ClassNK and Transas partner to improve marine simulator classification requirements

July 8, 2014 – St. Petersburg, Russia. ClassNK, one of the world's leading classification societies, and Transas Marine, global specialist in maritime simulation, navigation and surveillance systems, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding in area of classification of maritime simulators.

According to the agreement, ClassNK and Transas will jointly develop new standards, rules, procedures and guidelines related to classification of maritime simulators. New requirements will address the need for improved quality of both traditional and special areas of training, like offshore, LNG, tug and VTS operations. Combination of Transas expertise in high-end maritime simulation solutions and ClassNK's highest quality classification services will greatly contribute to these developments.

ClassNK Executive Vice President Mr. Koichi Fujiwara commented: I believe that ClassNK and Transas cooperation will bring impressive results. My feeling is that the technology is changing. It is an accelerating change that demonstrates an increasing interest towards the safety of the environment. Transas has the special knowledge in effective tools for education, which is vital to ensure this. Meanwhile ClassNK has a long history of certification. I'm sure that this combination will contribute to the future of the entire maritime industry".

Transas Marine Limited Director Mr. Andrey Belentiev said during the signature ceremony: "Transas is very honoured to cooperate with ClassNK. High-quality maritime education is a basis for safety and efficiency of shipping. This strategic partnership will allow both companies to contribute to raising the level of marine professional education where proper standards are necessary, thus fully complying with our mission – Transas sets the standard."

ClassNK is Asia's first classification society. With 20% of the world merchant fleet on their register, ClassNK is one of the world's largest classification societies recognised and respected around the globe.

Transas Group is a world-leading marine simulators developer and supplier. With almost 6,000 simulators installations, Transas confidently holds 45% of the world's marine simulation market.