

## Minute

### Development and Infrastructure Committee

Thursday, 2 October 2025, 14:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



### Present

Councillors Kristopher D Leask, Mellissa-Louise Thomson, Graham A Bevan, Alexander G Cowie, P Lindsay Hall, Rachael A King, W Leslie Manson, Raymond S Peace, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Heather N Woodbridge.

Councillors David Dawson, James R Moar, John A R Scott, Jean E Stevenson and Ivan A Taylor, who had been invited for Item 1.

### Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Gillian Skuse.

Councillors Stephen G Clackson and Gwenda M Shearer, who had been invited for Item 1.

### Clerk

- Katy Russell-Duff, Committees Officer.

### In Attendance

- Gareth Waterson, Director of Enterprise and Resources.
- James Buck, Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master.
- Eddie Barclay, Service Manager (Ferry Operations).
- Karen Bevilacqua, Service Manager (Legal Services).
- Laura Cromarty, Service Manager (Transportation).
- David Hibbert, Technical Superintendent.

### Observing

- Hayley Green, Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development.
- Erik Knight, Head of Finance.
- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Manager.
- Susan Taylor, Committees Officer.

### Apologies

- Councillor Steven B Heddle, who had been invited for Item 1.
- Councillor Janette A Park, who had been invited for Item 1.

### Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

## **Chair**

- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.

## **1. Ferry Replacement Programme**

### **Outer North Isles Outline Vessel Tender Design**

After consideration of a report by the Director of Enterprise and Resources, together with an Equality Impact Assessment and an Island Communities Impact Assessment, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Transportation), on the motion of Councillor Heather N Woodbridge, seconded by Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson, the Committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

**1.1.** That the Outer North Isles Outline Vessel General Arrangement Design, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be approved.

