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Greetings,

"As we celebrate 16 years of business this year actually this week being the 'Birthday of KBA'; we are proud to receive formal recognition for our contribution to the industry as a whole and really elated that KBA has been the recipient of **2018 Historical Diving Society (USA) Leonard Greenstone Award** for the contributions made to commercial diving safety. It marks an important milestone for our global consultancy and training business in these 16 years of operation. What's more, KBAT has also been awarded a token during '**Adapt & Grow May Day Lunch**' hosted by e2i for supporting Singaporean workers by embarking on the [**Train-n-Place Programme for Commercial Divers**] in 2016.

Is there '**light at the end of a dark tunnel**'? The last 4 - 5 years has been one of diversity, survival and promise, is it over yet? The answer is not really; mix messages from various sectors of the industry come in on a weekly basis. Areas of positivity raise hope that across the board in the oil and gas industry there is a change happening, but there might be a long way to go before a clear message can be shouted out!

Within the KBA Group, we have continued with the positive mindset; maintaining our quality training and service; and diversifying our offering while keeping the definition of success in sight. My personal definition of success is '**Making the Difference**' alongside with the KBA team.

I hope you'll enjoy this news issue. Please feel free to drop me a line if you wish to comment or contribute to future newsletters.

Last but not least, join us on [Facebook](#) for regular updates."

Yours Sincerely,

Darren Brunton

Managing Director

KB Associates Group of Companies

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About Us

KB Associates Pte Ltd (KBA) specialises in providing consultancy services to the offshore oil and gas industries and onshore terminals construction industries.

KBA consists of a group of companies, each offering specialised services to synergistically fulfill the industry as a quality "One Stop" solution provider.

Group of Companies

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Top News

1. KBA: Awarded the 2018 Historical Diving Society Leonard Greenstone Award

KBA Group is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of the 2018 Historical Diving Society Leonard Greenstone Award.

The Award recognises safety professionals, groups, organisations or companies in the fields of commercial, scientific, military or recreational diving. It was founded by and named after Leonard Greenstone in 1974, and supported by NAUI; after which was then deeded to the Historical Diving Society USA (HDS) in 2012 when he passed away. Leonard was a U.S. Navy salvage diver during WWII, and a strong advocate of diver's safety. Among his many contributions to the world of diving was the establishing of the Leonard Greenstone Marine Technology Training Program at Chino State Prison, California, which has consistently recorded the lowest prisoner recidivism rate in California history and possibly in the nation also.



Picture of Award statue to be presented to KBA soon

[Click here](#) to view our announcement.

2. KBA: Official Collaboration with OLYMPUS Marine Services in Singapore

KB Associates Pte Ltd has signed a cooperation agreement with OLYMPUS Marine Services - Josip Rossi, Director of Business Development (SEA) to provide the following Consultancy/Auditing Services throughout Southeast Asia;

- Auditing Service (Diving, ROV, Vessel, Company Management System Audits).
- Health, Safety & Environmental Management Consultancy.
- Project Management.
- Supply of Client Worksite Representatives.
- Incident Investigation Solution.
- Tunnelling - Hyperbaric Consultancy and Auditing Services.



From Left: Darren; Josip Rossi

- Industry Membership Consultancy.
- Thermal Environmental Testing of Hyperbaric Chambers.
- Diving/Hyperbaric System Consultancy.
- Windfarm, Subsea Consultancy.

3. KBAT: Receiving an Award from the Ministry of Manpower for supporting Singaporean workers

During the 'Adapt & Grow May Day Lunch' hosted by E2i held on the 12 May 2018, KBAT is honored to receive an award for supporting Singaporean workers. Since 2015, KBAT has been working very closely with e2i to attain the 'Train-n-Place Programme for Commercial Divers' that entitles up to 70% funding so as to alleviate the training cost of individual trainees. During that past 1 - 2 years, various initiatives have been adopted to reach out to more Singaporeans/PRs to support them in their career development.

It is great to have our course instructor Alan Hardy on site during the luncheon to witness the success and received the award on behalf of KBAT from Minister of Manpower Mrs. Josephine Teo.



