



Dr. Anil Sharma: The Indian magnate that Greek Shipowners Love



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He is one of the most important personalities in the world shipping industry. Since 2009, he is included in the annual Lloyd's List with the 100 most influential people in shipping.

Dr. Anil Sharma, visited Greece on the occasion of the Posidonia international exhibition. He is the founder of GMS, the most powerful (largest) company that buys end-of-life vessels for recycling. His connections with the Greek Shipowning community are powerful and the Greek Shipowners Love him since he is the one disposing all their older vessels.

The Greek fleet is one of the most modern in the world since the Greek-owned shipping companies, usually order newbuildings or buy relatively young vessels in order to meet the highest standards that the most demanding Charterers set.



The Indian magnate, is the Founder, President and CEO of GMS. He moved to the USA, where he earned his Master and Doctorship in Business Administration. Before founding GMS, he spent 10 years as a member of the academic society and specifically, as a professor and chairman of a department in a state university at the US.

When he founded GMS in 1992 in Cumberland, he started by buying end-of-life vessels of MARAD. Today, the company handles almost 30% of the total volume that is being recycled in the subcontinent (almost 20% more than its closest competitor) and it's the largest buyer of ships and offshore assets for recycling in the world.

With exclusive representatives in all the major ship recycling markets, GMS has negotiated more than 3000 vessels and offshore assets for recycling since the day its inception.

Beyond its head office in the US, GMS has offices in Hamburg, Athens, Dubai, Singapore, Seoul, Shanghai, and Tokyo. GMS also has exclusive representatives in all the major ship recycling markets such as India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, China and Turkey.

GMS is the first and ONLY buyer of ships for recycling that developed a comprehensive programme of responsible/green recycling of vessels, continuing to lead the ship recycling market by offering innovative and practical solutions promoting modern and safe recycling practices.

As the market leader, GMS acts as the "spokesperson" of the sector, representing it to all the international forums as its representatives are invited as speakers to all the major shipping / ship recycling international conferences all over the world.

Apart from its main activity, GMS also owns its own fleet that manages through its different departments or through 3rd party managers and also has GMS Capital that is primarily focused in acquisitions, mergers, newbuildings and secondhand purchases.

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