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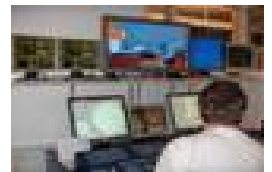
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SMS Tr.heim & NTC Manila are strengthening their cooperation

Our aim is to generate a joint presence, which is recognized as “The quality training center”, both for the offshore and shipping industry. The initial development is already carried out and has become a success. The present bridge simulator has been given a technical upgrading, introducing SMS’ ship models and sailing areas. In additional, a new visual system has been implemented.

The NTC-M/SMS Joint Venture will also lead to the introduction of new course-types:

Dynamic Positions Basic and Advance courses, as required to obtain a *DP-Certificate* will be operational from early April 2007. This setup will be a copy of SMS’ setup in Trondheim, Norway and includes full SMS-simulator functionality including visuals. The three (3) “Stand Alone” DP-simulators integrates also various Position Reference Systems.



A new full mission SMS bridge simulator including DP equipment will be installed during first quarter 2007. This will allow us to run high end training such as integrated DP-operations, providing training for all types of DP-units and offering a possibility to reduce mandatory sea-service time that is required in order to obtain a *Full DP Certificate*. The introduction of a second bridge simulator also provides a good tool for joint training, running the bridge simulators in the same scenario.

A Crane Simulator, with the aim of providing basic simulator-based training for *Offshore- and Ship Crane Operator*, will be installed during first quarter 2007. This course will include “Restricted VHF Certificate” and “Rigging and Slinging”.



New LPG cargo handling simulator course

This course is intended for deck/engine officers who have limited direct understanding of LPG tanker operations and are about to assume greater responsibility for handling of cargo in LPG vessels.

Scope

The course described is practical based, consisting of a series of exercises based on the cargo and ballast equipment found on a fully refrigerated Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Carrier. All the exercises are intended to be conducted using the Ship Analytic Liquid Cargo Handling Simulator.

Course Syllabus

Cargo and ballast operations includes:

- Procedures for preparation for loading – drying, purging (inerting/gassing-up), cooling down
- Loading and Deballasting Operation, Cargo measurement and calculation
- Cargo condition maintenance on passage and in port – reliquefaction system
- Procedures for preparation for unloading, and unloading and Ballasting Operation
- Ballast passage - Maintain cargo tank pressure and temperature within safe limits
- Procedures for changing cargoes and tank cleaning – warming up, inerting, gas-freeing

Theoretical and Practical Training is given in appropriate combination.

- Entry Requirements** : Preferably experienced as Deck Officer on gas tanker
- Duration of the Course** : 5 days (from 0830H to 1600H)

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New Gas Measuring Equipment Course

This course is intended for all deck officers, and other ships' complement that have direct involvement in operations of Gas, Chemical, and Oil tankers.

The purpose of the course is to establish, maintain and endeavor to improve a quality standard for the correct use and manning of gas measuring instruments in order to ensure that the instruments are used and maintained as specified by the manufacturers / OCIMF rules.

Participants completing the course will be provided with a Document of Evidence enabling them to do all routine calibrations and maintenance of gas measuring equipment onboard thereby reducing the costs by not using shore services.

Theoretical and Practical Training is given in appropriate combination. The practical part contains the preparation, use, calibration and maintenance of gas measuring instruments while the theoretical part deals with gas theory and risk assessment.

Entry Requirements : All deck officers and crew involved in oil, chemical and gas tanker operations.

Duration of the Course : 2 days (from 0830H to 1600H)

New Management Level Course (MLC)

NTC-M has submitted its application for accreditation to Maritime Training Council last 10th of November 2006 for the following course programs:

MLC for Marine Deck Officers – Function 1 Advanced Navigation – Function 2 Advanced Cargo Handling and Stowage – Function 3 Advanced Shipboard Operations and Management.

MLC for Marine Engineer Officers – Function 1 Marine Engineering at the Management Level – Function 2 Electrical, Electronic, and Control Engineering at the Management Level – Function 3 Maintenance and Repair at Management Level – Function 4 Controlling the Operation of the Ship and Care for Persons on board at the Management Level.

New employments

Capt. Morten S. Johnsen has been employed as our new Project & Q. A. Manager. He took over the position from Capt. Helge Oliverson effective of Sep. 22nd 2006.

Prior to his assignment at NTC-M, he was 11 years with the Norwegian Maritime Directorate (NMD). At NMD he played a multi-faceted role working world wide doing on-site supervision of new-buildings / reconstructions, - as well as being an Offshore unit- & Oilrig Surveyor, - a PSC Inspector, and a Lead Auditor (ISM).

In addition to the above mentioned, Capt. Johnsen also held a position as one of NMD's five Contingency Officers, being part of the Norwegian Government's Contingency Team reacting on acute pollution at sea. With this position he was involved in several major incidents along the Norwegian coast - e.g. played he a leading on-site role in the salvage of M/T "Fjord Champion" (March 2005).

From 2000 until mid 2006 he also held a part-time position as Deputy Head of one of the "National Contingency Depots" with the Norwegian Coastal Administration, Department for Emergency Response.

In 2005 Capt. Johnsen served for 6 months as a Captain / Deputy Head of "Naval Monitoring Team" with SLMM in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

Prior to the above mentioned assignments Capt. Johnsen obtained valuable experience through 12 years sea service on board merchant vessels and in the Norwegian Coast Guard.

Mr. Francis Deejie P. Morelos was promoted our new IT Manager effective Oct. 1st 2006. He started with NTC-M in Jan. 2001 as an IT Clerk and Technical Support for the NIS Project. In August 2004 he was promoted as an IT Officer, and after a year he ascended to the position of Assistant IT Manager. The IT Department at NTC-M is now handling all computer hardware, software, and all the computer based simulators at NTC-Manila as well as for all the projects managed by NTC-M.

Mr. Morelos graduated from University of Santo Tomas in Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Computer Technology.