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DNVGL appointed as Classification Society by RMC for the newbuild to Kvarken Link

Kvarken Link Oy have signed a contract for the construction of one of the most innovative and environmentally friendly ferries ever built with RMC in January 2018. The ferry will be built for the route Vaasa-Umeå with delivery April 2021. NLC Ferry as operator on behalf of Kvarken Link Oy will continue the collaboration with DNVGL also for this new ferry.

“For us this was really important, we have worked closely together with DNVGL since the traffic started 2013 and have in close cooperation with DNVGL as a professional and dedicated partner been able to maintain and develop the high quality and safety, where DNVGL offers the same attitude as we have with our traffic.

Safety and quality must be of high standard and DNVGL is always assisting and share the same goal as we to develop the concept. In my opinion DNVGL has the highest standard of the classification companies in the world” says Managing Director Peter Ståhlberg NLC Ferry/Wasaline.

It is a proud day for DNV GL to have been entrusted with the classification of the new ferry for Kvarken Link,” says Freddy Friberg from DNV GL – Maritime. “This ship is set to push the envelope of what we can expect from a modern ferry vessel in terms of environmental performance, innovative design and highest safety standard and we are looking forward to supporting Kvarken Link and Rauma Marine Construction to realize a successful delivery.”

The details of the design for the new ferry demonstrate Kvarken Links commitment to using the most advanced technologies available to reduce the ships’ environmental impact. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is envisioned as the primary fuel for the new vessels, which would dramatically reduce or even eliminate emission of nitrogen oxide (NOX), sulphur oxide (SOX) and particulates, as well as cutting carbon dioxide (CO2). The new ferry will also introduce battery technology which means that it might become one of the most fuel efficient and environmentally friendly ferries ever constructed.

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Kvarken Link in brief:

Kvarken Link Ab was founded in 2015 and Kvarken Link Oy in 2019 by the City of Vaasa and the Municipality of Umeå to run the construction project of a new environmentally friendly RO-PAX ferry for Wasaline.