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SINGAPORE-STAR FUND CREWSAFE FACILITIES

As a global hub port and international maritime centre, Singapore remains committed to facilitate successful crew changes in a safe and responsible manner. To propagate best practices of safe crew change, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), Singapore Shipping Association (SSA), Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU), Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS), and recently joined by the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), the International Maritime Employers' Council (IMEC), and International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), established a Singapore Shipping Tripartite Alliance Resilience (SG-STAR) Fund to work with stakeholders in seafaring nations on practices for crew holding facilities and PCR testing centres. To date, a total of SGD \$1.6 million has been committed to the Fund to support these initiatives.

The SG-STAR Fund is the first global tripartite initiative bringing together like-minded international partners from the industry, unions and government to facilitate safe crew changes. The fund, based in Singapore, will be disbursed for use upstream in countries such as Philippines and India where seafarers come from. A SG-STAR Fund Taskforce (SFTF) has been formed to push ahead with these efforts.

As part of the SFTF's efforts, the SFTF have developed a CrewSafe audit program that endeavours to assist crew source nations to bring a higher level of confidence and quality control checks into crew change processes such as quarantine/holding, medical and swabbing facilities. The SFTF will then make known these facilities if the processes & facilities meet the requirements for proper and tight practises (taking Singapore as the reference) in the entire operational process.

The SFTF is pleased to update the industry that the quarantine processes at the following facilities have been verified as CrewSafe:

1. ITF/IMEC-Manila Marriott Hotel
2 Resorts Drive, Manila,
1309 Metro Manila, Philippines
2. ITF/IMEC-St. Giles Makati Hotel
Makati Avenue, Corner Kalayaan Ave, Makati,
1209 Metro Manila, Philippines

This is subject to the facility maintaining the processes as audited. Failure to follow the processes will result in immediate suspension from the CrewSafe list.

The SFTF will keep the industry updated as more facilities have been CrewSafe audited.

Companies who are interested to get their facilities CrewSafe audited, or for more information on CrewSafe, please contact Siti at siti@ssa.org.sg.

Thank you and best regards,

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