Click the [link](#) on CNA's coverage for this Adapt and Grow initiative. Plus, Amzah Hassam - KBAM's sales manager was featured in Dr. Koh Poh Koon's (Deputy Secretary General of NTUC) Facebook. Click [here](#) for the post.

4. KBAM: New Accreditation Attained

KBAM was audited by **Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK)** in April 2018; the audit was successfully completed and KBAM is now approved to carry out In-Water Survey of ships under the Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers of the Society.

Click [here](#) to view the certificate. Click [here](#) to find out more about our service offering.



Industry & Course Updates

1. Participated Events

a. KB Associates > Vietnam - Singapore Business Forum 2018

KBA attended the Forum with the theme '*Celebrating 45th Year of Diplomatic Relations, 5th Year of Strategic Partnership: Co-creating Vietnam-Singapore future economies*'. It was held on the 26 Apr 2018 at Fairmont Hotel Singapore.

Guest of Honour was H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.



b. KB Associates > Asia Offshore Wind Roundtable

KBA attended the roundtable event with the theme '*Opportunities for the Maritime & Offshore Sector*' organised by Asia Wind Energy Association together with Enterprise Singapore. It was held on the 26 April 2018, at IE Singapore - Auditorium in Bugis during the Singapore Maritime week. A great event that focused on the outlook of the Asia offshore wind industry and the potential for local and regional maritime and offshore companies to participate in this fast growing market.



c. KBA Training Centre > NEBOSH Graduation and Awards Ceremony

On the 25 June 2018, Darren attended the NEBOSH Graduation and Awards Ceremony to celebrate with the graduates their successful completion of the NEBOSH Diploma and Certificate awards.

This is always an excellent event and great to see so many individuals move forward with their training and competence with such a globally recognised qualification. Wishing them every success in their pursuit to '**Making the Difference**'.



1. Safety Department NEWS

a) Courses Conducted Over the Past 3 months

i. **NEBOSH International General Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety** ~ 14 - 25 May in Singapore

This popular training provides an excellent underpinning knowledge of health & safety, as well as a sound basis for evaluating (and managing) potential hazards and risks.

Feedback received:

- *"There were homework/assignment given together with the sample questions and answers which were most useful. Good environment at KBAT. Friendly people, conducive environment."* - **Adrian Tan**



The next full-time training will be in Singapore on the 16 - 27 Jul or 19 - 30 Nov 2018. [Email us](#) for more information or [Click here](#) for the flyer.

2. Diving Department NEWS

a) Announcement

i. IMCA Trainee BELL Diving Supervisor ~ Simulator Training 30 Jun - 02 Jul in Singapore

In today's world of 'Return of Investment' and 'Personal Development', it is great to see some individuals seeing the advantages of taking the next step forward to develop their careers. Over the period of 30th June - 2nd July, we had our first trainee bell supervisor attend the Simulator Training for Saturation Diving Supervisors to complete his panel hours - so enabling him to now take his IMCA Bell Diving Supervisors exam.

Brett Proudman, now working as OCM / Client Representative, wanted to keep his ADAS certification in date with regard to panel hours for bell diving supervisor. To this end he decided the most efficient and cost effective way was to undertake 20 BDS Simulator panel hours using KBAT's newly installed simulator.



Simulator Training for Saturation Diving Supervisors - DP Alarm Scenario

The training consisted of an initial 2 hours familiarisation followed by 18 hours of dives simulating all the routine stages of a regular saturation dive, starting with bell checks, dive planning, toolbox talk, pre-dive panel & control room checks, reclaim set-up, transfer of divers, bell checks, bell launch, dressing in the divers, diver lockout, proceeding to the job, undertaking the task, return to bell, diver lock in, bell recovery and TUP of the divers.

Additionally, introducing simple mechanical or electrical failures, such as communication failures or loss of flow to analysers gradually increasing in severity as the training progressed through to all the full that hopefully a diving supervisor would hope not to experience in a lifetime of supervising, such as unconscious divers in the water, umbilical entanglement or DP 'run off'.

