

The Opening Ceremony of Sembawang Shipyard's New Enclosed Blasting Facility

Sembawang Shipyard was pleased to have Capt Bob Salmon, Fleet Manager of Shell International Trading & Shipping Company (STASCo) Ltd, and Alliance Manager of the STASCo/Sembawang Shipyard Alliance, to officially open the yard's new Enclosed Blasting Facility on 28th June 2001.

The idea for the enclosed blasting facility was first proposed by STASCo's Superintendent Mr John Cook, who was in Capt Salmon's fleet.

In his opening speech, Capt Bob Salmon expressed his satisfaction with the progress and advancement of the SSPL-STASCo's alliance since it was signed in December 1998. He recapped the key objectives that both STASCo and SSPL have jointly committed to achieve, i.e. to develop and co-create innovative shiprepair procedures, safety and quality improvements and other productivity



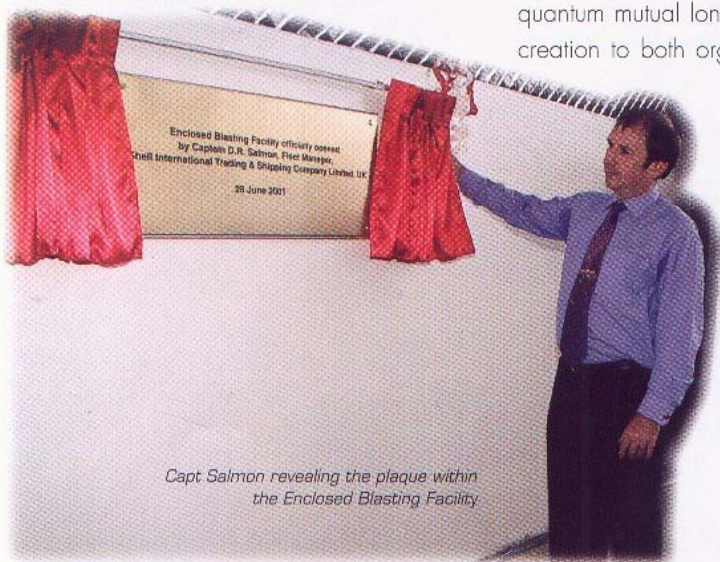
Capt Bob Salmon, Fleet Manager of STASCo & Alliance Manager of STASCo/SSPL Alliance

enhancement schemes, which will bring quantum mutual long-term benefits and value-creation to both organisations. Capt Salmon highlighted that the enclosed blasting facility was a clear example of the benefits of the alliance - STASCo made the suggestion and Sembawang rose to the challenge to enhance its performance quality.

Mr Heng Chiang Gnee, Managing Director of SSPL, in his speech also thanked STASCo and

Capt Salmon for their strong support and commitment to the alliance. He added that the enclosed blasting ground formed part of the yard's ongoing efforts to provide world-class service and the yard would continue to seek and utilise diverse inputs from our customers to enhance our level of service.

Measuring 2,800 sqm, the new Enclosed Blasting Facility enables blasting and painting processes to be carried out simultaneously, without being affected by weather conditions. As such, the yard would be able to produce consistently good quality work at a higher productivity level. A winch and trolley system was installed within the facility to increase the efficiency in material handling. The facility is also environmentally friendly with its enclosures minimising dust and paint fumes from polluting the surrounding areas. Constructed at a cost of close to \$0.5m, the Enclosed Blasting Facility is part of Sembawang Shipyard's programme to enhance its overall facilities and quality services to our valued customers and alliance partners. ☺



Capt Salmon revealing the plaque within the Enclosed Blasting Facility



Capt Salmon & Mr Heng touring the facility with Marine Manager Mr H K Lim