DND aims to cut steel on resupply ships early

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OTTAWA — The Department of National Defence wants to get an early start on cutting steel for the navy’s new support ships, hoping to keep the multi-billion-dollar project from slipping further behind schedule.

The plan would save the government time and money and allow the support ships, which are being built by Seaspan Shipbuilding in Vancouver, to be delivered more quickly.

The first ship in about four years, with the second ship coming a year later, ” Defence Department spokesman Daniel Le Bouthillier said in an email.

The plan would also see the construction of the support ships ramps up production on the last science vessel and the support vessels as well as four science ships and a polar icebreaker for the coast guard.

The plan is the latest twist in what has been a decade-long odyssey to equip the military with new support vessels, which is managed by Davie Shipbuilding in Halifax.

The final shipyard proposal for the construction of the joint support ships will be presented for government approval in the coming year,” Defence Department spokesman Daniel Le Bouthillier said in an email.

The plan would see some work on the two support ships be started in 2016, with delivery slated for 2019. But the project has been plagued by delays and cost overruns, the government says the $2.3-billion budget is also under review.

Most Canadians don’t know the vital role that kidneys play and that they can lose up to 80 per cent of their kidney function — without even being aware of it.

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