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Recycling Europe hails ENVI vote against inclusion of Indian ship recycling yards on EU list

Brussels, 5 November 2026 – Recycling Europe strongly welcomes yesterday's vote in the European Parliament's ENVI committee in favour of an objection to the European Commission's proposal to add two Indian ship recycling yards to the European List of approved ship recycling facilities.

The objection, tabled by MEP Sara Matthieu and adopted by a clear majority, with 48 votes in favour, 26 against and 5 abstentions, sends a strong signal that EU environmental and safety standards must be upheld without compromise, and that **Europe's recyclers should not be placed at a competitive disadvantage against facilities operating under different standards.**

Recycling Europe has consistently opposed the inclusion of the two facilities on legal and environmental grounds, warning that their approval would undermine the integrity of the EU Ship Recycling Regulation and create unfair competition for Europe's ship recyclers operating under stringent requirements.

"Today's vote sends an important message that EU environmental standards cannot be negotiable depending on where a ship is recycled. Europe's recyclers have invested in facilities and technologies to meet strict environmental and safety requirements. Approving yards without conclusive evidence of compliance would penalise these investments and create an unacceptable double standard. We need fair competition and a strong ship recycling sector in Europe," said **Peter Wyntin**, Chair of Recycling Europe's Ship Recycling Working Group.

The objection will now move to the European Parliament's plenary, expected in late November. Recycling Europe calls on MEPs and EU Member States to follow ENVI's lead and thus, oppose the inclusion of both yards. We will continue engaging with EU policymakers and industry partners to ensure that Europe's ship recycling framework rewards high environmental and safety standards, supports fair competition and strengthens the competitiveness of the European recycling industry.

Note to editor: Recycling Europe (formerly EuRIC) is the voice of Europe's recycling industry, including 83 national federations and companies across 24 EU & EFTA countries. From metals and paper to plastics, textiles, tyres, ships, construction & demolition waste, WEEE and ELVs, our members transform waste into resources—powering Europe's circular economy, ensuring resource autonomy, and boosting competitiveness and sustainable industrialisation across the continent. For press-related enquiries, please contact Zoi Didili, Recycling Europe's Senior Public Affairs & Communications Advisor, by email at zdidili@recyclingeurope.org or by phone at +32 (0) 489 09 46.