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**Maritime Vietnam 2009 returns with more exciting activities
and stronger international presence**

Featuring 7 international pavilions with more than 300 companies and brands participating

VIETNAM, 25 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 opens today with interesting and interactive activities and stronger international presence.

The Official Opening Ceremony was officiated by Mr Tran Doan Tho, Vice Minister for Ministry of Transport; Mr Nguyen Thanh Bien, Vice Minister for Ministry of Industry & Trade and graced by distinguished government and industry leaders, as well as related organizations such as; Mr Vuong Dinh Lam, Chairman for Vinamarine; and His Excellency Mr Kjel Storlokken, Ambassador for the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

The biennial 3-day event is also well supported and endorsed by relevant industry associations such as the 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).

Maritime Vietnam is also supported by the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Vietnam; Ministry of Science and Technology, Vietnam; Ministry of Transport, Vietnam.

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Some of the many exciting concurrent events of the exhibition are the high level maritime conference with some 15 international speakers, Industry Night for maritime professionals to network, site tour visits to shipyards and ports, A UK-sponsored seminar on ports and maritime equipment, and an innovation centre from the Netherlands Pavilion is also held in conjunction with the Event.

“We are delighted to receive the continuous support from both our exhibitors and visitors. This clearly testifies that Vietnam still persists to be one of the most promising business destinations for the maritime industry. Indeed, Maritime Vietnam is a strategic platform for the global maritime community to converge” said Mr Michael Ng, Group Exhibitions Director of IIR Exhibitions Pte Ltd.

With strong representations from 7 national pavilions from China, Germany, Korea, The Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, and the United Kingdom, Maritime Vietnam 2009 is set to present the most extensive business platform for industry networking opportunities to converge, technology transfers to be capitalised, and values to be captured.

Maritime Vietnam 2009 Conference, which will run concurrently with the exhibition on 25th & 26th February, is positioned to be a holistic informative platform in bringing forth information about the opportunities in the Maritime Industry in Vietnam from both the policy makers as well as key private sector industry players. Major topics include a global maritime overview and the impact on Vietnam maritime sectors, managing financial risks in shipping, maritime technologies, case studies on ports and terminals, etc.

Esteemed foreign speakers come from both local and afar including Australia, The Netherlands, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, and the United Kingdom to share their valuable knowledge and expertise from the global industry players’ perspective..

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Maritime Vietnam 2009 is projected to welcome some 4,000 trade visitors and buyers across the 6,000 sqm exhibition space.

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

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