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Gerdes Green signs for second Damen newbuild



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Germany's Gerdes Green has signed up for another hybrid combi freighter newbuild at Dutch shipbuilder Damen. The joint venture between shortsea shipping companies Reederei Gerdes and Over-C will be adding a second 3,850 dwt general cargo vessel, jointly developed with the yard and vessel charterer Cargill.

Gerdes Green has received a subsidy from the German Government to invest in a number of options to further bolster the efficiency and reduce the environmental footprint of the newbuild coasters. The vessels will feature a battery-driven propulsion system, a shore power connection, the ability to sail on B100 biodiesel, and wind-assisted propulsion.

Damen, which has delivered a total of eight vessels to Reederei Gerdes, is currently building the first of the CF 8050 series. Delivery dates have not been revealed.

"Sustainability is a key demand of industry today and is, therefore, of utmost importance to the maritime sector, said Nicole Gerdes,

managing partner at Gerdes Green, adding: "The vessels we have ordered from Damen form a part of our bid to act now. With these ships, we will be able to gain experience with sustainable technologies. The lessons we learn will help us to advance, step-by-step, towards a carbon neutral fleet."

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