



RE: IMEC and ITF quarantine project Manila, Philippines

Further to the IMEC circular (20) 106, IMEC and ITF urge IMEC members to utilise the facilities that are established specifically for this project.

As you are aware, the media has reported incidents of infected Filipino seafarers in the last few weeks, which has caused great concern to governments, in particular Australia and Singapore.

The IMEC and ITF project in Manila addresses these concerns and it has been well received by governments it has been presented to since it manages and monitors the seafarers while in quarantine, compared to seafarers quarantining at home or in facilities that have not been vetted and audited, to ensure as secure a process as possible.

It is vital that this is given very serious consideration and adopted whenever possible since both social partners will find it almost impossible to assist members that find themselves in trouble with local governments as a result of not utilising the facility.

We hope that IMEC members take the opportunity to lead the way and show governments that our industry is taking every steps possible to minimise the risk of infected Filipino seafarers joining a ship, which will ensure a smooth facilitation of crew change.

Moreover, it addresses Employers responsibility towards safekeeping the wellbeing of their employees, which we would clearly demonstrate by utilizing the facility.

Last but not least, a slightly higher cost for having your employees arriving safely and healthy on board is significantly less than facing your vessel being quarantined and off-hire due to someone embarking and thereafter being declared a Covid-19 carrier.

All booking requests must be sent to the project's booking coordinator at itfimeccrewchange@amosup.org

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