



Beng Kuang Marine Limited
55 Shipyard Road 628141
Tel: (65) 6266-0010 Fax: (65) 6264-0010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Beng Kuang Marine expands hydro-jetting services provided by its corrosion prevention division

Singapore, 7 February 2005 – Beng Kuang Marine Limited (“BKM”, “Beng Kuang Marine” or “明光海事”), one of the leading hullside corrosion prevention service providers serving customers mainly in the marine, oil and gas and other industries, is pleased to announce today that its subsidiary, Nexus Hydrotech Pte. Ltd. (“Nexus Hydrotech”) has commenced its operations.

Nexus Hydrotech specialises in providing corrosion prevention services (by utilising hydro-jetting equipment) to shipyards as part of their shipbuilding, ship conversion and ship repair activities. Currently, Nexus Hydrotech has 3 hydro-jetting machines and has started works for its’ customers in the marine and oil and gas industries.

BKM’s Managing Director, Mr Chua Beng Kuang (蔡明光) commented, “ We are pleased to update our shareholders and the general public about our progress after IPO. In line with our business strategies and future plans, we have taken the first step to expand our hydro-jetting services provided by our corrosion prevention division due to its increasing popularity with our customers and its environmental-friendly features. “

Speaking on BKM's growth prospects in 2005, Mr Chua added, "Singapore is currently a leading one-stop maritime hub in the region focusing on marine-related and offshore oil and gas activities such as shipbuilding, ship conversion and ship repair activities and offshore engineering. We expect corrosion prevention activities relating to these industries to increase with the expected increase in regional marine activities and construction of new vessels by local shipyards. Riding on the wave of this booming sector will also bestow us the opportunities to further develop our infrastructure engineering business and supply and distribution divisions."

--- The End ---

About Beng Kuang Marine Limited

Beng Kuang Marine Limited ("BKM" or "the Group") is principally engaged in the provision of corrosion prevention services, comprising blasting and painting work, to customers in the marine, oil and gas and other industries. BKM also provides turnkey engineering services such as fabrication of steel work modules and structures mainly for the oil and gas industry. In addition, the Group supplies and distributes hardware equipment and tools primarily to the marine and oil and gas industries.

BKM's business is categorised into three broad divisions as follow:

(a) Corrosion Prevention Services

BKM provides corrosion prevention services to shipyards, which require blasting and painting services as part of the shipyards' shipbuilding, ship conversion and ship repair activities. The Group also provides corrosion prevention services for steel work structures and piping modules of oil rigs and jack-up rigs for the customers in the oil and gas and other industries. In addition, BKM provides used copper slag collection and recycling services as well as blasting and painting equipment rental services.

(b) Infrastructure Engineering

BKM provides turnkey engineering services from planning, project management to implementation involving fabrication, corrosion prevention, testing, installation and pre-commissioning of steel work modules and structures mainly for customers in the oil and gas industry.

(c) Supply and Distribution

BKM supplies over 300 types of hardware equipment, tools and other products under house brand "Master" that are used in the marine, oil and gas, and construction industries. Some of these products are supplied to its corrosion prevention and infrastructure engineering divisions.