Alan Rhodes, Head of Diving Training Department commented, *'The simulator is a great tool for refreshing those skills which have been lost through moving into more senior positions and not getting the panel hours in like Brett, or for preparedness for the unexpected. When you are on the panel and the instructor starts introducing simple faults or more complex scenarios, the pressure really starts to come on and it feels like you are actually out on the job, though fortunately, if something goes wrong, divers' lives are not at risk. The scenarios which can be simulated are endless.'*

Brett Proudman commented, *"The course was efficient, compact and well set-up. Alan was great! He was very good at making the whole exercise flow, not an easy exercise as it was the first course."*

Simulator panel hours count as double actual panel hours as per IMCA D 013, therefore, Brett's 20 simulator hours equate to 40 hours offshore panel hours. As this was the first time the simulator has been used by someone to complete his panel hours, it has shown that the system does work and can play a great advantage to those wishing to complete their panel hours, but find it challenging to do so while offshore.

b) Courses Conducted Over the Past 3 months

i. **IMCA Trainee AIR Diving Supervisor** ~ 08 - 12 Apr in UAE and 30 Apr - 04 May in Singapore

The training is for experienced commercial offshore supervisors and/or air divers who wish to follow the IMCA scheme and gain IMCA qualification. Feedback received:

- "Good explanation, with help of easy ways to remember certain things." - **Craig Dean Evans**
- "I enjoyed the way Alan uses to teach and maintain the things, as well as the practical hands-on." - **Sombir Singh Ahlawat**
- "I enjoyed the thorough explanation on all subject matter, very knowledgeable trainer and comprehensive." - **Hishamuddin Hussin**
- "Interesting material and two thumbs up for the instructor to make the course easy to understand." - **Febria Marganasidi**



The next public-run schedule will be in Singapore on 06 - 10 Aug 2018 or in Sharjah, UAE on 11 - 15 Nov 2018. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

ii. **IMCA Trainee BELL Diving Supervisor** ~ 07 - 10 May in Singapore

The training is for experienced commercial offshore supervisors and/or bell divers who wish to follow the IMCA scheme and gain IMCA qualification. Feedback received:

- "The atmosphere of classroom is very playful and trainer explain everything in a good way." - **Anand Babu Gore**



Optional Top-Up Module: Simulator Training for Saturation Diving Supervisors is also available. [Click here](#) for more information. The next public-run schedule will be in Singapore on 22 - 25 Oct 2018. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

iii. **Client Worksite Representative Course** ~ 23 - 27 Apr 2018 in Aberdeen, UK

This course offers a holistic overview of offshore legislation and the common issues affecting offshore construction, diving and maritime operations. Feedback received:

- "Excellent trainer with interesting real life examples and not just reading from notes. Excellent emphasis on real safety issues. Good interaction." - **Andt Smart**
- "Exceptional instructor knowledge base and interaction with course participants. Valuable information." - **Richard Welsh**

The next public-run schedule will be in Singapore on the 06 - 10 Aug or 15 - 19 Oct 2018; in Aberdeen, UK on the 13 - 17 Aug or 22 - 26 Oct 2018. [Click here](#) for the flyer.



iv. **Competency Development - Dive Technician Course** ~ 17 - 27 Apr 2018 in Singapore
 Kirby Morgan DSI Basic Maintenance & Repair Technician ~ 23 - 25 Apr; High Pressure Regulator ~ 26 Apr; Gauge Calibration ~ 27 Apr



A further Dive Technician Competency Course was conducted in Singapore for 5 students. The course comprises of theory & practical workshops, covering Air and Saturation diving systems and their various components, and the skills & techniques required to be a competent dive technician.

As well as being awarded the Diving Technician Competency certificate, students are also issued with additional individual certificates for various components of the course, namely KMDSI Hat Technician certificate, High Pressure Regulator certificate, Gauge Calibration certificate and Cylinder Visual Inspection. All of these subjects and more are included in the full course. Alternatively, all of these component courses may be completed as individual units.

