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The official launch of The Maritime Standard Awards 2021!

TMS Starts 2021 Awards preparations

16th May 2021, Dubai, UAE: Work is already well underway in preparation for one of the most popular and keenly anticipated events on the shipping industry calendar, The Maritime Standard Awards 2021. It can be confirmed that the Awards will take place on Monday November 22nd in Dubai, UAE.

This will be the eighth staging of the Awards. Last year they were the only maritime event to be held in person, despite all the challenges, in line with UAE governmental health and safety guidelines and this will again be the case in 2021. Of course, it is hoped that restrictions will be less onerous, given the roll out of vaccinations against Covid. But the TMS Awards will adapt to whatever the prevailing circumstances are.

This year the Awards will again be held at Dubai World Trade Centre, which is certified with the prestigious Bureau Veritas SafeGuard Label, which attests to its compliance with the highest hygiene standards. Together with this, DWTC's own 'Venue Safe' standards ensure strict adherence to all safety and hygiene measures for the safe return of organised events. The confidence in the venue and TMS as the organiser was

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reflected in an attendance of almost 500 people last year, an exceptional figure in the circumstances, which shows how much belief the industry has in TMS.

Trevor Pereira, Managing Director of The Maritime Standard, says, “Last year’s event showed that Dubai led the world in holding events safely in these Covid times and we will build on that valuable experience gained with our partners to stage an even more successful Awards in 2021. The support we received from the industry, including all the major players, was tremendous and showed how keen people are to meet in person if they can trust the organisation.”

Since the very beginning The Maritime Standard Awards have been held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President, Dubai Civil Aviation Authority and Chairman Emirates Airline and Group. They are always attended by over hundreds of dignitaries and high-level executives from across the maritime industry. The caliber and status of those attending is unrivalled, and the occasion offers extensive networking opportunities, as well as the chance for industry recognition.

The Maritime Standard Awards are today justifiably recognised as the leading event of this type in the Middle East and the Indian Subcontinent. An experienced, expert and independent judging panel ensures that only the ‘best of the best ’are shortlisted and that the eventual winners are fully deserving of the accolade. As a result, the Awards are uniquely placed to recognise excellence and consistently high levels of performance in the ports, shipping, and related sectors.

The Awards are always hosted by well-known personalities, with past MCs including Ruud Gullit, Alistair Campbell, Lara Dutta, Tim Wilcox and Jon Culshaw. The host for 2021 will be someone of similar stature.

The evening will witness the presentation of around 30 different awards, covering different aspects of the maritime industry, as well as special awards for individual achievement. Sponsorship opportunities exist for each of these Awards, as well as the event overall, and present a fantastic opportunity for companies to raise their market profile.

A high profile group of companies have agreed to sponsor this year’s awards, demonstrating their high profile and value. These include Abu Dhabi Ports, ADNOC Logistics & Services, ASYAD Shipping & Drydock Services, Bahri, CSP Abu Dhabi Terminal, DP World, DNV, Islamic P&I Club, Lukoil Marine Lubricants, Safeen, Sharjah Port Authority, Tomini Shipping, Essar Ports, International Registries and Mariapps

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