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Chris Clucas joins the board at Witherbys

Chris Clucas who is one the most well known names in the business of transporting liquefied gas by sea has been appointed to the main board at Witherby Publishing Group as a non-executive director.

Chris has worked within the Bernard Schulte Group since 1990, where he is Commercial Director at their Shipmanagement office on the Isle of Man. Other appointments that Chris currently holds include Co-Chair of the GasTech conference, which will be in London from 8-11 October 2012 and Chairman of SIGTTO's General Purposes Committee.

Chris joined the International Chamber of Shipping in 1973 after completing a degree in chemistry and was involved with the work of ICS and IMO in preparing the Tanker Safety Guide (Liquefied Gas) and the International Gas Code (IGC).

After working ashore during the 1970s at an oil and petrochemical storage terminal, he completed an MSc Degree in Cryogenic Engineering in 1979 and worked on LNG plant design with British Gas. He subsequently moved to Kosan as Gas Superintendent with the LPG/NH₃ fleet in Denmark, before joining Dorchester Maritime (part of the Bernard Schulte Group) in 1990, specialising in gas carrier projects and newbuildings that included LPG, Ethylene & LNG.

"Chris brings a tremendous amount of experience, knowledge and expertise from the gas and chemical sectors" said Iain Macneil, Managing Director of Witherby Publishing Group. "As Witherbys continues to focus on its key industry clients that include OCIMF and SIGTTO, Chris brings the right balance of understanding the operational and technical needs of the industry, combined with an active participation in the compilation of numerous key industry documents throughout his career and all this while maintaining a day-to-day job in one of the largest shipowning and managing companies in the world".

On the appointment Chris said: *"It is a great honour to join the team at Witherbys. I first worked with Witherbys at the International Chamber of Shipping many years ago, and have watched in great admiration the company's growth and development - especially over the past few years. There is a great and increasing need for quality publications in our fast-developing industry so sea-staff and shore personnel can keep abreast of developments. Witherbys offers an excellent range in both hard copy and electronic format, and I am looking forward to help the business develop even further".*

About: Witherby Publishing Group

Witherby Seamanship has been involved in producing, protecting and publishing eBooks for more than 10 years, and it is calculated that there are over 250,000 Witherby Seamanship eBooks in use today. WPG publish for the industry bodies OCIMF, SIGTTO, SKULD, IACS and ITOPF. In 2011, Witherby Seamanship was appointed as digital publisher of the official electronic versions of Codes and Conventions for IMO.

The roots of Witherby Publishing Group can be traced to 1740 in London, around the time that 'Lloyd's List', one of the world's oldest running journals, was first published at Edward Lloyds Coffee House. Witherbys early business included the preparation of contracts between merchants and owners of ships and the insurance clauses associated with them. 272 years later, the company still supplies insurance clauses to the commercial marine market.

Witherby Publishing Group is looking forward to celebrating its 275th birthday in 2015.

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