

Kerinci Successfully Refurbished

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Mr Heng Chiang Ghee, presenting a token of appreciation to Bapak Roesman Anwar

"Today, to be able to see MV Kerinci restored to her original condition and looking as beautiful as I remembered her, I have to thank the many people of the entire project team for their fine efforts, assistance and cooperation in bringing this project to a successful conclusion." Bapak Roesman Anwar, Director General of PT Pelni.

SembShip's established name in the cruise refit and refurbishment market was further enhanced when we successfully completed the restoration and upgrading of Kerinci in October 1998. Owned by PT Pelni of Indonesia, the ferry sustained severe damage when it was grounded at Padang, in Indonesia, and underwent 9 months of substantial refit and restoration at our Yard.

A lot of planning went into this project as the project execution itself was complex with requirements for strong project management skills, organisation, capabilities, procurement expertise, teams of skilled and experienced tradesmen trained in areas of furnishing, engineering, electrical, automation and steelwork. As such, a project team capable of accomplishing this task was carefully selected and assembled. Led by our Senior Shiprepair Manager, Mr K P Samy and Shiprepair Manager, Mr Jit Singh, our repair team worked closely with the owners' representatives, Pak Subijantoro, Pak Supiyanto and Pak Suparyo to ensure the successful completion of this project, one of the biggest cruise projects that Sembawang Shipyard has undertaken.

With detailed planning and close coordination by the project teams from both sides, our workmen carried out extensive refurbishment work to the main engine, auxiliary engines, air-condition compressors and main galley. Both main engines were completely stripped bare and all parts cleaned and calibrated. The engines' bedplates were checked for true alignment using laser equipment. Port engine crankshaft was renewed with a spare from Germany. The cylinder blocks in the port and starboard were renewed. All four auxiliary engines were completely dismantled. In addition, our

experienced workmen also completed major accommodation outfitting work and renewed the flooring and panelling of the passenger and officer cabins, and refurbished the public areas as well.

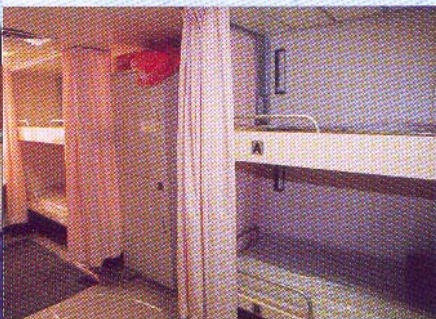
In a redelivery ceremony in early October attended by Directors, Senior Managers and repair teams from both SembShip and PT Pelni, the new-look Kerinci was successfully redelivered to the owners. The owners were very happy with the performance of the shipyard as in the words of an appreciative Bapak Roesman Anwar, Director of PT Pelni,

"I am pleased to say that Sembawang has once again proven that they are able to deliver a complex restoration project on time and accomplish quality work in the area of passengership upgrading and refits. It is my hope that we can strengthen on our ties in the years to come".

The successful restoration of Kerinci marked another milestone in the Yard's 30 years of experience in the cruiseship repair market and enhanced Sembawang Shipyard's reputation as the region's premier shipyard for cruise shiprepair and refurbishment. We are confident that the same quality results will be achieved for Leuser, another ferry from PT Pelni, which is currently undergoing major restoration work in the shipyard.



Refurbished bar and lounge



Newly restored cabin



Kerinci, completely refurbished

Safety Briefing Competition

A Safety Briefing Competition was organized in the Yard from 6 August to 30 November '98. The aim was to further improve the quality of weekly safety briefings and thereby create a greater sense of safety awareness in the Yard.

The competition was held between individual groups from major production departments. A total of 66 groups consisting of employees and subcontractors' workers participated in the competitions.

A panel of judges comprising Senior Managers

was formed and the groups were assessed on various aspects such as conduciveness of briefing environment, quality and relevance of briefing topics, communication skills of the briefing personnel, employees' understanding of the topics briefed and the level of participation by group members.

Amongst our employees, 1st Prize went to the group from our Pipe Department, led by group leader Chageman Tahar bin Mohd. 2nd Prize was collected by Foreman Cheong Kee Min spearheading the Mechanical Department's team. The circuit being completed by the

group from Electrical Department taking 3rd Prize, led by Foreman J.P. Suresh.

From our competing subcontractors, 1st Prize was won by the team from Hup Seng Huat. Seletar Engineering bagged 2nd Prize. While Eng Soon Investments secured 3rd Prize. The well-managed safety briefings that all participants were able to present is a reflection of the broad-based safety consciousness that has become a part of every Yard worker's work ethic.