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MESSAGE

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

It is a matter of great honour and privilege for me to take the helm of Chittagong Dry Dock Limited, one of the leading maritime industries of Bangladesh.

The history of Chittagong Dry Dock Limited (CDDL), the lone dry dock of Bangladesh, dates back to late 60s, although its commercial operation began in 1985. Later, this state-owned limited company, an erstwhile enterprise of Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation, was handed over to the Bangladesh Navy (BN) on 23 December 2015 by the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The BN was entrusted to shoulder the responsibility of managing this diverse industry under four cardinal principles: *to enliven CDDL, to foster the shipbuilding industry of Bangladesh, to run CDDL commercially and to make it more profitable.*

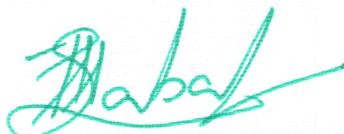
The BN management, under the dynamic leadership of the Board of Directors comprising of eminent scholars and professionals from all spheres, could successfully set its role, mission and vision. Potent leadership, management efficacy, honesty and hard work have turned out to be the cornerstones for its positive growth. As such, CDDL could turn into a profitable enterprise within a short span of time. The principal focus of new management included inclusive development, capacity building, human resource development, implementation of business-friendly policies, acquisition of business-related licenses and certificates, business diversification by engendering and enhancing own capabilities, etc.

As an ISO 9001:2015 certified enterprise, CDDL significantly contributes to national development, economic progression and sustainable maritime growth of the country. With regular and emergency docking, it renders repair services to both military and commercial vessels. It also notably contributes to the enhancement of cargo handling capacity of the Chittagong Port by providing berthing and unloading facilities to international vessels. Besides, CDDL has grown remarkable capabilities to undertake any heavy steel engineering works throughout Bangladesh. I am happy to announce that CDDL, as a part of its business diversification, has grown the ability to take part in diversified development projects of national interest with its competent engineers and skilled workforce. Apart from contributing to national development, CDDL pays due heed to social development through various welfare and socio-culture activities as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility.

To contribute to our maritime sector, CDDL has outlined its future expansion plan in line with the Honourable Prime Minister's expectation of transforming the BN from a "buyer's navy" to a "builder's navy." In this connection, CDDL has already received Approval in Principle from the Government of Bangladesh to build six Frigates for Bangladesh Navy. In future, it will be the home for construction of larger warships and commercial vessels.

In future, CDDL aims to expose as a confluence of innovation, R & D and an ideal platform for the professionals. It offers immense benefits, promotes values and provides its associates with a stimulating, pleasant and great place to build career. It intends to expand further with the support of its valued clients, development partners and key stakeholders.

I am sanguine that with its persistent and concerted efforts, CDDL will strengthen its business portfolio and secure progressive growth to become the principal shipbuilding industry of Bangladesh. My sincere appreciation to our valued clients and development partners for their relentless effort, support and cooperation. I hope that you will find CDDL not only a shipyard, but as a leading maritime element of maritime Bangladesh.



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