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## **DNVPS TO HIRE MORE INHOUSE BUNKER SURVEYORS**

*Audit vindicates DNVPS surveyors accused by suppliers of being slow on the job*

SINGAPORE – In a move to improve the quality of its bunker quantity surveys (BQS), DNV Petroleum Services today announced it will hire more inhouse surveyors in 2005 and reduce the reliance on subcontractors.

DNVPS will also consolidate its BQS service to concentrate on key bunkering hubs.

To be implemented from Jan 1, 2005, the company's service restructure came as a result of an exercise to enhance internal control over the integrity of its bunker surveys, following the prosecution of three Singapore BQS subcontractors for corruption.

Two of these subcontractors have since pleaded guilty to accepting bribes from a local supplier in return for under-declaring bunker delivery figures. The third subcontractor is awaiting the outcome of his trial.

According to DNVPS managing director Per Holmvang, employing a team of mainly inhouse surveyors is an expeditious route to achieving better quality control.

"We will have direct and immediate influence over how things should be done. On-the-job quality control checks will also become easier to organise and conduct," Holmvang said.

Likewise, DNVPS' consolidation of its BQS activities was driven by the focus on delivering services of higher quality.

"Although DNVPS has decided to concentrate on the main bunkering hubs, we will still be able to maintain a coverage representing more than 80% of our current service structure," Mr Holmvang said, adding that DNVPS subcontractors would continue to service certain areas not practicable for the company's inhouse surveyors to cover.

As for vessels bunkering next year in ports from which DNVPS is withdrawing its BQS service, the company can put ship owners in touch with its existing subcontractors who will operate independently from Jan 1.

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Besides the expected benefits of the BQS service restructure, Mr Holmvang said PSB Corporation, the private arm of national standards body SPRING Singapore, recently gave DNVPS a further boost.

Engaged to evaluate the company's bunker survey procedures in Singapore, PSB Corporation reported that DNVPS' audited surveys were "performed safely, efficiently and without taking more time than necessary". The surveys were also conducted in accordance with the Singapore Code of Practice for Bunker Surveying (SS CP 77:1999).

The PSB audit effectively disproves claims by certain suppliers that DNVPS bunker surveyors are too slow on the job.

"The affirmation from PSB puts to rest any doubts about the efficiency of our surveyors and in turn questions the motives of those suppliers in Singapore who are boycotting us," Mr Holmvang said.

Mr Holmvang added that regular audits of the DNVPS BQS service by both external bodies and internal staff will be a cornerstone of the company's stringent quality management system.

"With our procedures and QC checks in place, DNVPS strives to deliver the most reliable bunker surveys in the market," he said.

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## About DNV Petroleum Services

DNV Petroleum Services (DNVPS) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Det Norske Veritas, a leading ship classification society and independent foundation dedicated to safeguarding life, property and the environment.

The foremost name in marine fuel management, DNVPS pioneered the concept of bunker quality testing in 1980. The company now commands over 70 per cent world-wide market share for contracted fuel testing services.

DNVPS is also a specialist provider of bunker quantity surveys, with a comprehensive service network catering to major ports of call.

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