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Drydocks World – Southeast Asia sets up Training Centre in Batam

Singapore and Batam, Indonesia, 29 September 2009 – Drydocks World – Southeast Asia Pte. Limited (“DDW-SEA”) is proud to announce the official opening of its Training Centre in Batam, with facilities to develop the technical skills of the local workforce.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr Mark Biggs, Managing Director of DDW-SEA, said, “The training centre is an integral part of our continuing commitment to the Batam shipping industry, and a strategic move to increase the ratio of direct employees against our existing subcontractors. The Training Centre is perfectly aligned with our key policy of attracting and retaining the best people available.”

The centre is built with the capacity to train up to 200 people with specific programs designed to impart basic skills and enhance workmanship in all disciplines associated with ship/offshore building, repair or conversion. The centre is located between the Drydocks World Graha and Pertama yards and will provide training services to all three of Drydocks World’s shipyards on Batam Island, Indonesia. Ultimately, the centre will also be a resource for third-party training on a commercial basis.

The opening ceremony was graced by Mr H. Ismeth Abdullah, the Governor of Riau Province, as the Guest of Honour, who signed the Official Opening Plaque to mark the opening of the training centre.



Above: The Guest of Honour, Mr H. Ismeth Abdullah, Governor of Riau Province, signed the Official Opening Plaque to mark the opening of the Training Centre.

From left: Mr Simon (Human Resource Assistant Manager of DDW-G), Mr H. Syamsul Bahrum (Assistant Economic & Development), Mr Mark Biggs (Managing Director of DDW-SEA), Mr H. Ismeth Abdullah (Governor of Kepulauan Riau Province) and Mr. Ir. Mustofa Widjaja (Chairman of BIDA)

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About Drydocks World

Drydocks World, a Dubai World company, is one of the most prominent names in the maritime industry. Over the past 25 years, Drydocks World has established itself as a leading, and fast growing international player in ship repair, shipbuilding, rig building, FPSO conversion, offshore fabrication and fleet operations with facilities in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

Drydocks World - Southeast Asia, brings together established offshore rig construction, shipbuilding, conversion, and ship repair expertise located at crossroads of the world's busiest shipping lanes and close to major offshore oil & gas field developments. Marine activities are focused on 4 shipyards, namely, Drydocks World – Graha / Nanindah / Pertama / Singapore, which house 29 building berths, 8 floating docks, and a specialized rig building yard. Extension plans are in place to expand operations further on Batam Island with the construction of a new yard PT Batam Maritime Centre.

For more information, please refer to the www.drydocks-sea.com and www.drydocks.gov.ae

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