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STAR CRUISES PROVIDES ADVANCED SIMULATOR TRAINING
FOR WORLD'S LARGEST SHIPPING COMPANY

Star Cruises "The Leading Cruise Line In Asia -Pacific" is pleased to announce that Star Cruises Ship Simulator Centre Sdn Bhd (SCSS) has signed a product and price agreement with A.P. Moller Singapore Pte Ltd, which is part of the A.P. Moller Group. Better known as Maersk, the A. P. Moller Group is the world's largest privately- owned shipping company and operates the biggest fleet of container ships worldwide.

The agreement represents a significant development for SCSS as A.P. Moller Singapore is the second largest full scale shipping company with AIS status in Singapore and together with it's extensive newbuilding program, is expected to take the lead in the year 2000. It operates a large fleet of tankers, car carriers, bulk carriers and container ships. About 200 officers and engineers from the company will be trained at the Star Cruises Ship Simulator Centre each year.

"We are very proud that A.P. Moller has chosen our Simulator for the training of their personnel as A.P. Moller is in the global forefront in navigational safety and their commitment to training using the simulator is impressive. A.P. Moller's

decision to use our Simulator proves our success in incorporating realism in all aspects of planning in the training exercises,” says Star Cruises Fleet Captain Gustav Gronberg.

The new agreement will cover the areas of shiphandling, human factors, crisis and emergency simulator training courses as well as performance evaluation and selection.

“We have chosen Star Cruises Ship Simulator due to its high technical and educational standards” said Mr. Lars Christensen, the General Manager of A.P. Moller Singapore and Vice Chairman of the Global Ship Personnel Management (GSPM) group within A.P. Moller .”The facility employs the latest technology that ensures an extremely high degree of realism that in combination with DMI’s renowned training methods and mathematical models of ships and ports will ensure a high quality product that match our requirements” he added.

The extensive course program offered by SCSS to A.P. Moller Singapore is identical to that offered to A.P. Moller by DMI in Denmark, thus fitting in very well with the GSPM group’s policy of ensuring that A.P. Moller’s officers receive a uniform high standard of training worldwide. The majority of trainees come from Malaysia, Singapore, Europe India, Myanmar and the Philippines.

The state of the art world class Star Cruises Simulator Centre has already gained notable interest from many parties both locally and globally. A sophisticated shiphandling course was recently conducted for Hyundai Merchant Marine from Korea and negotiations with the Kuantan, Kemaman and Kertih Port authorities in Malaysia are currently underway for pilot training. A major port study will also be conducted soon for the Saigon River pilots from Vietnam with models of

SuperStar Europe and SuperStar Leo as well as pilots from Xiamen , China later this year.

Star Cruises “*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific,*” is one of the five largest cruise lines in the world. By 2002, Star Cruises will have a fleet of 10 vessels with a lower berth capacity of about 12,000 with annual growth of 25% per year for the corresponding period.

Star Cruises has one of the youngest cruise fleets in the world with ships based throughout Asia with Singapore, Port Klang, Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei and Osaka/Kobe as ports of embarkation by early 2000.

Star Cruises has offices in Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth), Asia (China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand), Europe (Austria, Germany, Sweden and United Kingdom) and the United States of America.

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