heavy engineering plant) in 48 hours.

This is the first time that the 30,435-DWT multi-purpose vessel, *m.v. Wladyslaw Orkan*, has carried such project cargo, according to its Operations Manager, Capt. Romuald Wrona.

At a brief function held on board the vessel to mark the occasion, Mr Mukesh Oza, CEO, Samsara Group, presented plaques to Ms Rani Jadhav, Chairperson of Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT) and the Master of the vessel, Capt. Luczyc Stanislaw.

Mr Oza also florally felicitated Mr A. K. Bal, Deputy Chairman of MbPT, Capt. Rodrigues, Deputy Conservator of MbPT, Mr V. Ranganath, Traffic Manager of MbPT, and Mr Mukesh Makwana, Chief Project Manager of L&T.

A memento was also presented by Ms Jadhav on behalf of MbPT to Capt. Stanislaw.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms Jadhav expressed happiness that Mumbai Port had emerged as a pivotal facilitator for handling project cargo.

Capt. Wrona expressed his gratitude at the selection of Chipolbrok in this transportation operation and said that he looked forward to the vessel calling at the Port more often.

Mr Makwana highlighted that the reactors were designed using special materials to keep their weight to around the 500-tonne level.

Chipolbrok, the Chinese-Polish Joint Stock Shipping Company, was established in 1951 by the governments of China and Poland. It offers regular break-bulk shipping services between Asia, Europe, Middle East, US Gulf, North Africa, etc., and has rich experience in transportation of all kinds of complex cargo, oversized pieces and complete sets of factory equipment. The C-P brand is today well known the world over for its quality service.

Among the company's offerings is the Europe/Middle East/India service, offering one sailing per month from the main European ports to the Middle East and India.

The loading ports on this service are Hamburg, Antwerp, Venice, Szczecin and other European ports, while the basic discharging ports are Mumbai and Jeddah.

Chennai and other main ports of the Middle East are also covered.

The company has a modern, multi-purpose fleet of 23 geared, semi-container triple-deckers with total DWT of over 520,000 and container capacity of over 22,000 TEUs. Four of the 23 vessels are equipped with cranes to be



Posing with the plaques are Ms Rani Jadhav, Mr Mukesh Oza and Capt. Luczyc Stanislaw (second, third & fourth from right), flanked by Mr A. K. Bal (right) and Mr Ashok Jain (left)



The reactors being carried by a barge (above) to the Chipolbrok vessel on to which it was deftly loaded (below)



able to lift pieces up to 640 tonnes.

Among those present on the occasion were MbPT officials Capt. S. P. Dalal, Harbour Master, Mr N. G. Kamat Satoskar, Chief Mechanical Engineer,

Mr V. S. Kulkarni, Deputy Manager, Indira Dock and Capt. V. Pereira, Senior Dock Master, besides Samsara Shipping officials, Capt. G. Sarkari, Mr Ashok Jain and others.