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Record exhibitor turnout for IMDEX Asia 2013

With strong presence of VIP delegations, this year's show promises unprecedented networking opportunities

SINGAPORE, 13 May 2013 – Visitors to the ninth edition of the International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (IMDEX Asia) will have more to look forward to than ever before as IMDEX Asia 2013 opens tomorrow with a record number of exhibitors showcasing their latest technologies and innovations. Despite the uncertain economic climate, the high exhibitor numbers and strong presence of military and government delegations at IMDEX Asia 2013 underscores its position as Asia-Pacific's foremost maritime defence show. The biennial show is organised by Experia Events with the support of the Republic of Singapore Navy.

IMDEX Asia 2013 will feature 194 participating companies from 29 countries around the world. This represents a 17% increase in exhibitors from IMDEX Asia 2011. As a testament to the show's significance and continued ability to attract top companies, 40% are new exhibitors, including Devor Technologies, Fincantieri, Liquid Robotics, Lürssen Marine Technology, Scania, Schiebel, Westport Shipyard and Viking Air. Returning exhibitors include industry heavyweights such as Austal, DCNS, Lockheed Martin, MBDA, ST Engineering and ThyssenKrupp Marine.

Country/group pavilions at IMDEX Asia 2013 include Australia, France, Germany, Denmark, Italy, Singapore and the UK, as well as, for the first time ever, Israel. The Danish Pavilion, led by Naval Team Denmark, is making its return to IMDEX Asia 2013 with an even larger presence following its debut appearance in 2009.

Mr Jimmy Lau, Managing Director of Experia Events, said: "It is extremely encouraging to see that, despite uncertainty in the global economy, a record number of almost 200 companies have signed up to participate in IMDEX Asia 2013. The strong support from all our exhibitors affirms IMDEX Asia's status as a must-attend event in the international naval and maritime defence calendar. This year's show is set to be our biggest ever and we look forward to a successful few days ahead."

This year's show has also attracted a record number of 21 Navy Chiefs from all over the world. In total, some 30 Chiefs of Navy, Coast Guard Directors-General and heads of maritime agencies from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond will be in attendance at the show. Strong foreign participation in IMDEX Asia 2013 is also reflected in the Warships Display, a keenly anticipated highlight of the show featuring 15 warships from 9 countries around the world. One of the ships on display will be USS Freedom, the US Navy's first littoral combat ship, which recently arrived in Singapore on its maiden deployment overseas.

Other highlights of this year's show include the debut of Technology Seminars, a dedicated platform for exhibitors to present their latest and most innovative technologies to potential buyers from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, and a Static Display featuring an array of rigid-inflatable boats (RIBs) and unmanned systems. There will also be high-level conferences such as the prestigious invitation-only International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC) and the first ever Asian edition of the International Naval Engineering Conference (INEC@IMDEX Asia). The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) will once again host the Maritime Information Sharing Exercise (MARISX) and the Western Pacific Multilateral Sea Exercise (WMSX), bringing together navies and maritime agencies to foster international co operation.

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About IMDEX Asia

Established in 1997, the biennial IMDEX Asia is the premier dedicated maritime defence show serving the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. 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 2013 will be the ninth in the series.

For more information on IMDEX Asia 2013, please visit <http://www.imdexasia.com>.

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