

Oresund Heavy Industries extends its dry dock in Landskrona

The management of Oresund Heavy Industries has decided to extend the existing dry dock in Landskrona. The extension is a first step in a full expansion of the facility and is being made to accommodate a number of ships of the next generation that already operate on Baltic Sea and North Sea.

Today more than 95% of Sweden's import and export products are transported on ships and, for a number of years, the port capacities have been expanding in Sweden. This increase in capacity is required to meet the future demands where vessels are growing in terms of length, breadth and draft. New Building vessels either recently delivered and / or under construction are being built up to 240 meters in length, 35 meters width and 9 meters draft. The first units of this next generation of RoRo and RoPax vessels are already operating on the larger Swedish ports and the transition to larger tonnage capacity continues to grow.

Oresund Heavy Industries has monitored the development and evaluated the necessary adaptations of its infrastructure in Landskrona since 2006 and now the Swedish Transport Administration is preparing a feasibility Study which will be completed within the short term. The Study deals with the extension of the fairway in Landskrona, where today vessels of 190 meters in length and 30 meters in width are permitted to transit, but with the exemption procedure currently in place, larger vessels are also permitted to enter the fairway. All participants in the study are active stakeholders, from the Swedish Maritime Administration and Landskrona City who own Landskrona fairway and port, to other relevant authorities, such as Region Skåne and neighbouring companies that are active in, and / or dependent on the fairway.

From the company perspective, we have been prepared for the expansion in various steps and now the work will begin with a minor extension of the existing dry dock, while at the same time carrying out preparatory works for a full extension. As a result of this first extension we can bring in a number of the vessels that are today too large for the existing docks. The investment in the first step of the extension amounts to approximately SEK 20 million and will be completed in September 2019.

“This is a strategic issue that is about the yard's adaptation to the future, or in other words, Sweden's future because Oresund Heavy Industries in Landskrona is the only remaining large shipyard in Sweden. We now see that the process of getting an expanded fairway in place has come so far that we begin work on expanding our facility to receive larger tonnage” says Group CEO Jonas Hansson. *“We now have the opportunity to follow our customers and thus we can service their entire fleets, and we retain our position as a competent shipyard that supports the high-quality tonnage that operates in our area. From a national perspective, as Sweden has such a high dependence on Sea transports, it is a positive sign that the process for expanding the fairway is now in progress, which ensures the strategic resource that the yard in Landskrona constitutes”*.

The future expansion plans include, in addition to the extension of existing dry dock, the construction of a completely new larger dry dock with the dimension up to 250 meters in length and 50 meters in width.

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About the company

Oresund Heavy Industries is located in Landskrona, in the heart of the dynamic Öresund region. We are the parent company of Oresund Drydocks - which specializes in the repair, maintenance and rebuilding of ships -, Oresund Steel Construction - manufacturer of large steel constructions and Varvsuddens Industripark, landlord for the companies that are active at Varvsudden in Landskrona. Our facility is the only remaining of its size in Sweden and contains specialized manufacturing workshops and equipment that meet various industrial markets, including oil and gas, renewable energy, marine and offshore industries. The company has 90 employees with an annual turnover of more than SEK 400 million, and for the companies within Varvsuddens Industripark, the total number of employees amounts to 600 with an annual turnover of more than SEK 750 million.

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