



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING CONTRACTORS

## MEMORANDUM

TO: IADC Members

FROM: Alan Spackman, Vice President, Offshore Technical and Regulatory Affairs

SUBJECT: Report on the 106<sup>th</sup> session of the IMO Council

DATE: 7 July 2011

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The 106<sup>th</sup> session of the International Maritime Organization's Council (C 106) was held from 27 June to 1 July 2011, under the Chairmanship of Mr J. Lantz (United States). In addition to Council members, the session was attended by observer delegations from 42 IMO Member States and 1 Associate Member.

The following is a summary of issues addressed by the Sub-Committee that may interest the offshore oil and gas industries:

### **Resource management**

It was reported that the Organization has experienced a surplus of income over expenditure for 2010 of £4,218,259 and that more than 99% of Members' assessed contributions had been received.

### **Liability and compensation issues connected with transboundary pollution damage resulting from offshore oil exploration and exploitation activities**

The Council directed the Legal Committee to re-examine, at its next session, the proposed revision of Strategic Direction 7.2, concerning liability and compensation issues connected with transboundary pollution damage resulting from offshore oil exploration and exploitation activities, under the "Any other business" item of its agenda; and to report to the Council accordingly. This effectively blocks action on the issue, but encourages the Legal Committee to undertake further discussion.

### **Relations with non-governmental organizations**

With regard to new applications for consultative status, the Council decided:

- to grant consultative status, on a provisional basis, to the International Iron Metallics Association Ltd. (IIMA);
- not to grant consultative status to the Grain and Feed Trade Association
- (GAFTA), the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC); the International Maritime Fumigation Organization (IMFO); the International Association for the
- Catalytic Control of Ship Emissions to Air (IACCSEA), the Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems
- Association (EGCSA), or PRBA – The Rechargeable Battery Association.

The Council decided to convert the consultative status granted to International Spill Control Organization (ISCO) on a provisional basis to full consultative status.

The Council decided to withdraw the International Bar Association's (IBA) consultative status.

As they had neither attended meetings, nor submitted papers in the past biennium, the Council decided to remind the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (OGP) of the necessity to fulfill their obligations, including the requirement to make substantial contribution to the work of IMO, and that, should there be no improvement in their performance during the next biennium, their status may be withdrawn.

### **World Maritime Day**

The Council endorsed the Secretary-Generals proposal that the theme for World Maritime Day 2012 should be: "IMO: One hundred years after the Titanic".

### **IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea**

The Council endorsed the decision of the Panel of Judges to bestow the 2011 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea on Captain Seog Hae-gyun of the **M/V SAMHO Jewelry**, a national of the Republic of Korea, nominated by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

In addition, the Council agreed that Certificates of Commendation in recognition of meritorious services rendered should be awarded to the several nominees, Chief Engineer Anthony Gervasio and QMED Louis Longlois, crewmembers of the offshore supply vessel (OSV) **Damon B. Bankston**, Tidewater Marine.

### **Appointment of the Secretary-General**

The Council elected Mr. Koji Sekimizu of Japan, as Secretary-General of the Organization, with effect from 1 January 2012, for an initial term of four years, to be approved by the Assembly at 27<sup>th</sup> session.

### **Arrangements for the next session**

The 26<sup>th</sup> extraordinary session will be held on 17 and 18 November 2011.

The 107<sup>th</sup> session will be held on 1 December 2011, following the conclusion of the 267<sup>th</sup> session of the Assembly.

The IMO's report of this session is posted on the IADC website at:

<http://iadc.org/committees/offshore/IMO.html>.

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