



**MEETING OF THE SEA USERS' GROUP
HELD AT WFP SHIPPING SERVICE OFFICE
JL. JEND. SUDIRMAN No.: 15, GEUCEU – BANDA ACEH
ON 3 November AT 11:00 HRS**

In Attendance:

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ITEM 1: Opening welcome and adoption of previous minutes as amended. Jens Baekholm (JBA)

- JBA opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
- The Minutes of the meeting of 25 August were carried on the basis of no objections.

ITEM 2: Report on vessels currently on charter and completed shipment

- Ian Figgins (IF) provided the following ship position/scheduling update:

Landing Craft

NO	ATA - Last Call	Vessel	Voyage	Last Call	ATD - Last Call	Activity	Next Call	ETA Next	Final Destination	ETA Final
1	02/11/2006 23:00	Labitra Hanny	LH061101	Ulee Lheue		Berthing, waiting for clearance	Belawan	05/11/2006 12:00	Belawan	05/11/2006 12:00
2	03/11/2006 08:15	Labitra Nakita	LN061101	Belawan		Loading	Lafakha	09/11/2006 18:00	Lewak	10/11/2006 18:00
3	02/11/2006 21:30	Labitra Adinda	LA061101	Calang		Anchored	Sinabang	04/11/2006 18:00	Sinabang	04/11/2006 18:00
4	03/11/2006 08:05	Niaga jaya 12	12NJ061013	Ulee Lheue		Berthing, waiting for clearance	Lafakha	05/11/2006 12:00	Lewak	07/11/2006 08:00

ITEM 3: Review on the Completed Shipments Akim Muttaqin (AKM)

- AKM reviewed the completed shipments to date, totalling 87,500mt /235,258cbm.
- AKM shared some analytical charts for the completed shipments for October. (See attached file)





ITEM 4: Exit Strategy JBA

JBA, Peter French, Dina Jerkovitch and Mike Whiting attended an MDF Technical Review Meeting in Jakarta on Nov 1st, 2006.

- MDF will employ an Independent Transport Economist Consultant to assess:
 - i) the demand for transportation services shipping,
 - ii) the infrastructure on main destinations operated by WFPSS,
 - iii) the most efficient and effective mechanism to transport the cargo, including assessment of interest and capacities of commercial shippers.
 - iv) the WFP Shipping Service operation and report on the best way for WFP Shipping Service to transition to Indonesian commercial interests.

This assessment would give the MDF Steering Committee sufficient information on which to take a decision as to how to proceed with the WFPSS proposal.

- The donors have concerns that the WFP Shipping Service tariff is high and not effective enough, also the amount of cargo has dropped significantly since cost recovery was introduced. The donors also had doubts about the reliability of the pipeline (cargo movement projection from agency/user).
- Next MDF Technical Review Meeting will be held in late November, after the consultant finishes the survey and makes a report.
- BRR requested that WFP Shipping Service continued the service but that it should transition to commercial operators.

ITEM 5: Rental Equipment (AJ)

- WFP Shipping Service planned to rent equipment such as forklifts (Manitou), the Calmar Reach Stacker and Duramats.
- The rental rate and procedures will be customized to users needs. General information will be published on the website.

ITEM 6: Impact of cost recovery on the operation / Sibolga - Nias route. Down scaling, funding, transition to Indonesian interests. (JBA)

- Sibolga – Nias Ferry Service 14 days trials stopped after completed 2 Shipments totaling 18 trucks only.

ITEM 7: BRR depot programme / WFPSS involvement (AJ)

- BRR planned a depot programme to supply construction material.



ITEM 8: Belawan Port LCT Tariff vs. Type of Commodity (CC)

- Ocean Freight rates from various load ports to the discharge ports offered by WFP Shipping Service are published on the website. The freight rates are calculated on existing and known operating costs and are formulated for shippers with traffic flows that do not take up an entire vessel.
- Shippers, who have significant tonnages that require to be moved to link to project deadlines can always consider the options of “Time Chartering” a vessel managed by WFP Shipping Service.

ITEM 9: Nias Mission (AJ)

- The WFP Shipping Service Logistic Coordinator went on a two days mission to Nias.
- Two meetings held at Gunung Sitoli and Telukdalam. A range of BRR, UN, NGO's, suppliers and contractors attended the meetings. A presentation on the WFP Shipping Service as a one-stop, shore-to-shore service(which included cargo handling) as a viable, reliable cost-effective service was presented including rates from Belawan - Nias and Sibolga – Nias – Sibolga.
- About 20 people attended each meeting. Many local NGO's and suppliers requested the CMR and movement rates be available in Bahasa.

ITEM 10: AOB

- JBA advised the meeting that a WFP Shipping Service had started operation in Sri Lanka.

The Meeting Closed 12.00am - next user group meeting will be held at 1100 hrs on 17 November 2006.