Wavelink Maritime Institute in Singapore selects Transas simulators

June, 2 2014 – Singapore. Wavelink Maritime Institute has launched a new maritime simulation centre in May powered by Transas simulators. The Wavelink Maritime Simulation Centre is a training arm of the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU) and one of the first few maritime institutes in Singapore to house four different types of simulators in one location.

The centre, which costs $4 million, has a class of 16 workstations to train ECDIS operations. The main bridge with 240° visualisation and secondary bridge with 120° visualisation are based on the latest Transas NTPRO 5000 software and will be used for ship handling training and certification. An integrated Engine room and liquid cargo simulator class of 20 workstations powered by the Transas ERS 5000 / LCHS5000 software will contribute to training of engineering watchkeeping personnel.

The new advanced simulator centre will enhance training of maritime cadets and officers by providing an ultimate hands-on experience in compliance with international standards. This is one of the steps the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union undertakes in order that more Singaporeans will consider seafaring as a career. The simulators will greatly enhance the quality of training and will make the Wavelink Maritime Institute graduates competitive in their careers.

SMOU General Secretary Mary Liew said during the opening: "Traditionally, seafaring skills are very much time-based learning, that is the longer you work onboard a ship, the better skills you have. But now with simulation training, the cadets and officers' skills are accelerated with real-time feedback in a risk-free environment. Thus, they become better officers, have better jobs and better lives. It is a win-win situation for them as well as the shipping companies."

Transas Marine Simulation Business Division Andrey Sitkov mentioned: "Transas is honoured to be chosen by SMOU. We are confident that the quality of Transas simulation solutions will greatly contribute to the challenging task of attracting more Singaporeans to the maritime industry and increasing the safety of navigation in the end."

Wavelink Maritime Institute <http://www.wavelink.com.sg/> is the maritime training arm of Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU), a premier and professional organisation dedicated to providing reliable, cost effective, efficient and effective services to the maritime and shipping industry, and in particular, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) companies with SMOU and SMOU members.