Besides the usual practical & theory sessions, plus a visit to watch our inland/inshore commercial diving training in progress at Loyang Offshore Supply Base, a special visit to a local diving equipment manufacturer and supplier - Advanced Marine Pte Ltd was arranged. The students were given a first class tour of the facilities and equipment available to dive technicians, together with a unique insight of what is required of a dive technician by the equipment manager of Advanced Marine - Spencer Lewis. The tour included the witnessing of load testing, helmet maintenance and servicing of underwater electrical equipment through to manufacture of chamber viewports.

The students gave very positive feedback to this site visit which greatly benefitted their knowledge. A big thanks to Advanced Marine Owner / Managing Director, Jeff Bradford, and General Manager Bill Jordan, for allowing KBAT the opportunity to see it all in action, and is something we are planning to offer to all dive technician students on future courses. Feedback received:

- *"I enjoyed the practical sessions because they were interactive & educating"* - **David Ekpo**
- *"Alan was always ready to assist & clear our doubts. Knowledge gaining & interesting course"* - **Nikunjathil Nathan**
- *"The thing I liked most was the interaction & exchange of opinion."* - **Baluyot Aturo Jr. Uvero**

The next public-run schedule will be in Singapore on the 03 - 14 Sep 2018. [Click here](#) for the flyer. [Email us](#) for more information.

v. **Inland/Inshore Commercial Diver Training** ~ SSDE (Level 2 on 2 - 27 Apr), CSCUBA (Level 1 on 07 May to 01 Jun), SSDE (Level 2 on 04 - 29 Jun) in Singapore



SSDE Level 2, 2 - 27 Apr 2018



CSCUBA L1, 7 May - 1 Jun / SSDE L2, 4 - 29 Jun 2018

The programme has been designed to encompass an all-rounded knowledge and skills for the delegates as well as certified the trainees under ISO 29990:2010 Standards with the requirements of the Singapore Standards for Commercial Diving, associated codes of practice and Technical Advisory for Inland/Inshore Commercial Diving Safety and Health. The training includes classroom theory, diving at KBAT dive tank, diving in the sea, deep diving at nearby island and a trip to Singapore Maritime Gallery.

The next training will be in Singapore - CSCUBA Diver Level 1 on 16 Jul - 10 Aug or 01 - 26 Oct, and SSDE Diver Level 2 on 13 Aug - 07 Sep or 29 Oct - 23 Nov. [Email us](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

Concurrently, there was the **Assessment Only Pathway (AOP) SSDE Diver** held on the 18 - 29 Jun in Singapore; designed for experienced divers using Surface Supplied Diving Equipment (SSDE) who wish to gain a recognized diving certification. The next training will be in Singapore on the 17 - 28 Sep or 03 - 14 Dec 2018. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

vi. **IMCA Diver Medic Technician / Refresher**

Delegates are required to take a **refresher course** at the end of second year in order to remain certified as a IMCA recognised Diver Medic Technician. Feedback received:

- *"I liked the course, I got lots of new knowledge. Practice was very informative, a high level of instructor knowledge and good, friendly staff."* - **Roman Yasmenko**
- *"The flexibility of the course and trainer is supportive. The training facilities are up to date."* - **Vikram Jaglan**

The next DMT training will be held in Singapore on the 12 - 23 Nov 2018; Refresher training will be held in Singapore on 23 - 27 Jul or 30 Jul - 03 Aug 2018. [Click here](#) for the flyer.



DMT in Singapore on 7 - 18 May 2018



Refresher in Singapore on 9 - 13 Apr 2018



Refresher in Singapore on 21 - 25 May 2018



Refresher in Singapore on 4 - 8 Jun 2018

3. First Aid / Medic Department NEWS

a) Courses Conducted Over the Past 3 months

i. **ISO 29990:2010 Standard Occupational First Aid Course** ~ 16 - 18 Apr, 25 - 27 Apr, 30 May - 1 Jun and 19 - 21 Jun 2018 in Singapore

This training is approved under SSG SDF Training Grant and SkillsFuture Credit- meaning more subsidy for company or individual sponsored candidates.

The next training will be in Singapore on 6 - 8 Aug or 3 - 5 Sep. [Email us](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for the flyer.



