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## **The RSN Launches Her Fourth Landing Ship Tank**

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The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) launched the last of its fourth locally-built new class of Landing Ship Tanks (LST) at the Singapore Technologies Marine Benoi yard today, 12 Feb 2000. Mrs David T E Lim, wife of the Minister of State for Defence and Information and the Arts, Mr David T E Lim, christened the LST, RSS ENDEAVOUR.

The new LSTs will replace the Navy's ex-US County Class LSTs, which have been in service for more than 50 years. The first three LSTs, RSS ENDURANCE, RSS RESOLUTION and RSS PERSISTENCE were launched on separate occasions in 1998 and 1999.

The new generation of LSTs are about 40% larger and travel at almost twice the speed of the ex-US County Class LSTs. They are capable of transporting SAF personnel and equipment to overseas training areas more rapidly and efficiently. The larger storage capacity of the LSTs also enhances the SAF's ability to participate in disaster relief and humanitarian assistance operations.

The LSTs are equipped with state-of-the-art systems (see Fact Sheet). By automating many of the ship's functions, only 65 people are required to operate the new class of LSTs compared with 130 required to man the ex-County Class LSTs.

The new LSTs, like the RSN's Fearless Class Patrol Vessels, are designed and constructed by Singapore Technologies Marine.

### **Speech & Factsheet:**

- Keynote Address by Mr David T E Lim, Minister of State for Defence and Information and the Arts, at the Launching Ceremony of RSS Endeavour to be Held on Saturday, 12 February 2000 at 10.00 am (Document No: MINDEF\_20000212026.pdf)
- Factsheet - New Landing Ship Tank (Document No: MINDEF\_20000212027.pdf)

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