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COIN CEREMONY FOR MSC SEAVIEW MARKS NEW MILESTONE IN EXPANDING MSC CRUISES' FLEET

MSC Seaview will be deployed in the Mediterranean as of summer 2018 to be the landmark of MSC Cruises' cutting edge innovation in the region

Geneva, Switzerland and Trieste, Italy, 02 February 2017 – Today MSC Cruises, the world's largest privately-owned cruise line and market leader in Europe, South America and South Africa, and FINCANTIERI, heir to the great tradition of Italian shipbuilding and one of the largest shipbuilding groups in the world, marked a key milestone in the building of MSC Seaview with the celebration of the maritime tradition-rich coin ceremony, held at FINCANTIERI's Monfalcone shipyard in Italy. MSC Seaview is the third next-generation mega cruise ship that will come into service under MSC Cruises' ten-year investment plan through 2026.

The coin ceremony takes place when a ship's keel is laid, at the early stages of its construction. Tradition dictates that two long-standing employees representing the shipyard and the ship owner act as godmothers for the ceremony, placing two coins under the new ship's keel block as a sign of blessing and good fortune. Today Michela Bullo, from FINCANTIERI and Loredana Giammusso, from MSC Cruises had the honour of performing this task.

Pierfrancesco Vago, MSC Cruises' Executive Chairman commented: *"MSC Seaview is one of the four MSC Cruises' ships currently under construction, as part of an industry-unprecedented ten-year, €9 billion investment plan that underpins the next phase of our global growth as the world's largest privately-owned cruise line. She will also be a reflection of our unique and ongoing commitment to each time bringing to market the most innovatively conceived cruise ships, as the Seaside generation of MSC Cruises ships – of which MSC Seaview is part – introduces yet another game-changing prototype."*

Giuseppe Bono, CEO of FINCANTIERI, said: *"We always celebrate every stage of progress of this project with satisfaction. The MSC Seaview order, as the one for its sister ship MSC Seaside, which was floated out in November 2016, is one of those which has allowed the crucial relaunch of the cruise market. Our group has shown to fully match this important opportunity, which has helped to make FINCANTIERI the acknowledged leader in this industry, both in terms of volume and product diversification."* Bono concluded: *"We are confident that this success bodes well for our partnership with our MSC friends"*.

MSC Seaview will be the highlight of MSC Cruises' next year's ship deployment activities as she will come into service in June 2018, sailing the Western Mediterranean in her inaugural summer season. She will then continue her deployment in Brazil as of November 2018.

Mr Onorato, MSC Cruises Chief Executive Officer added: *"MSC Seaview will bring guests and the sea closer to each other, with a pioneering beach condo concept and other unique design and product elements that allow to make the most of the warmer weather. With one of the highest ratios of outdoor spaces at sea, guests will also enjoy an increased number of balcony cabins, sea views and outdoor public areas, with every element carefully planned to allow to make the most of the sea and*

the sunshine. Every element of the ship is designed to enable guests to enjoy the outdoors in every aspect of their life on board, from cabins and suites with outdoor spaces, eating and drinking al fresco through to outdoor fitness facilities and luxury cabanas for spa treatments in the fresh air.”

At 323 metres long with a GRT of 154,000 tonnes, MSC Seaview will feature a maximum capacity of 5,179 guests. She will be the second of two sister ships in the MSC Cruises’ Seaside generation to be built by FINCANTIERI. Her sister ship MSC Seaside is set to enter service later this year in December 2017 and is scheduled to be christened in Miami, where she will homeport.