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AIM OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Inform our employees by sharing information and developing our company culture. The newsletter is for internal distribution only!

We are depending upon contributions (500-700 words) from our readers. We hope to receive your proposals for features, subjects, articles & photos etc. for the next edition within 25 January 2019 to newsletter@kgjix.no

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear colleagues,

Another demanding year is now coming to an end. Our fleets have operationally been performing to expectations, but the preliminary economical results are not satisfactory.

The tragic accident onboard one of our cement vessels is dominating all other events in 2018. An unfortunate and avoidable accident led to the death of one of our colleagues. My thoughts are still with his family.

Every lessons we can extract from the investigation of this tragic accident will be used to make safety improvements for all three fleets. In addition to specific measures related to this particular accident, we have to improve our general safety culture. If we face a potential unsafe situation onboard, we must be assured that all safety barriers are working as intended. This includes taking the necessary time ("one step back") to map potential hazards and make suitable preparations. Irrespective if a task is defined as a routine- or critical job, all persons involved must know the potential hazards and use proper Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).

On the last point: We can not accept that PPE is not used! It is your duty, whatever rank, to use your authority to say stop when you see somebody who is not wearing PPE. Can you rely on your colleagues to stop you if

by Hans Peter Jebsen, Chairman

you forget to wear a safety helmet?

We have earlier mentioned the new IMO regulations on reducing harmful emissions to the air. The deadline for the new 2020 low sulfur regulations are quickly closing in. Unfortunately, there still remain a large number of uncertainties. Not only related to the commercial consequences with regard to fuel prices and availability, but also with regard to the quality of the new fuel grades. We are now preparing how to manage these changes. In addition, we have decided to install scrubbers on a number of our SKS vessels.

SKS Torrens and SKS Trinity were recently sold to a recycling yard in India. For many years we have had a policy of responsible recycling. We can assure you that also for these vessels we have followed this policy. Again, it is sad to see a good and well maintained vessel being sent for recycling at a relative young age. From a pure environmental perspective, this is regretfully not good use of resources. It must have been a special moment for Captain Anatoly Anaymanovich to deliver the vessel for recycling as he had the honor of receiving SKS Torrens from the new building yard in Korea in 1999.



The freight markets are still volatile. Political unrest and tendencies for protectionism is not helping, however we see a positive underlying trend. We are cautiously optimistic for the development in our markets in 2019.

For those on vacation, I hope all will have time to rest and enjoy time together with your families during the festive season. At the same time, it is important we all remember our colleagues serving at sea during this time.

Thank you all for your good and loyal work in 2018 and I wish you and your families all the best for 2019.

Have a safe voyage.

LATE BLANCAVER EUTIQUIO FIEL BANTILLO JR.



We regret to inform that MTM Blancaver, Eutiquio Fiel Bantillo jr. passed away 10 October 2018 in Nawaloka Hospital in Colombo, Sri Lanka. MTM Blancaver was involved in a tragic accident onboard Glory Sky 23 September from where he was hospitalized.

MTM Blancaver was born 6 June 1975 and joined KGJS December 2006. He is leaving wife and two sons behind. Our thoughts are with his family and his fellow shipmates onboard Glory Sky.