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**STAR CRUISES SHIP SIMULATOR CENTRE OBTAINS QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
STANDARD ISO 9001:2000 FROM LLOYD'S REGISTER QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Star Cruises, *the Leading Cruise Line in Asia -Pacific*, is pleased to announce that its ship simulator facility, the Star Cruises Ship Simulator Centre ("SCSS") has been awarded the Quality Management System Standard ISO 9001:2000 by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance ("LRQA"). The verification was carried out by employees from LRQA and Lloyd's Register to ensure compliance with STCW 95. LRQA is part of the Lloyd's Register Group, one of the world's biggest maritime classification societies.

The state-of-the-art simulator facility located in Port Klang, Malaysia commenced operations in 1998 and provides a range of tailor-made training programmes with special emphasis on addressing human factor issues. Apart from training its own Captains and Officers, the Centre offers its facilities and technical expertise to more than 70 customers from 15 countries.

"The award is an affirmation of Star Cruises' commitment to attaining world-class standards in our operations and the high safety culture throughout the Company", said Mr. Chong Chee-Tut, Chief Operating Officer of Star Cruises.

The Centre has also successfully developed an Advanced Bridge Resource Management (BRM) course. This customized simulator based course focuses on the practical application of BRM techniques.

It begins with a series of onboard audits carried out by Star Cruises' Instructors/Captains to determine training needs in designing and developing a special course to address these needs. The intensive 5 days simulator course is followed by a short cruise on SuperStar Virgo during which the course participants observe advanced BRM techniques in practice. Shortly after the training, Star Cruises' Instructors/Captains carry out a follow up onboard audit and if necessary provide assistance in implementing advanced BRM techniques.

"This highly effective and thorough approach to training has been very well received by our customers like the Australia/New Zealand inter-island ferry companies, TT Line and Toll Shipping", said Captain Gustaf Gronberg, Star Cruises' Senior Vice President for Marine Operations.

"The Centre is the only facility in the world to offer this highly focused and customized training", he added.

The Star Cruises Ship Simulator Centre is also a leader in the field of Port Engineering using its large database of port information to simulate a realistic scenario for the training of Captains and Officers on the technical and safety aspects of bringing a ship into a new port for the first time. Equipped with the latest computer technology and highly skilled and experienced personnel, the Centre is capable of creating a computer database for any existing port in the world including those in the planning stage, with the physical characteristics and sea conditions to facilitate simulation training.

The Centre has also been active in the area of port design and feasibility studies, working with a number of countries in the region for proposed port development projects.

In addition, maritime incidents and accidents can also be studied and investigated as the Centre is equipped with replay facilities to analyse information and data from the Voyage Data Recorder ("VDR") or 'black box'.

In keeping with the latest developments for new generation cruise ships, the Star Cruises Ship Simulator Centre is one of only two facilities in the world to offer ABB's Azipod training.



Captain Gustaf Gronberg, Star Cruises' Senior Vice President for Marine Operations (left) receiving the ISO Certificate from Mr. Remko Hottentot of Lloyd's Register Asia.

About Star Cruises

Star Cruises, the third largest cruise line in the world is a global cruise brand with a combined fleet of 22 ships in service and due to be delivered, with about 35,000 lower berths, cruising to destinations and islands in Asia-Pacific, South Asia, North and South America, Hawaii, Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mediterranean, Bermuda and the Antarctica under the Star Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line, NCL America, Orient Lines and Cruise Ferries brands.

Star Cruises is represented in more than 20 locations worldwide with offices in Australia, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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