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World First – Round Table Focusing on the LNG Ship Officer Competency Standards

100 delegates representing industry, maritime administrations and education providers came together on 28th February and 1st March in Busan, Korea to discuss challenges facing the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) shipping sector. Organized by the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU) in conjunction with the Society of International Gas Tanker and Terminal Operators (SIGTTO), the Round Table focused on the competency standards and associated education and training needs to maintain and enhance the impressive safety record of LNG transport.

The Chair of IAMU, the organizer of the Round Table, Dr Neil Otway said:

“This has been an historic opportunity for industry and education providers to collaborate at an early stage of the development of a global standard for LNG tanker operation.” and went on to say:

“I anticipate that this initiative with SIGTTO will become a model for similar collaborations for other sectors of the maritime industry”

The General Manager of SIGTTO, Captain James MacHardy, supported these comments and said: SIGTTO was formed in 1979 to promote and encourage safe and responsible operation of liquefied gas carriers and terminals. This initiative enhances this remit and will go a long way to consolidate the industries good record for safe and responsible operation of ships and terminals. SIGTTO has observer status at IMO and will promote this work via flag states to the Maritime Safety Committee.

A Joint Statement endorsed by delegates and signed by Dr Otway and Captain MacHardy is attached.

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