4. Access Department NEWS

a) New Training Course

i) Dropped Object Awareness & Prevention Course



The training is developed to raise awareness of dropped objects throughout the oil and gas industry and beyond. The training concentrates strongly on the basics of dropped object hazard identification, risk assessment and effective risk management. It is based upon Industry and DROPS Forum lessons learned and associated best practices.

Recommended for workers who required to work at heights or any personnel that are exposed to dropped objects at work. Schedules are out now on the 28 Aug, 23 Oct or 27 Dec 2018. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Training With Us

Upcoming KBAT courses: Jul to Sep 2018 Schedule

COURSES	Jul 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2018
HEALTH & SAFETY : courses@kbatraining.org			
NEBOSH			
- NEBOSH IGC in OSH ~ Singapore ~ Thailand, Pattaya	16 - 27 Jul -	- 20 - 31 Aug	- -
- NEBOSH ITC in Oil & Gas Operational Safety ~ Singapore ~ Indonesia, Bandung	- -	13 - 17 Aug -	- 3 - 8 Sep
- NEBOSH Int'l Certificate in Fire Safety and Risk Management	-	-	17 - 21 Sep
- NEBOSH Award in Environmental Awareness at Work Qualification	-	31 Aug	-
- NEBOSH Certificate in Environmental Management	-	06 - 11 Aug	-
- NEBOSH Health & Safety at Work Qualification	-	15 - 17 Aug	-
NEBOSH International Diploma in Occupational Health & Safety ~ <i>Distance Learning only</i>			

COURSES	Jul 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2018
IOSH - IOSH Incident Investigation (Singapore)	26 - 27 Jul	27 - 28 Aug	-
COMPETENCY / AUDITING COURSES ~ Singapore - ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management Systems Lead Auditor - ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems (OHSMS) Lead Auditor - ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Lead Auditor	- 23 - 27 Jul 16 - 20 Jul	27 - 31 Aug - 13 - 17 Aug	- - 24 - 28 Sep
DIVING : courses@kbatraining.org			
IMCA Assistant Life Support Technician IMCA Trainee AIR Diving Supervisor IMCA DMT Refresher - Client Worksite Representative Course ~ Singapore ~ UK, Aberdeen - Dive Technician Course - Cylinder Visual Inspection Course ~ Singapore - Diving System & ROV System Assurance ~ Singapore - Dynamic Positioning (DP) Awareness Training - Gauge Calibration Course - High Pressure Regulator Maintenance Course - Kirby Morgan DSI Basic Maintenance & Repair Technician	19 - 28 Jul - 23 - 27 Jul - - - - - - - -	- 6 - 10 Aug 30Jul - 3 Aug 6 - 10 Aug 13 - 17 Aug - - 13 - 16 Aug 2 - 3 Aug - - 1 - 3 Aug	- - - - 3 - 14 Sep 12 Sep - 10 - 11 Sep 14 Sep 13 Sep 10 - 12 Sep
MOM Approved Training /ISO 29990:2010 Standard Singapore only			
Safety - Develop a Risk Management Implementation Plan (bizSAFE Level 2) - ISO 29990:2010 Standard Occupational First Aid - WSH Committee Course Diving - Inland/Inshore Commercial Diving - CSCUBA - Inland/Inshore Commercial Diving - SSDE - Inland/Inshore Commercial Diving Supervisor - Assessment Only Pathway (AOP) SSDE Diver	- - - 16Jul - 10Aug - - -	13 - 14 Aug 6 - 8 Aug - - 13Aug - 7Sep - -	20 - 21 Sep 3 - 5 Sep 13 - 14 Sep - - 10 - 14 Sep 17 - 28 Sep

COURSES	Jul 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2018
IRATA Rope Access Training (Level 1 to Level 3)	16 - 20 Jul	6 - 10 Aug 13 - 17 Aug	3 - 7 Sep 10 - 14 Sep
Work at Height course for Workers - ISO 29990:2010 Standard	30Jul	28 Aug	25Sep
Managing Work-at-Heights - ISO 29990:2010 Standard	-	29 - 31 Aug	26 - 28 Sep
Dropped Object Awareness & Prevention Course	-	28 Aug	-

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