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IMDEX Asia 2011 – Creating New Waves

Asia Pacific's largest international maritime defence show returns for a new wave of growth in the region's maritime defence industry

27 October 2010 – IMDEX Asia will return for its eighth edition from 18 to 20 May 2011 at the Changi Exhibition Centre in Singapore. The biennial show, which will be organised by the Singapore Airshow & Events Pte Ltd (SAe), is Asia Pacific's largest dedicated international maritime defence show and a major event in the international naval and maritime defence calendar.

With Singapore strategically positioned as a gateway in the centre of the fast-growing Asian maritime defence industry, IMDEX Asia is well-poised to capitalise on the burgeoning growth of the maritime defence industry in the Asia Pacific region.

Mr Jimmy Lau, Managing Director of Singapore Airshow & Events, commented "As one of the top international maritime defence shows globally, IMDEX Asia is a must-attend platform to facilitate ideas and insightful information exchange. It will host the largest gathering of high-level official delegations, comprising military and government officials as well as leading players in the region and beyond. With the high growth potential of the maritime industry in the Asia Pacific region, IMDEX Asia, as the region's only dedicated maritime defence show, will be strategic in bringing together and fostering relationships among key industry players."

AMI International, a provider of market analysis and consulting for naval, maritime security and unmanned systems markets, supported this optimism. It wrote in its Asian Naval Market Forecast that over the next decade, countries in the Asia-Pacific region are expected to continue strong investment in new ships and related systems. At the last IMDEX Asia in 2009, AMI International forecasted that Asian countries are expected to spend USD60 billion on their naval budgets between 2009 and 2014.

Held in conjunction with IMDEX Asia will be the International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC) and the Naval Technology Seminar (NTS), which seeks to share information and know-how on naval and maritime affairs. The various participating navies and maritime agencies will also engage in exercises for cross learning.

Colonel Sim Tiong Kian, Chairman of the Republic of Singapore Navy Organising Committee in support of IMDEX Asia 2011, said, "The Republic of Singapore Navy is proud to support IMDEX Asia 2011. The IMSC and NTS are excellent platforms for



maritime practitioners to benefit from the rich exchange of global perspectives, operational experiences and technologies to address the maritime safety and security challenges. The RSN will be hosting Maritime Information Sharing Exercise, which will bring together navies and maritime agencies to share best practices and experiences.”

SAe acquired IMDEX Asia earlier this year and will be organising it for the first time with the support of the Republic of Singapore Navy. The event organiser has a proven track record for organising iconic events of strategic importance such as the Singapore Airshow – Asia’s largest and one of the top three aerospace and defence exhibitions in the world, the World Cities Summit and Singapore International Water Week. It is committed to raise the bar for the event by bringing together a higher number of key decision- makers and stakeholders in the maritime defence industry and creating a conducive environment for networking and business opportunities, building relationships and information exchange.

IMDEX Asia 2011 will be held at the Changi Exhibition Centre, a world class purpose-built multi-dimensional facility with a 40,000 square metre covered exhibition space and a 100,000 square metre outdoor display area. The venue comes with a seafront location offering a panoramic view of Singapore’s eastern seaboard that will allow synergy between land, sea and air, indoor and outdoor exhibits and demonstrations. This will provide participants of IMDEX ASIA 2011 an integrated, holistic and brand new experience as they come together to exchange insights and view the latest technology and equipment in the maritime naval defence industry.

For more information on IMDEX Asia 2011, please visit <http://www.imdexasia.com/>

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About IMDEX Asia

Established in 1997, the biennial IMDEX Asia is the premier dedicated maritime defence show serving Asia. IMDEX Asia comprises four inter-related events - Exhibition, Conference, VIP Delegations’ Programme and Warship Display - and has established a reputation within the maritime defence industry as a must-attend show. IMDEX Asia 2011 will be the eighth in the series.

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