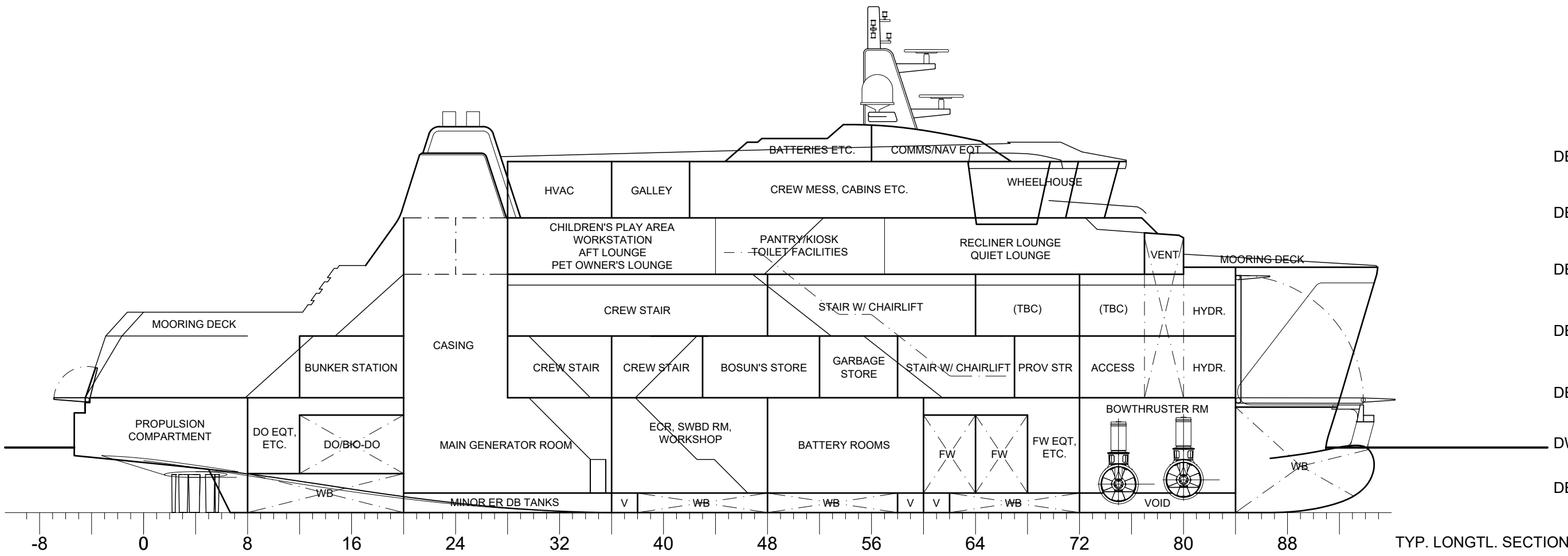
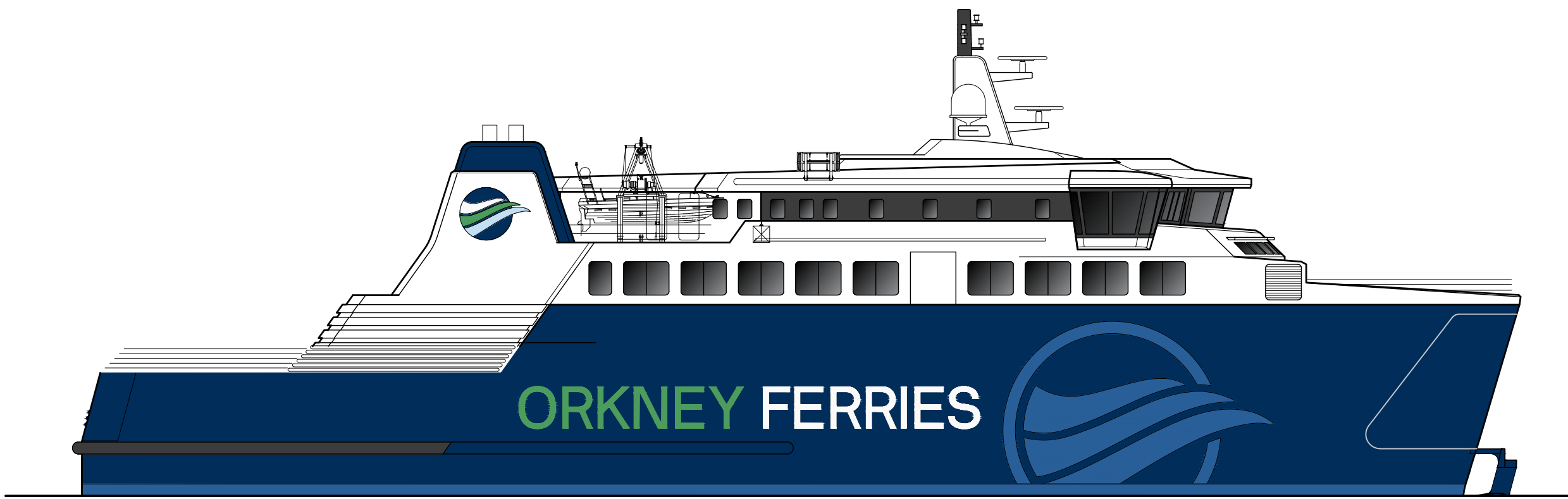
**1.2.** That the Director of Enterprise and Resources be authorised to commence the procurement process for the Final Design and Build of three 60m vessels for the islands of Eday, Sanday, Stronsay and Westray, with an option for a fourth identical vessel, should that prove optimal under Phase 2 of the Ferry Replacement Programme for the South Isles service.

**1.3.** That, following confirmation of funding, the Director of Enterprise and Resources should submit, to the Policy and Resources Committee, a Stage 2 Capital Project Appraisal in respect of the ferry replacement programme.

