A Fast-Track Polar Icebreaker for the Canadian Coast Guard

The decommissioning of Canada’s heavy icebreaker, CCGS Louis St Laurent, in 2017 will result in a 10-year gap during which Canada will be unable to exercise its arctic sovereignty nor perform vital operations including research, environmental response and search and rescue in the Arctic.

The downturn in the oil & gas market and the cancellation of arctic exploration and production projects has presented a rare opportunity to acquire a modern, Polar Class 3 icebreaker which can be converted for use by the Canadian Coast Guard at a highly affordable price.
**Conversion**

m/v Aiviq was built in the USA in 2012 to serve the planned arctic oil and gas exploration and production programs. Since then, the majority of those programs have been cancelled and Davie and Federal Fleet Services have secured the exclusive option to acquire the vessel for conversion to a Polar Icebreaker for the Canadian Coast Guard.

The converted vessel would be able to perform all the functionality of the CCGS Louis St Laurent and more.