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Maritime Vietnam 2009 is set to surpass previous staging
With Strong International Representations from 7 National Pavilions

SINGAPORE, 19 FEBRUARY 2009- Maritime Vietnam 2009, the premier international maritime exhibition showcasing industry's most excellent products and services in Shipbuilding, Ship Repairs, Shipping, Maritime Engineering, Offshore Engineering & Technology, Ports and Logistics for Vietnam's buoyant Maritime Industry is coming back with a stronger international presence.

With strong representations from 7 international pavilions from China, Germany, The Netherlands, Korea, Norway, Singapore, and the United Kingdom, this maritime event is set to present the most extensive business platform for networking opportunities to converge, technology transfers to be capitalised, and values to be captured.

To be held on 25-27 February 2009 at the new Saigon Exhibition & Convention Centre, this premier exhibition will feature some 300 participating companies and brands from about 20 participating countries and regions.

As one of the event highlights of the exhibition, a high level maritime conference will run concurrently and is expected to address the critical and timely challenges, trends, and developments facing the Vietnam maritime industry today.

Maritime Vietnam 2009 Conference is positioned to be a holistic and informative platform in bringing forth the perspectives of both the policy makers as well as key private sector industry players in a framework of easy and informed discussions on key opportunities and economic growth drivers shaping the industry today.

Some of the key topics that will be tackled in the conference include *Managing Financial Risk in Shipping, Critical Issues Confronting Vietnam Port Developments and Plans, Global Maritime Industry and its Impact on Vietnam, and South Vietnam Sea Ports Development.*

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Esteemed foreign speakers will come from 7 countries such as Australia, The Netherlands, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, and the United Kingdom to share their valuable knowledge and expertise from the global industry players' point of view.

Some of the many special features and activities of the exhibition are the site tour visits, Dutch Innovation Centre, and the Maritime Vietnam 2009 Industry Night.

The Maritime Vietnam 2009 Industry Night is the grand convergence of the maritime community as it brings together both local and international industry professionals under one roof. This networking night provides an opportune time for industry professionals to explore possible business partnerships and share valuable insights & experiences.

Maritime Vietnam 2009 is supported and endorsed by relevant industry associations such as Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Danish Maritime, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Singapore (SNAMES), The Indian National Shipowners' Association (INSA), The Norwegian Maritime Exporters (NME), Vietnam Maritime Administration (VINAMARINE), Vietnam National Shipping Lines (VINALINES) and Vietnam Seaports Association (VPA).

"The Association of Norwegian Maritime Exporters (NME) is honoured to support and endorse this year's presentation of Maritime Vietnam, where the Association will be exhibiting for the first time. We are certain of its qualified success", said Mr Halvard Olafsen, CEO of NME.

"At this second edition of Maritime Vietnam, we are pleased to be part of this event which gathers maritime community and leading players from Vietnam. Those in the industry will find Maritime Vietnam 2009 an ideal platform to congregate, network and gain more knowledge about Vietnam's abundant offers", added Mrs Marjan Lacet, Export Manager Asia of Holland Marine Equipment.

The Netherlands Pavilion will also play host to an Innovation Centre showcasing the newly introduced Ship Simulator Professional, which is cost effective professional training tool featuring a realistic

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simulation and advanced ship dynamics model. Maritime Vietnam 2009 is delighted to display this ground-breaking product in Vietnam for the very first time.

The event is also well supported by some of the respected local governmental bodies such as Ministry of Industry and Trade, Vietnam; Ministry of Science and Technology, Vietnam and Ministry of Transport, Vietnam.

“We are honoured to stage Maritime Vietnam 2009 in Ho Chi Minh City and are happy to receive an overwhelming response from the global maritime community. This indicates that Vietnam remains a compelling business destination for many international maritime companies”, said Mr Michael Ng, Group Exhibitions Director of IIR Exhibitions Pte Ltd.

Maritime Vietnam 2009 is projected to welcome some 4,000 trade visitors and buyers across the 5,500 sqm exhibition space.

For more information, please visit www.maritimeshows.com/vietnam

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