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## **INMEX CHINA 2008 OPENS TODAY**

*Co-locating tailored-fit and timely industry forum and seminars*

**GUANGZHOU, 26 November 2008-** The definitive international maritime expo in South China's Pearl River Delta Region, the INMEX China 2008 opens today with an astounding success at the Guangzhou Jinhan Exhibition Centre.

The Official Opening Ceremony was graced by significant industry leaders and dignitaries which include Mr Li Chunchong, Deputy Secretary General of People's Government of Guangdong Province; Mr Zeng Jian, Vice Inspector of The Economic & Trade Commission of Guangdong Province; Mr Gan Xin, Vice Mayor of People's Government of Guangzhou; Ms Zhao Xiaohui, Director of The Economic & Trade Commission of Guangzhou City; Mr Li Zhushi, Deputy Chairman of China Association of the National Shipbuilding Industry; Mr Huang Pingtao, Chairman of Chinese Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (CSNAMES); Mr Yu Baoshan, General Manager of CSSC Guangzhou Corporation of Shipbuilding Industry; Mr Zhang Xingping, Deputy Director General of Guangdong Maritime Safety Administration of PRC; Mr Tan Yonglie, Director General of Guangzhou Maritime Safety Administration of PRC; Mr Van Zeeland, Consul-General of the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Guangzhou; Mr Martin Bloem, General Director of Holland Shipbuilding Association (HSA); Mr Henik Byskow, Chairman of Danish Marine Group China; Mr Li Sanjian, Deputy Chairman of CCPIT Guangzhou Sub-Council, and Mr Henk Lacet, Export Consultant of Holland Marine Equipment

This year's presentation has received an overwhelming response from both the local and international maritime community. Some 500 participating companies from some 20 countries and regions will showcase the most innovative products and services on ship building, ship repair and marine engineering & equipment from 26-28 November 2008 across some 15,000 sqm exhibition area.

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“Today marks a significant milestone for the maritime community as key industry leaders are strategically convened to network with their peers, share their relevant success stories and experiences and maximise the existing market opportunities in the Pearl River Delta Region,” said Mr Michael Ng, Group Exhibitions Director of IIR Exhibitions.

Reputable professionals from the maritime industry were also invited to share essential industry updates and developments on shipping & the shipbuilding sectors especially in the Pearl River Delta in a 2-day industry forum.

INMEX Maritime Forum, which will be held simultaneously with the exhibition, features well experienced industry leaders such as Mr Zhang Xinlong, Deputy Director of China Ship Marketing Research Centre; Mr Yu Baoshan, General Manager of CSSC Guangzhou Corporation Shipbuilding Industry; Mr Ding Zhiming, Deputy Director of Guangzhou Port Authority; Mr Zhao Hangyu, Business Development Manager of Germinschier Lloyd- Area Great China; Mr Pingtao of CSNAMES, and Mr Bloem of HSA to name a few.

INMEX China 2008 is also well-supported and endorsed by relevant associations and organisations as it continually provides an excellent business platform for the maritime industry.

“The Association of Norwegian Maritime Exporter (NME) is very honoured to support and endorse this year’s presentation of INMEX China and we are certain of its qualified success,” said Mr Halvard Olafsen, Chief Executive Officer of NME.

One of the key highlights of the exhibition is the exclusive site tour visit to China’s 3rd largest shipbuilding base, the CSSC Guangzhou Longxue Shipyard. Covering an area of 2.53 million sqm, this shipyard will have 2 docks of 300,000-tons with 4 gantry cranes of 600-tons, and some other advanced shipbuilding facilities and equipment. The site tour visit allows trade visitors to have a glimpse of the newly constructed shipyard.

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INMEX China is projected to welcome at least 10,000 trade visitors for the entire duration of the show. Indeed, the organisers are certain that this year's staging will well surpass the performance of its preceding year.

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Venue : **Guangzhou Jinhan Exhibition Centre**  
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