



## **ZGPT Delivers First License-Built 9L32/40**

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**Hangzhou ZhongGao Engine Co. (ZGPT) held a ceremony recently to celebrate both the delivery of its first license-built MAN Diesel 9L32/40 engine and the official inauguration of production at the Hangzhou plant.**

ZGPT's Honoured President, Shi QingZhe, lead celebrations at the company's modern plant, located southwest of Shanghai in the province of Zhejiang and capable of producing diesel engines of up to 6,000 horsepower. Invited guests included representatives from the shipping community as well as suppliers, contractors and government officials. MAN Diesel was represented by Hans J. Brenner, Managing Director of MAN Diesel Shanghai.

China is one of the world's biggest shipbuilding nations and builds a high percentage of its ships in Zhejiang province. MAN Diesel's partnership with ZGPT to build medium-speed propulsion engines under license stems from its policy that engines for ship propulsion should be produced as close as possible to where the ships are built. Indeed, ZGPT's location in Zhejiang province is ideal for serving the many shipyards along the local coast line and neighbouring Zhoushan Islands.

Hans J. Brenner said: "MAN Diesel is proud to have Hangzhou ZhongGao as a partner and a member of our worldwide license network. President Shi has invested much effort, dedication and ambition into this project and we are very happy to see the project deliver. While the worldwide economic crisis has currently dampened shipbuilding activity, I am confident that China will overcome this crisis. I believe that shipbuilding in China has a bright future and that ZGPT will have great opportunities in the near future. MAN Diesel wishes Hangzhou Zhonggao the very best of success, prosperity and luck, and assures its full support."

Established in April 2005, ZGPT is situated in the Hangzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone. With a floor area of 50,402 square metres, it is one of the key industrial assets within Zhejiang Province. ZGPT signed a license agreement with MAN Diesel in 2006 to produce the company's engines up to 32 bore.

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*The MAN Diesel 9L32/40 engine at ZGPT – the company also has another three such engines on its production line in various stages of completion*

**About MAN Diesel**

MAN Diesel is the world's leading provider of large bore diesel engines for marine and power plant applications. The company designs two-stroke and four-stroke engines, generating sets, turbochargers, CP propellers and complete propulsion packages that are manufactured both by MAN Diesel and its licensees. The engines have power outputs ranging from 450 to 97,300 kW. MAN Diesel employs approx. 7,800 staff, primarily in Germany, Denmark, France, the Czech Republic, India and China. The global after-sales organisation, MAN Diesel PrimeServ, comprises a network of the company's own service centres, supported by authorised partners. MAN Diesel is a company of MAN SE, which is listed on the DAX share index of the 30 leading companies in Germany.

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