

# Press release

## LETTER OF INTENT

STX Finland Oy and Viking Line ABp have signed a preliminary agreement for the construction of a new generation cruise ferry for Viking Line. The ship price will be about 240 million euros, and it will be built at STX Europe Oy's shipyard in Turku for delivery in the beginning of 2013. The cruise ferry will be in traffic on the Turku – Åland islands – Stockholm route. The ferry is about 210 meters in length and with a gross tonnage of 57 000. The agreement includes an option for a sister ship.

Viking Line is a public limited company and the market leading brand in passenger traffic on the northern Baltic Sea, with a mission to provide large-scale, affordable, safe passenger and cargo carrier services including first-class recreation, good food and attractive shopping. Its shares have been listed on the NASDAQ OMX Nordic Exchange Helsinki since 1995. Viking Line serves Finland, Sweden and the Baltic countries with seven vessels. During fiscal 2008/2009 sales were about EUR 471 M. The number of passengers totalled 6.4 million. The average number of employees was 3,091.

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