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## Vertom orders MPP series in India



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Dutch shipping group Vertom has ordered four newbuild geared tweendeckers at Chowgule Shipyards in India for fleet renewal.

The Rhoon-based outfit, which operates over 100 vessels ranging from 1,500 to 12,000 dwt, will be adding the new 10,700 dwt units to its fleet in 2027 and 2028.

Vertom said the vessels have been designed to handle a mix of breakbulk and dry bulk cargoes and to meet the demands of modern shipping, including Tier III-compliant engines and a 910 kWh battery package.

The MPP newbuilds are set to be deployed on the Europe Caribbean Line (ECL) liner service, which connects Europe with the northern coast of South America and is operated in partnership with compatriot Vertraco Shipping.

"Geared tweendeckers are essential for our fleet renewal strategy as we replace the current vessels on the ECL service. By leveraging our earlier collaboration with Chowgule, we have identified the most innovative

and sustainable solution currently available for this route," said Arjan de Jong, chief executive at Vertom.

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