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The Maritime Standard Awards aims for hat-trick of success

The region's leading maritime industry awards, officially launched today, are now in their third year and will once again celebrate the best and brightest stars of the Middle East and the Indian Subcontinent's shipping, ports and related maritime sectors at a glittering and high profile gala dinner

12 April 2016, Dubai UAE: The Maritime Standard Awards (TMS Awards) 2016 will take place at the Atlantis Ballroom, Atlantis The Palm, on 24th October this year. This is the third year in a row that the event, now firmly established as the leading gala awards evening of its type in the Middle East and the Indian Subcontinent, returns to this iconic venue, to build further on its already impressive track record of success. The glittering event recognises and rewards achievement at the highest level and will be attended by over 600 top maritime industry executives and decision-makers from across the region, as well as worldwide.

A total of 29 Awards will be presented on the night, with 21 chosen by an elite panel of judges. The others will be special awards chosen by The Maritime Standard team to mark exceptional individual achievements. This year there will be two new Awards - for best company in the fields of Marine Crewing and Manning and Maritime Security.

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Winning an award is also a chance to make an impact. Ali Shehab, Deputy CEO of Kuwait Oil Tanker Company, winner of the Tanker Operator of the Year award, says, *"This was really a night to remember, but more than that our achievement has had a longer lasting impact over subsequent months. Being able to say we are The Maritime Standard Award winner has given us greater credibility amongst our customer base and we really have seen positive outcomes from our success in these Awards."*

The Maritime Standard Awards 2016 aims to raise the bar higher still, and further demonstrate that it is a class apart compared with rival events. The Maritime Standard managing director, Trevor Pereira, says, *"Over the past two years we have celebrated some of the most influential companies and individuals in the shipping and maritime sectors within the region at an event that is now recognised to be the leading one of its kind in terms of value and prestige. We are already working a series of improvements and new concepts for this year's awards which will make them even better, and more glamorous, than ever before. It will be an occasion that nobody in the industry will want to miss."*

A host of leading companies from the region's shipping and maritime and related industries have already confirmed their attendance, and sponsorship. Those organisations supporting The Maritime Standard Awards 2016 include the Abu Dhabi Ports, Abu Dhabi Ship Building, DP World, DNV GL, Drydocks World, Dubai Trading Agency, Abu Dhabi Marine Services, Islamic P & I Club, Kuwait Oil Tanker Company (KOTC), Oman Shipping Company S.A.O.C, Sohar Port and Freezone, Mercmarine Group of Companies, Seaborne International, Sical and The National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia (Bahri). The Awards also have the support of regional trade associations such as the UAE Shipping Association (UAESA), Dubai Shipping Agents Association (DSAA), Organisation of the Islamic Shipowners Association (OISA) and Dubai Council for Marine and Maritime Industries (DCMMI), Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST), Indian National Shipowners' Association (INSA), Pakistan Ship's Agents Association (PSAA) and The Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA).

Entries for the Awards should be submitted by the deadline which is August 10. Information about how companies can nominate themselves for an Awards can be accessed through the The Maritime Standard Awards website, on www.tmsawards.com

For further information about The Maritime Standards Awards please go to: www.tmsawards.com

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Image Caption: Winner of The Maritime Standard Personality of the Year Award: Sheikh Talal Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, Chief Executive Officer, Kuwait Oil Tanker Company, along with Trevor Pereira, Managing Director, The Maritime Standard; Clive Woodbridge, Editor, The Maritime Standard and Andre Toet, Chief Executive Officer, Sohar Port and Freezone.



Image Caption: Winner of The Maritime Standard Hall of Fame Award: Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Chairman, DP World along with Trevor Pereira, Managing Director, The Maritime Standard.

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**Editor's Note: About The Maritime Standard**

A subsidiary of Flagship Events, The Maritime Standard (TMS) publishes an innovative e-newsletter aimed specifically at the shipping and maritime community. It is delivered fortnightly, on the 1st and 15th of every month, and includes up-to-date news and analysis from the shipping and ports industries and related sectors. Topics that are covered include tanker, container, dry and liquid bulk, ro-ro, and cruise shipping; terminal operations; port development; classification; ship repair and conversion; shipbuilding; ship agency; finance and insurance; maritime law; and transportation & logistics. The Maritime Standard is edited by Clive Woodbridge, a journalist who has been writing about the maritime sector in the Middle East for over 20 years.

Another division of parent Flagship Events, The Maritime Standard Events focuses specifically on the requirements of the shipping and maritime sector. The company organises a series of industry-leading events across the Middle East, including conferences and exhibitions. It also organises events for third parties in the shipping and ports business.

The Maritime Standard Awards offers the industry a fabulous showcase, to highlight its many achievements. The first annual event, on November 6th 2014, was hosted by PR guru, Alistair Campbell, and the 2nd on 9th November 2015 by Dutch soccer legend, Ruud Gullitt.