

**MINUTES OF THE SEA USERS' GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT THE WFP SHIPPING SERVICES OFFICES  
JL.JEND. SUDIRMAN No. 15  
ON 9 MARCH 2007 AT 11:00**

**In Attendance**

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ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 12 JAN. 07

Jens Baekholm (JBA) opened the meeting and welcomed those present. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

ITEM 2: OVERVIEW AND FUTURE OF WFP SS

JBA reported that WFP Special Operation (WFPSS) is scheduled to complete 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007, After that date closing down of operation will take place.

Meeting scheduled on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 with Worldbank & MDF will outline the future structure of WFPSS, operating entity and strategic focus.

WFPSS have no vessel on charter, thus now offer technical support and hiring of cargo handling equipment.

ITEM 3: TRANSITION TO COMMERCIAL OPERATORS

WFPSS do not have any vessel on charter, Labitra Hanny was redelivered to owners at 1200 hours on 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2007. WFPSS will continue to provide assistance in communications between Users and Commercial Operators.

ITEM 4: LOGISTIC AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

WFP SS would now to provide logistical and technical support, for example through ascertaining proper landing sites, cargo consolidation linkage between users and commercial operators, and through the provision of renting cargo handling equipment.

ITEM 5: RENTAL OF CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT

Naoki Maegawa (NM) presented the WFPSS rental cost for Manitou, which also published at WFPSS website ([www.wfpss.org](http://www.wfpss.org)). WFPSS have total 16 manitou forklifts, 3 forklifts in Simeulue, 4 forklifts at Gunung Sitoli (3 in good condition, 1 are waiting for spareparts to be repaired), and 9 in banda Aceh (2 in good condition, 7 are waiting for spareparts to be repaired). In addition, duramats are also available.

ITEM 6: KALMAR 'REACH STAKER' BELAWAN

JBA stated that WFPSS currently have 2 KALMAR reach stakers in excellent condition for container handling. WFPSS will consider for lease or outright purchase.

ITEM 7: COST RECOVERY UPDATE

JBA explained that to date WFPSS has recovered more than 2 million dollars, the money is deposited into USD account and "may be used" for the funding of the future operator entity.

ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSSINESS

IFRC asking how to request logistic support service to do port assesment in some part of Simeulu and maybe use WFPSS manitou forklift to assist discharge the ir cargo

CC answered that IFRC need to sent a formal request by mail, and give an outline of requirement exact port location such as GPS coordinate. After that, WFPSS will send their mobile port captain to do the assesment. The process to rent, uplift and return handling equipment was explained.

Meeting closed at 1210 hours