

**MINUTES OF THE SEA USERS' GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE WFP SHIPPING SERVICES OFFICES
JL.JEND. SUDIRMAN No. 15
ON 01 DECEMBER 2006 AT 11:00**

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ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 03 NOV. 06

Jens Baekholm (JBA) welcomed those present. The minutes of the previous meeting was adopted as there were no objections to their content.

ITEM 2: REPORT ON THE DOWN-SIZING/RIGHT-SIZING OF WFP SHIPPING SERVICE

JBA advised the meeting that WFP Shipping Service would lay-off the Adinda on 20 December 2006, bringing the size of the fleet to 3 vessels. JBA went on to advise that WFP Shipping Service was in the process of transition to commercial operators, and the down-sizing of staff due to funding restraints was underway. One more LCT would probably be let go during Jan. 07 if WFP Shipping Service received no further funding.

WFP Shipping Service will also reduce the international staff by between 30-35% in the first quarter of 2007.

MDF has employed 3 transport consultants to carry out various elements of the transport system in NAD-Nias. The report from the transport economist, who is covering WFP Shipping Service is anticipated to be finished on 13 Dec. 06. The purpose of the exercise was to report on the continued need for WFP Shipping Service, and the most effective way for WFP Shipping Service to transition to Indonesian commercial companies. After this report was presented a meeting with the MDF would be held in mid-December, 2006.

ITEM 3: IMPACT OF DOWN-SIZING ON THE MOVEMENT OF CARGO BY SEA

JBA reported that another meeting had been held on 24 Nov. 06 between ship owners, Sendang Matmaco, BRR representatives and WFP Shipping Service. The purpose of the meeting had been to encourage ship-owners to take over WFP Shipping Service shipping activities progressively. The companies were asked to place their representatives in Banda Aceh. WFP Shipping Service would act as facilitator between the shipping operators and the sea users. WFP Shipping Service plans to complete its transition to the commercial market by June 2007 unless further funding and more tonnage materialises.

The liaison officers between the ship owners, WFP Shipping Service and the sea users would be Kevin Howley and Ian Figgins.

ITEM 4: HOW TO MOVE CARGO IN THE FUTURE WITH RELIABLE OWNERS AND VESSELS

JBA advised that users could continue to go to WFP Shipping Service. If WFP Shipping Service was unable to assist, WFP Shipping Service would advise ship owners of the cargo movement request. Alternatively, users could go directly to ship owners.

JBA warned the meeting of the dangers of using sub-standard vessels which could seriously put their cargoes at risk of loss.

ITEM 5: CONTINUING LOGISTICS SUPPORT

JBA advised the meeting that WFP Shipping Service would continue to provide logistics support by assisting users with consolidation, and giving technical advice through their Port Captains and Logistics Officers on how to package and move cargo in the most cost-effective fashion.

ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING

No arrangements were detailed for the next meeting. Date, time and venue would be advised later.

ITEM 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 12:00 hrs.