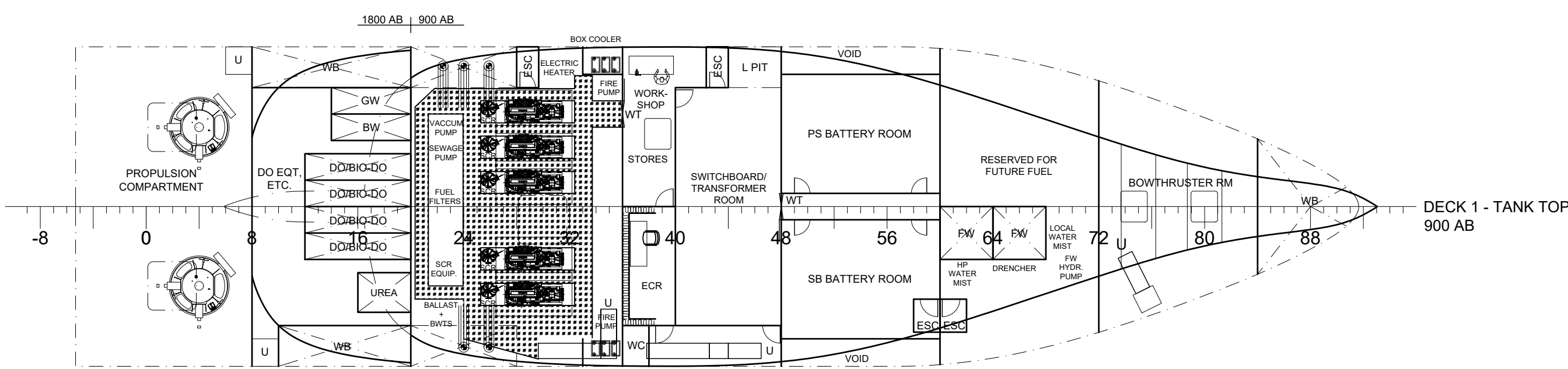
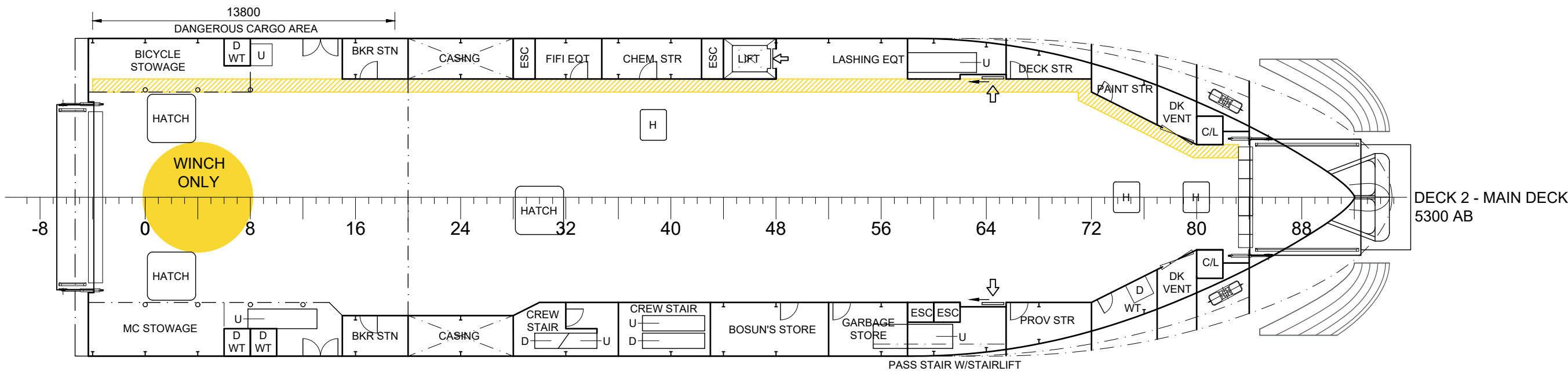
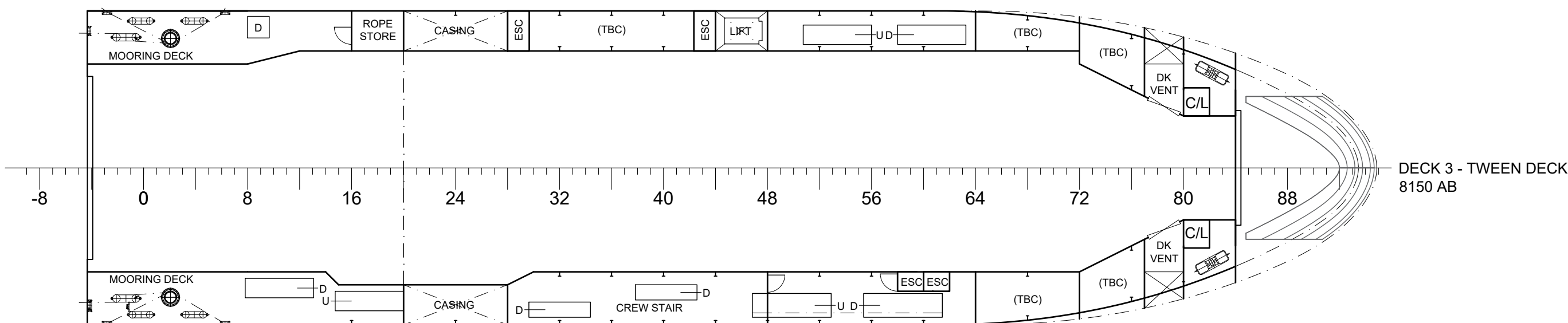
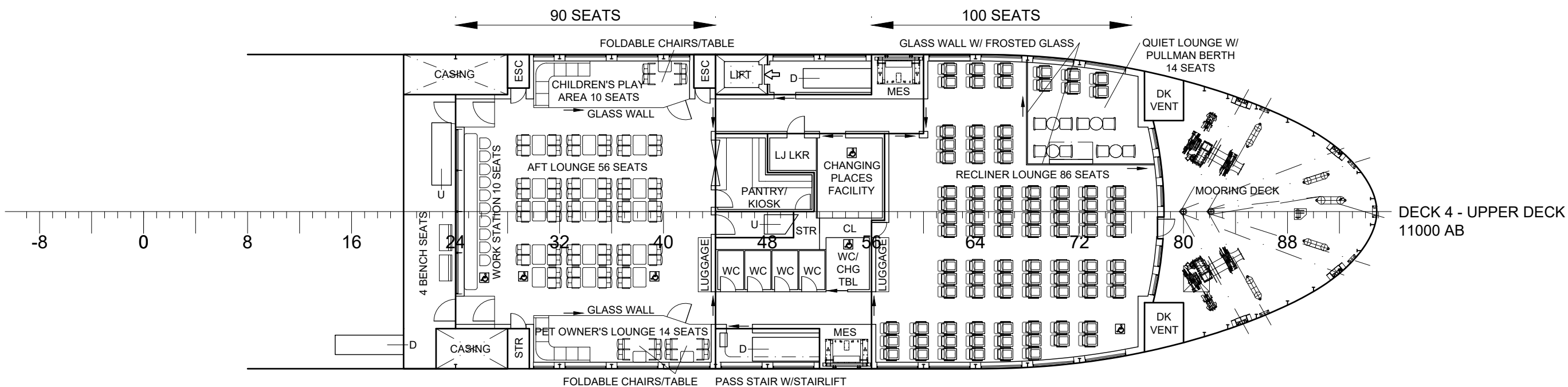
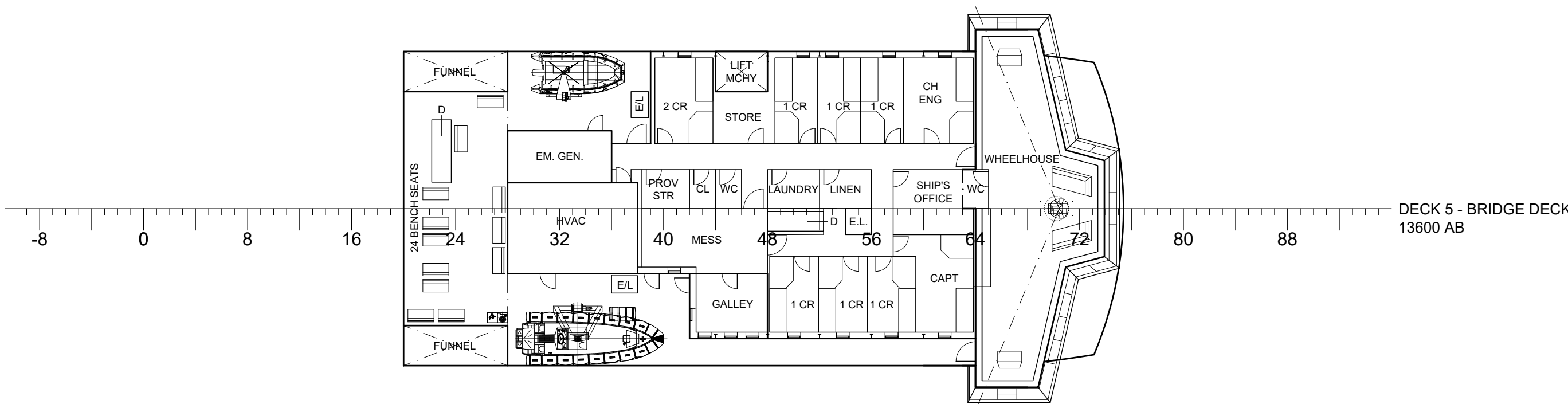
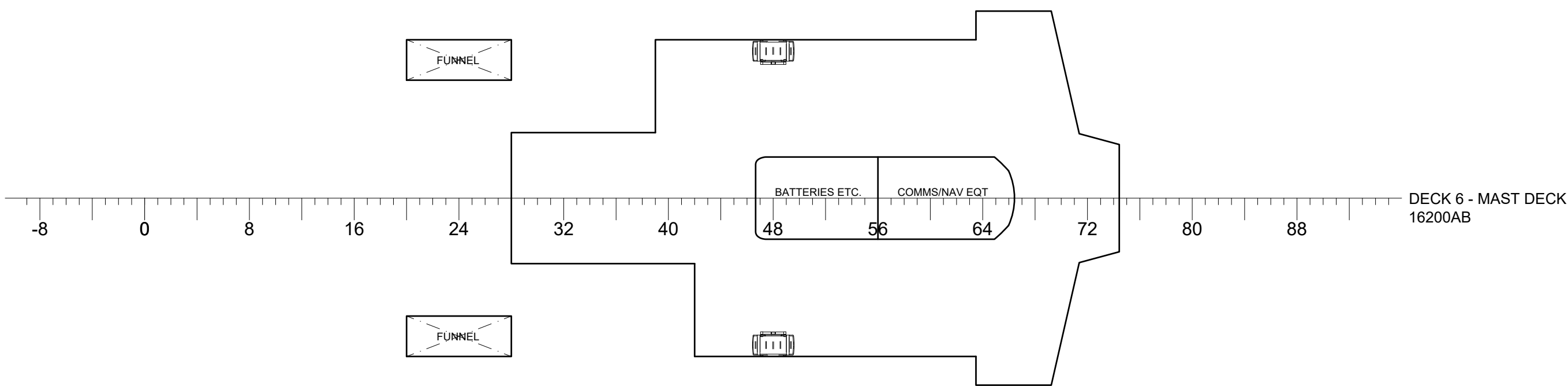
## **2. Conclusion of Meeting**

At 14:28 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: (Chair's signature).



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DECK 3 - 8150 AB  
DECK 2 - 5300 AB  
DWL 3000 AB  
DECK 1 - 900 AB



#### PRINCIPAL DIMENSIONS

LENGTH OVERALL	60.0 m
LENGTH PP	54.6 m
BEAM	14.5 m
DRAUGHT, design	3.0 m
DEPTH, maindeck	5.3 m
SERVICE SPEED	13.0 kn
GT, estimated	2384
PASSENGERS	190
CREW	10
HGVs (12.0m)	10
PRIVATE CARS (4.95m)	34
INTERIOR SEATS	190
EXTERIOR SEATS	28

#### DRAWING NOTES: