

**MINUTES OF THE SEA USERS' GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT THE WFP SHIPPING SERVICES OFFICES  
JL.JEND. SUDIRMAN No. 15  
ON 12 JANUARY 2007 AT 11:00**

**In Attendance**

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**ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 12 DEC. 06**

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

JBA introduced Guy Davies from Dublin Port Company . Dublin Port is about to enter into a Joint Venture with BPKS ( Sabang Free Port and Free Trade Zone) expected to start operate in the next 3-4 months.

**ITEM 2: FURTHER DOWNSIZING OF WFPSS**

JBA reported that currently WFPSS does not have much cargo to be moved, only one vessel remain on time charter to (Labitra Hanny) and WFPSS continue to work on transition to commercial operators.

In the past few weeks WFP SS has further reduced the number of international consultants and unless the situation change, some national staff will unfortunately not have their contracts renewed.

The reason for this downsizing is the lack of cargo from both NGOs and BRR. The current level of cargo movement can not justify the number of staff employed by WFP SS.

WFP SS is divided into three units, Management, Logistics Support, and Shipping. The transitional phase for the shipping unit to commercial operators is almost complete. WFP will

continue to manage the the Shipping Service and the Logistics Support until such time where a replacement has been found.

Because of the very low activity, the Shipping Service plan to close the offices on Nias and Simeulue April 1st at the latest. All equipment will be moved to Banda Aceh, from where the continues operation will be carried out.

WFPSS will remain with reduced staff in Banda Aceh and Belawan.

#### ITEM 3: TRANSITION TO COMMERCIAL OPERATORS

JBA reported that 2 commercial operators still operate on west coast of Aceh, that is Limin Marine who operates Daily Express I and Haritos Shipping and Logistic, who operates Labitra Adinda. While Labitra Nakita and Niaga Jaya XII has return to Jakarta area due to the limited cargo presently available for NAD-Nias.

#### ITEM 4: LOGISTIC SUPPORT

JBA report that WFPSS will continue logistic Support by renting the equipment to assist loading and discharge Activity.

The equipment (Manitou fork-lifts, Dura mats, etc.) will be centralized in Banda Aceh and rented out on cost recovery basis. Equipment and operators will have to be uplifted from Banda Aceh and returned after use.

#### ITEM 5: RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Chris Clark (CC) report that WFPSS currently have 16 forklifts MANITOU and 2 KALMAR reach stackers in Belawan which are ready for rent. The cost for equipment rental can be downloaded from WFPSS website ([www.wfpss.org](http://www.wfpss.org)) or you can contact WFPSS for further information and arrangement.

#### ITEM 6: COST RECOVERY STATUS

CC report that invoice will be raised after the cargo has been moved with 30 days payment terms. Any queries can be addressed to WFPSS (Chris Clark or Kevin Howley).

#### ITEM 7: TIMBER ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES

CC shown to the attendance a Timber Administration Guidelines document produced by BRR to assist Timber cargo movement for reconstruction and rehabilitation program in Aceh and Nias. (please see attached file)

ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSSINESS

A meeting is planned on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January with MDF and in this meeting the future requirements and needs of WFP SS will be discussed.

The need to identify a company or consortium that is able to take over and manage WFPSS modeled operation.

BRR is not an option, their function is manage projects and do not have the capacity to manage and operate a shipping service.

BRR had in the latter part of 2006, planned to have a number of depots ready in the key areas, to be used as distribution points for reconstruction material, but this has not yet materialized .

MDF employed a transport economist to assess the present transport need for NAD – Nias, WFPSS is waiting for the report, which will have important information for the continuation of the Shipping Service