

# On the Screen

# HMS

A Newsletter from the HMS-Group



Our facilities of HMS Far east in Singapore at Tuas.



## Singapore Facts & Figures

### Currency:

SGD (1 = 0.65 EUR)

Population: 5.183 M

Land Area: 714 sq km

Unemployment: 2%

Inflation Rate: 5.2%

Singapore is the 14th largest exporter and the 15th largest importer in the world. The country has the highest trade-to-GDP ratio in the world at 407.9 percent, signifying the importance of trade to its economy. The country is currently the only Asian country to have AAA credit ratings from all three major credit rating agencies - Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. Singapore attracts a lot of foreign direct investment because of its location, corruption-free environment, skilled workforce, low tax rates and advanced infrastructure.

## Mr. Gilbert Lopez appointed as Managing Director, effectively 15th August 2012

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Gilbert Lopez, of Singaporean nationality, has been appointed as Managing Director of HMS Far East Pte Ltd with effect from 15th August 2012. Mr. Lopez has been with the HMS Group since 1995 holding the position of Managing Director at the group's subsidiary company Plurotech International Pte Ltd.

As the founder of Plurotech International and since then, Mr. Lopez has been our trusted partner in the maritime industry for nearly two decades now and therefore we are also happy to say that this appointment with this decision to make was simply a natural thing to do.

Mr. Lopez remains a director of Plurotech International and in his new role, he also will continue to operationally merge the Singapore group of companies into one HMS Group. Meanwhile Mr. Rene Heim will smoothly handover the daily operation to Mr. Lopez and will return back to the HMS headquarters in Hamburg.



Gilbert Lopez and Rene Heim

This month our Singapore branch office is also celebrating its 19th year and has meanwhile become one of the leading local and regional suppliers for the maritime industry. We will continue to merge our hub-locations to one united HMS Group in order improve our customer services responding to the current market developments and to maintain our leading position in the maritime industry. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Gilbert Lopez (gilbert.lopez@hmsfareast.com) in his new role and we thank you for your continuous support.



Management HMS Far East: Vincent Perera (Director Sales), Renate Tietjen (Director Operations & Administration, HR), Wilfred Chua (Director Sales), Shammi Verma (Project Management & Controller), Oliver Cordts (Business Manager) and Gilbert Lopez.



The Esplanade: Thrilling waterfront location just north of the mouth of the Singapore River in downtown Singapore.

## Singapore: A fascinating cosmopolitan city

One of the smallest countries in the world, since its independence from Malaysia in 1965, Singapore has grown into a modern, commercial, financial and industrial hub, as well as home to the world's busiest container port.

Although long establis-

hed as a fishing town, Singapore's modern foundations are credited to Sir Stamford Raffles of the British East India Company who, in 1819, set up a trading post and declared a freetrade policy, which saw the beginning of a huge influx of immigrants from various countries. Singapore has one of the best economies and standard of living in the whole of Asia. Because of the peace, order and discipline of the people in Singapore, it has been a favorite country of business conferences and seminars. Aside from the fact that Singapore is a highly advanced country, it also has a number of attractions that would definitely amaze your eyes and make you feel

at home even if you are away from home.

You can do a lot in Singapore. It is home to a number of shopping areas where you can buy clothes and accessories.

The Orchard Road Shopping District is one of the most populated shopping areas in Singapore. You can buy almost everything here.

Shopping highlights are: Orchard Road, Heritage District and City Centre Shopping, Riverside, Chinatown and Little India.

Note: Singapore is extremely clean. Therefore, do not litter or spit on the road. It's very expensive!

## The HMS-Group: Your competent partner

HMS Hanseatic Marine Services offers you a long tradition in ship supplies, spare parts, and catering services.

For more than 160 Years, we have been serving all kinds of ships of international shipping companies at all European and overseas ports.

We cover the full range of ship supplies from provisions to bonded and all technical stores as well as spare parts. For the cruise and hotel industries we are specialised in food and beverage products, consumables and hotel equipment. For more than 800 cargo ships we manage a worldwide catering service at fixed rates.

Huge and modern warehouses in Hamburg, Kiel and Singapore supply ships in all European ports as well as Singapore and Malaysia. Every day hundreds of pallets leave our warehouses for ports all over the world either in our own fleet of reefer trucks or through certified trucking companies. For vessels at oversea ports in America, Africa, the Middle East and Far East we arrange supplies by sea container or air freight.

### Our locations:

#### Hamburg - The traditional gateway to the world



The headoffice of HMS is located in the port of Hamburg.

#### Kiel - Connecting the North and Baltic Sea



The newly built office and a state-of-the-art logistics center is located right at the Kiel locks, the gateway between the countries Baltic area and the Northern Sea.

#### Singapore - Our Hub to South East Asia



HMS Far East is one of Singapore's leading suppliers to the shipping and offshore industries.

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