

*Coasting in the right direction*

## NTC Logistics successfully executes maiden coastal movements



Chennai:

NTC Logistics successfully executed its maiden coastal movement recently by shipping Gamesa's 35 units of nacelles and 35 units of hubs from Chennai to Kandla Port. The shipment included 100 tonnes of nacelles that required a heavy lift vessel to hook and hoist. The company joined hands with **BBC Chartering GmbH**, the largest multipurpose, heavy lift and project shipping company in the world, with over 150 multipurpose heavy lift vessels in its fleet, for the operation. BBC Chartering is owned by [BrieseSchiffahrt Group](#), an [international shipping](#) company based in Leer, Germany.

NTC's wind client, Gamesa Renewable Pvt. Ltd, is the Indian arm of Spanish wind turbine maker Gamesa Corp Tecnologica SA. A global technology leader in the wind industry, with 22 years of experience and over 35,800 MW installed, Gamesa Renewable has footprints in 55 countries. Its services include wind turbine operations and maintenance services that manage more than 22 GW.

After executing the first shipment successfully, NTC offered and proposed a solution for Gamesa Renewable's eastbound requirement – to move 104 units of wind turbine towers approximately weighing 30,000 freight tons, from Kandla to Krishnapatnam.

Accordingly, NTC moved the wind turbine towers from Halol via Kandla to Ananthapur via Krishnapatnam. The Krishnapatnam Port Company Ltd (KPCL) hosted a berthing ceremony to mark the arrival of the vessel ***MV Combi Dock1*** carrying Gamesa's windmill shipments from Kandla, on January 6, 2017.

**Mr K. Chandramohan**, Chairman and Managing Director of NTC Group, summed up the great experience: "The customer entrusted us with the movement of their high-value cargo and we planned extensively by involving our resources to execute this movement through multimodal logistics. Our challenge was to complete this shipment in two voyages, engaging ***MV Combi Dock1*** for the first and ***MV Palabora*** for the second voyage. We could successfully move the entire 26 sets of towers (104 units) as planned."

NTC feels that coastal shipping will be the key to project cargo movement within India. At present, companies in the renewable segment, power plants and refineries are setting up their infrastructure in non-metros and require multimodal movement of heavy and oversized cargo. Considering the time and cost, coastal logistics movement could be the most feasible and effective way to move heavy and oversized cargo in the coming years. The success in the Chennai-Kandla and Kandla-Krishnapatnam multimodal movements has given the company the impetus to coast in the right direction, emphasised a release.