

MSC in for more Hengli megamaxs

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Gianluigi Aponte's Mediterranean Shipping Co (MSC) has returned to Hengli Heavy Industry for a new series of LNG dual-fuel megamax containerships.

Shipbuilding sources in China report the Swiss-based liner giant has signed up for six 22,000 teu newbuilds at the yard formerly known as STX Dalian.

Soren Toft-led MSC and Hengli Heavy signed a [strategic cooperation](#) framework agreement last year, which has already seen 20 ships booked for construction, spread into a series of ten [21,000](#) teu and [24,000](#) teu each, costing about \$215m and \$230m per ship, respectively.

Financial terms and delivery dates for the 22,000 teu newbuilds have not been divulged.

The world's largest container carrier has a fleet of about 6.51m teu, commanding around a 20% share of the global operated fleet. The company's massive orderbook stands at more than 130 ships, which should boost the fleet by over 2m slots in the coming years.

[Earlier this year](#), MSC also returned to Zhoushan Changhong International Shipyard in China for four firm 21,700 teu newbuilds with options for up to four more vessels at \$220m each and deliveries set for 2027 and 2028.