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Yantai Raffles Makes Final Preparations for Schahin Mating

Yantai Raffles Shipyard has begun the final preparations for the mating of the 12,000 ton deckbox to the hull of the Schahin “SS Pantanal” Semi Submersible Drilling Rig using its patented, award winning 20,000 metric ton crane TAISUN. The mating is due to take place on Friday 25th September 2009. This is the second commercial lift for ‘TAISUN’ as it works towards cementing its reputation as the lifting methodology of choice.

The Schahin “SS Pantanal” is the first of two Semi Submersible Drilling Rigs that Yantai Raffles has contracted to deliver to Schahin. This Friede & Goldman Millennium SA drilling Semi Submersible design is equipped for 2, 000m water depth with a DP2 positioning system and will be classed by ABS.

This also marks the first delivery of a project from Haiyang Raffles, a wholly owned subsidiary of Yantai Raffles Shipyard Limited established in April 2008.

Yantai Raffles' barge "Defu 2" has successfully loaded out the deckbox of the Schahin "SS Patanal" that was constructed at Haiyang Raffles and transported it to Yantai Raffles' shipyard in Yantai for the mating process without incident.

General Manager of TAISUN, Mr. Niels Haakman added "This will be the second commercial lift for TAISUN and demonstrates the versatility of the concept by installing a deck box never designed to be lifted and of a different design to our previous lift. This will be another important step in confirming TAISUN's proven technology and will build further confidence in the market place. We are looking forward to welcoming all invited guests to witness this major feat for Yantai Raffles Shipyard."

About Schahin Group

The Schahin Group's Oil and Gas division was created in 1982 to provide specialized oil and gas well drilling and workover services.

The company's first operation in this field took place in 1982, when the North Star jack-up platform started drilling services for Petrobras.

With the experience gathered in this field, and aware of the evolution of exploration and production activities in increasingly deep waters, Schahin started operating the SC Lancer Drill Ship in the early 90's. Equipped with a Dynamic Positioning system, the SC Lancer carries out deep-water oil well drilling and workover operations. Operating in a high technology and very competitive market, the SC Lancer has achieved one of the best operating performances among the ships operating in Brazil in recent years.

Complementing its activities in the oil and gas field, Schahin also uses 4 Hydraulic Production Rigs for workover operations.

As with other fields in which the Schahin Group operates, its Oil and Gas Division makes continuous investments in technology and in the qualification of its human resources, prioritizing aspects related to safety, the environment, and the well-being of its employees.

About Yantai Raffles Shipyard Limited

Yantai Raffles Shipyard Limited is the largest rig builder in China, with significant expertise and experience in the construction of various marine and offshore projects that include jack-up drilling rigs, semi-submersible drilling rigs, floating production storage and offloading vessels, heavy lift vessels, pipe lay vessels and other

prototype vessels. Both innovative and scalable, Yantai Raffles is supported by a highly-skilled engineering force, cutting-edge facilities and superior technology. Shares of Yantai Raffles trade on the Oslo OTC system under the ticker symbol YRSL.NO.

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