



**TO OUR READERS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES IN THE INDUSTRY:**

**Lloyd's List has named Dr. Anil Sharma among the Top 100 Most Influential People in Shipping for the twelfth year in a row**

*December 3rd, 2021:* We are delighted to announce that Dr. Anil Sharma, Founder & CEO of GMS, has been listed in the annual **Lloyd's List Top 100 Most Influential People in the Shipping Industry** for the twelfth year in a row. He joins a select group of shipping professionals and global leaders who have received this honor from the world's most prominent and respected maritime publication. GMS is the only institution from the ship recycling industry that has been nominated to this globally respected list.

In this year's ranking, Lloyd's List quoted that Dr. Sharma has spearheaded several key initiatives aimed at making ship recycling cleaner, greener, and more sustainable over the years. As complemented by Lloyd's List – *"With nerves of steel and an abundance of patience, Dr. Sharma continues to reduce the shipping industry's global footprint by upgrading ship recycling safety standards, mitigating risk incidents and improving the workplace environment."*

Dr. Anil Sharma commented: "I would like to express my sincere thanks to the editorial board of Lloyd's List for this distinguished award. A quick review of the Top 100 shows the titans that have made a monumental impact on our wonderful industry. I am genuinely humbled and honored to be in this select group. This award is the most meaningful in the industry since it's based on demonstrated actions and does not entail self-nominations, lobbying, or sponsorships. This award recognizes our tireless efforts to improve ship recycling standards to global ESG standards without decimating this vital asset's residual value.

The significance of **Ship Recycling** to the maritime industry remains undeniable. As citizens of the world, it's our sacred responsibility to leave a cleaner and greener world for our children and grandchildren. Ship Recycling is indeed a GREEN industry; the best example of a circular economy, and it must be conducted in nations that can recycle the vessels best in accordance with international standards, reduce our carbon footprint, reuse and recycle the majority of the components and also provide an economic value to owners of these assets and the workers who work at these yards.

For the last two decades, together with the assistance of ship owners, capital providers, class societies, regulators and yard owners, we have worked relentlessly towards improving safety and environmental standards in the Indian subcontinent, where most of the world's ships are recycled. I am delighted to see the industry's impressive advancements over time. As a testament to the industry's collective efforts, in about ten years, we have gone from less than 5% green vessels to **100% green vessels in India this year!**

Green recycling at any cost is not a viable solution to this urgent and critical matter. Therefore, we continue to invest significant capital and human resources to ensure that vessels are recycled sustainably according to international standards by considering Environmental, Social, & Governance issues while assuring the optimal residual value of the asset.”

The full Lloyd's List Top 100 review of Dr. Sharma can be found at:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1138839/73-Anil-Sharma-GMS>

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