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IMDEX Asia 2015 attracts strong international participation

*Global interest a reflection of growing naval market opportunities
in the Asia Pacific region*

SINGAPORE, 22 April 2015 – IMDEX Asia 2015 has attracted strong international interest from senior naval officials, maritime agencies and industry representatives who will converge at the Changi Exhibition Centre in Singapore from 19 to 21 May 2015.

To date, Navy Chiefs from 15 countries such as Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Djibouti, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Malaysia, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Sweden, UAE, UK, Uruguay as well as the Indonesian Air Force Chief have confirmed their participation in IMDEX Asia 2015. The Commanders of HQ Integrated Area Defence System, the Hong Kong Marine Police, the Indonesia Maritime Security Board, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency and Vietnam Coast Guard are also attending the show. In addition, as of today, 26 Navies and Coast Guards from Bahrain, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, China, France, India and Indian Coast Guard, Italy National Armament, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Oman and Oman Coast Guard, Pakistan, the Philippine Coast Guard, Qatar and Qatar Coast Guard, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, US, Vietnam, and the Royal Malaysian Air Force will send representatives to the event.

The Warships Display at IMDEX Asia will feature 19 foreign warships from 12 navies, namely Australia (*HMAS Perth*), Bangladesh (BNS Dhaleshwari), Brunei (KDB Darussalam), China (CNS Yulin), India (INS Satpura and INS Kamorta), Indonesia (a frigate and a patrol craft), Korea (ROKS Incheon), Malaysia (*KD Lekir*) and Oman (*Al-Ofouq*-class patrol vessel built by Singapore's very own ST Marine), Russia (Admiral Panteleyev, Pechenga and SB-522), Thailand (HTMS Krabi and P.G.M. 113), US (USS Fort Worth, USS Mustin and 1 submarine) and Singapore Police Coast Guard Craft (Mako Shark).

IMDEX Asia 2015 has also received a strong vote of confidence from both returning and first-time exhibitors. This year, the show will welcome new exhibitors such as Ametek, Kairos Singapore, Kelvin Hughes, KM Kinley, Microflown Maritime, PIO-Ship Design & System Integrate Pte Ltd, Privinvest Holding, QinetiQ, Strategic Marine, Stone Marine and Teho Ropes along with returning major industry players Damen Naval, Elbit, General Dynamics Canada, Israel Aerospace Industries and ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems.

This strong international participation underscores IMDEX Asia's standing as Asia Pacific's premier international maritime defence show. It also reflects growing opportunities in the region, which has become the world's second largest naval market, after the United States of America. According to AMI International, the Asia Pacific region is expected to spend around US\$200 billion on new ships and submarines by 2032, making up roughly 25 per cent of the global projected new ship market.

Southeast Asia, in particular, is set to spend more than US\$25 billion on new naval ships through 2031, with patrol vessels, frigates and amphibious ships making up the primary group of future new naval projects in the region.

IMDEX Asia serves as a valuable platform for countries in this dynamic region to update themselves on the latest technologies, network and forge partnerships with key players from navies, governments and industry. The 2013 edition of IMDEX Asia was attended by a record 21 Navy Chiefs from around the world, 9 Directors-General of Coast Guard and heads of maritime agencies and saw over 500 business meetings take place between exhibitors and VIP delegations.

Mr Leck Chet Lam, Managing Director of Experia Events, said: "We are delighted that IMDEX Asia 2015 will again see a strong international participation by navies, coast guards and visiting warships. This underscores the continued relevance of the show as the platform of choice to tap on opportunities in the growing Asia Pacific naval market. It also demonstrates the value that IMDEX Asia brings to delegates and trade visitors as a platform to learn more about the wide range of innovative technologies, network and forge partnerships with industry leaders from around the world."

The strategic and technical conferences offered at IMDEX Asia remains an important platform for government and military officials, business and academia to keep abreast of the latest developments and address challenges faced by the naval and maritime defence industry.

The International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC) with the theme 'Safe and Secure Seas – Strengthening Cooperation in Maritime Security' emphasises the need to embrace a cooperative security approach to ensure the safety, security, and success of the international maritime system. The International Naval Engineering Conference (INEC@IMDEX Asia) themed 'Adapt and Transform – Flexible Capability in an Uncertain Environment' will cover technological developments and advancements in the areas of – multiplying effect, flexible platforms, underwater technology and effective support solutions. The third conference, the 15th Asia Pacific Submarine Conference (APSC)

will, for the first time, be held in conjunction with IMDEX Asia. APSC 2015 brings together regional submarine operating navies and organisations with an interest in submarine safety to discuss issues such as submarine survivability, escape and interoperability of rescue assets. This holistic conference line-up will add a new dimension to IMDEX Asia 2015, bringing discussions of trends in the naval and maritime defence industry to a new level.

IMDEX Asia is organised by Experia Events with the support of the Republic of Singapore Navy, the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA), the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre and the Singapore Exhibition & Convention Bureau.

About IMDEX Asia

Established in 1997, the biennial IMDEX Asia is the premier international maritime defence show in Asia Pacific and beyond. IMDEX Asia comprises an exhibition, strategic conferences and a warships display. It has gained recognition as the global platform to address pressing issues within the naval and maritime security industry, showcase the latest naval technologies and connect key players from navies, governments and industry. A must-attend show in the international maritime defence calendar, IMDEX Asia 2015 will be the tenth in the series and will be held from 19 – 21 May at Singapore's Changi Exhibition Centre.

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For more information on IMDEX Asia 2015, please visit <http://www.imdexasia.com>.

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