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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 1 Thursday 19 May 2011

0815-0900 Conference Registration

0900-0910 Welcome speech by Mr Nick Sansom, President, Maritime Law Association of Singapore (MLAS)

0910-0920 Welcome speech by Ms Vivian Ang, Vice - Chair, International Bar Association (IBA) Maritime and Transport Law Committee

0920-0945 "The CMI in Asia" by Mr Stuart Hetherington, Vice President, Comité Maritime International (CMI)

0945-1000 "Singapore, Asia and beyond" by Mr Lucien Wong, Chairman, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

1000-1030 Coffee Break

About Competition Law in Shipping

Competition or anti-trust laws in Europe, the United States, Singapore and elsewhere in the world have a pervasive effect on shipping business. The laws are designed to enhance competitiveness and economic efficiency, prohibiting coordination among competitors that may lead to the formation of cartels or monopolization of certain businesses that adversely affect competition or do not have any net economic benefit to the country in question. In this session, we have industry experts who will be providing insight and updates on the laws and exemptions impacting the EU, the USA, Singapore, and Australia. There will also be a panel discussion on the comparisons between and advice on compliance with the various regimes.

1030-1300 Competition Law in Shipping

Chair:

Ms Wendy Ng, Neptune Orient Lines Limited, Singapore

Panelists:

Mr Duncan Gillespie, DLA Piper, UK
Mr Michael Cavanaugh, Holland & Knight LLP, USA
Ms Kala Anandarajah, Rajah & Tann, Singapore
Mr Joe Hurley, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers, Australia

1300-1400 Lunch

About Shipbuilding

The order books of Asian shipyards remain healthy as a result of orders placed before the global financial crisis, with some yards still blocked up until the end of 2012. Whilst this is no doubt keeping the yards happy, there are a number of buyers who are less interested in taking delivery of vessels than they were a few years ago. In this session, our experienced speakers will address common issues which can lead to disputes between owner and yard and the rights and obligations of both sides when such issues arise in their particular jurisdictions. We will then consider how the new Asian Sale Form for sale of ships operates once a vessel has been delivered. Topics to be discussed include: common technical issues arising in relation to the construction of ships; obtaining refund guarantees and enforcing claims against them in China; Japanese shipbuilding issues and in particular the effect of force majeure following the recent tragic earthquakes; and the new Asian Sale Form.

1400-1545 Shipbuilding, Part 1

Chair:

Mr John Simpson, Ince & Co Singapore LLP, Singapore

Panelists:

Mr Monir Uddin, London Offshore Consultants Pte Ltd, Singapore
Prof Zhao Jinsong, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

1545-1615 Coffee Break

1615-1730 Shipbuilding, Part 2

Chair:

Mr John Simpson, Ince & Co Singapore LLP, Singapore

Panelists:

Mr Takayuki Matsui, Max Law Office, Japan
Ms Gina Lee-Wan, Allen & Gledhill, Singapore

1800-1930 *Networking Reception
at Maxwell Chambers*

Day 2 Friday 20 May 2011

0815-0900 Conference Registration

About Shipbuilding Arbitration

The settling of disputes in shipping can be somewhat complicated, time consuming and expensive. Since international trade involves the national jurisdiction of different countries, one party would more likely distrust the courts of the other, leading to more complications and disputes. This session will provide an oversight of arbitration in the region and provide updates on a number of important developments in the field of international commercial arbitration.

0900-1015 Shipbuilding Arbitration, Part 1

Chairs:

Capt Frederick Francis, Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore
Ms Corina Song, Allen & Gledhill, Singapore

Panelists:

Mr Shuji Yamaguchi, Okabe & Yamaguchi, Japan
Mr Yu Genrong, SLOMA & CO, China

1015-1030 Coffee Break

1030-1300 Shipbuilding Arbitration, Part 2

Chairs:

Capt Frederick Francis, Singapore Maritime Academy, Singapore
Ms Corina Song, Allen & Gledhill, Singapore

Panelists:

Mr Amitavar Majumdar, Bose & Mitra, India
Mr Tony Budidjaja, Budidjaja & Associates, Indonesia
Mr Chan Leng Sun SC, Ang & Partners, Singapore

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The Maritime Law Association of Singapore (MLAS) aims to promote the study and advancement of maritime law and its administration in Singapore, and to promote and consider with other associations proposals for the unification of maritime law and practice of different nations.

The MLAS is the national member of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) and represents Singapore at CMI conferences and colloquia. It organises regular talks throughout the year featuring speakers of local and international reputation and is the host of the Asian Maritime Law Conference series, which has now become a yearly event. Any person above 21 years of age who is interested in the objects of the MLAS (including non-lawyers in the shipping industry) are eligible for membership in the MLAS. Membership forms are available on the MLAS website at <http://www.mlas.org.sg/Members.htm>

