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International event on Improved Interoperability in the Shipbuilding Supply Chain at the SMM Fair

The EUROMIND consortium will present its results during a special event at the SMM Fair in Hamburg on September 23, 2008. This event will be hosted by VSM - Verband für Schiffbau und Meerestechnik e.V. Guest speakers from the European Commission, CESA, ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems, Damen Shipyards, EMEC, Siemens and Croon will provide their views on definition of open standards in the shipbuilding industry. This event is of special interest to all stakeholders in the shipbuilding supply chain.

Several open standards were thoroughly investigated in the European project EUROMIND, funded by the European Commission. Within this project, Shipyards, Suppliers, Shipbuilding Associations, Knowledge Institutes and Standardisation Bodies have joined forces to recommend and further develop existing standards to use within the maritime industry.

The competitiveness of the shipbuilding industry highly depends on the level of cooperation in the shipbuilding supply chain. Within the supply chain many actors like shipyards, ship designers, suppliers and classification societies are cooperating in flexible networks and changing project constellations.

The cooperation within the shipbuilding industry will be enhanced by the introduction of open standards on exchange of project and product data between actors. These standards are required to introduce advanced forms of e-business in the sector.

Further details are included in the Announcement (see appendix).

Information on the EUROMIND project is available on www.euromind-project.org

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