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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC) team up with RINA**

RINA and China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC) have signed a Strategic Cooperation Agreement for some of the activities related to passenger ships building. RINA, world leader in the classification of ferries and among the leading class societies in the cruise sector, will provide technical advice to CSSC in accordance with RINA's experience and expertise.

The agreement, which has been conceived during the recent visit to Italy of President Xi Jinping for the signing of the Belt and Road Initiative agreements, was signed by RINA's CEO, Ugo Salerno and Mr. Lei Fanpei, Chairman of CSSC, in Beijing. As part of the collaboration, RINA will provide support to CSSC for new building projects on energy saving, alternative design, passenger comfort and noise reduction, among other.

**Mr. Lei Fanpei, CSSC**, said, "CSSC recognises RINA's expertise in the classification of passenger vessels and we see substantial benefit in working together. CSSC are set to expand the high-technology vessels sector in China and as such will be designing and building new world class ships". Under its wing, there are 60 sole proprietorship enterprises and shareholding institutions, including a some of the most renowned ship building and ship repairing yards, research and design institutes, marine-related equipment manufacturers and trading firms in China.

"The scope of our agreement is very broad and encompasses many aspects of technical advice together with training. We will use our rich technical know-how in the global passenger ship sector to assist CSSC in achieving its growth ambitions in China and beyond. This represents an important step for RINA and reflects our increasing footprint in Asia", said **RINA's CEO Ugo Salerno**.

*China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC) is an extra-large conglomerate directly administered by the central government of China. It boasts its being the mainstay of the shipbuilding industry in China. Under its wing, there are a batch of most powerful and some renowned shipbuilding and ship-repairing yards, research and design institutes, marine-related equipment manufacturers and trading firms in China. Entering the new age, CSSC have set its development strategies to upgrade and transform its shipbuilding capability from traditional commercial ships to high-tech vessels such as passenger ships.*

*RINA provides a wide range of services across the Energy, Marine, Certification, Transport & Infrastructure and Industry sectors. With a turnover in 2018 of 440 million Euros, over 3,800 employees and 200 offices in 70 countries worldwide, RINA is a member of key international organizations and an important contributor to the development of new legislative standards.*