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ASMI Announces Leadership Transition to Support Next Phase of Industry Growth and Transformation

[Singapore, 28 May 2026] The Association of Singapore Marine & Offshore Energy Industries (ASMI) today announced a leadership transition as the association continues to strengthen its role in supporting Singapore's marine and offshore energy sector through a new phase of global industry transformation, offshore energy growth, maritime decarbonisation and advanced engineering opportunities.

The transition comes at a significant point in the industry's evolution as Singapore strengthens its position as a leading global hub for marine engineering, offshore energy solutions, sustainable maritime technologies and complex project execution capabilities.

ASMI expresses its deepest appreciation to Mr Simon Kuik, SVP of Sustainability at Seatrium, for his dedicated leadership and significant contributions during his tenure as President since 2019. Mr Simon Kuik led ASMI through one of the most significant and transformative periods for Singapore's marine and offshore sector, including the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, major global industry disruptions and consolidation, as well as the evolving of the sector to meet the demands of the global energy transition and decarbonisation priorities.

During this time, the industry also saw significant changes including industry consolidation and ASMI's own transition during its 55th anniversary from the Association of Singapore Marine Industries to the Association of Singapore Marine & Offshore Energy Industries, reflecting the sector's broader evolution towards offshore energy and sustainability opportunities.

During Mr Kuik's tenure, ASMI worked closely with government agencies, unions, members and industry stakeholders to support business continuity, workforce resilience, capability development and longer-term industry transformation efforts for the sector.

Under his stewardship, ASMI strengthened industry partnerships, expanded international engagement efforts and advanced initiatives supporting digitalisation,

workforce development, sustainability and Singapore's broader marine and offshore energy industry plans.

Mr Kuik shared:

"It has been a privilege to lead ASMI and work alongside our members, partners and stakeholders during a period of significant transformation for the industry. Despite the many challenges faced over the years, the sector has shown remarkable resilience, adaptability and globally competitive capabilities. I am confident that ASMI will continue to play a pivotal role in supporting the industry's next phase of growth and transformation."

As part of this leadership transition, Mr. Aziz Merchant, Executive Vice President, Technology and New Product Development at Seatrium will assume the role of President of ASMI. Mr. Merchant brings with him over 30 years of extensive global industry experience across offshore engineering, technology innovation, sustainability and next-generation energy solutions. His appointment also reflects the strong leadership contributions of ASMI member companies, including Seatrium, as the industry continues to strengthen its global position in offshore energy, maritime decarbonisation, advanced engineering capabilities and innovation-driven growth opportunities.

Mr. Aziz Merchant said:

"Singapore's marine and offshore energy sector remains globally competitive, underpinned by supportive infrastructure and robust ecosystem strong engineering capabilities, innovation and connectivity. As the industry evolves, we will strengthen Singapore's competitiveness through technology innovation and advancements, deeper collaboration and the continued elevation of global best practices. I look forward to working closely with ASMI members, partners and stakeholders to collectively build upon the strong foundations laid, positioning the industry for its next phase of growth in an increasingly complex global landscape."

Moving forward, ASMI will continue strengthening its efforts across industry capability development, internationalisation, talent attraction and workforce development, sustainability, safety, digitalisation and offshore energy opportunities.

As Singapore advances its ambitions in maritime decarbonisation and offshore energy development, ASMI remains committed to supporting the industry's continued transformation while creating quality jobs, strengthening global



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competitiveness and enabling Singapore to play a leading role in delivering offshore and sustainable solutions globally.

About ASMI

The Association of Singapore Marine & Offshore Energy Industries (ASMI) is a non-profit trade association representing companies in Singapore's marine and offshore energy sector. Since its inception in 1968, ASMI has been a key player in advocating for industry growth, promoting safety standards, and fostering international collaborations to ensure the sector remains competitive in a rapidly evolving global landscape. Visit ASMI at <http://www.asmi.com>.

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