



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW EXHIBITION CENTRE FOR BRIDEX 2009 TO BE COMPLETED IN JUNE

Singapore, 28 Apr 09 : Construction of the new purpose-built exhibition centre which will host the 2009 Brunei Darussalam International Defence Exhibition and Conference (BRIDEX) is now well under way and on target to be completed in June, two months ahead of the opening of BRIDEX.

The new exhibition centre, which is located on a prime ocean-front site near Brunei's capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, will offer exhibitors and delegates state-of-the art facilities and accommodation during BRIDEX, which is the region's premier defence and security event. The venue features a fully air-conditioned 10,000 sqm exhibition hall, with 5,000 sqm of adjoining apron space for static displays. There will also be a mobility park and marina for live demonstrations of equipment and systems; chalets, restaurant and hospitality facilities.

BRIDEX will be held from 11th – 15th August 2009 and will showcase innovative and value-enhancing technology solutions which address the security challenges facing defence forces across Asia, and further afield. Focused exclusively on the most senior government and defence policymakers, the event is expected to draw around 250 exhibitors, representing the world's leading manufacturers and suppliers of defence and security systems.

The design of the new exhibition centre ensures that exhibitors will have easy access during the build and teardown period immediately before and after BRIDEX. The column-free main hall has 3m/9.84ft clear headroom throughout and the exhibition floor has been designed to support heavy military vehicles. Exhibitors with demanding IT requirements can take advantage of the very latest technology. The venue will provide high-speed internet connectivity between stands or to remote locations, while the business centre will provide a wide range of services to delegates and exhibitors.

Lt Col (Rtd) Amir Hamzah bin Haji Hanafi, Chief Executive of the event organisers, Royal Brunei Technical Services, said: "We are pleased to see that the construction of the exhibition centre is well on its way to being completed and fully operational by the target date set last year. The centre will truly create the ideal environment for both exhibitors and delegates to engage with each other to exchange information and develop new business opportunities".

BRIDEX is fully supported by the Ministry of Defence of Brunei Darussalam and will include a high-level conference organised jointly by the Ministry of Defence and international defence industry publishing company, Jane's Information Group.

For more information, visit the BRIDEX website at <http://www.bridex2009.com/index.html>

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About BRIDEX 2009

BRIDEX 2009 is organised by Royal Brunei Technical Services, a strategic partner of the Ministry of Defence. Royal Brunei Technical Services helps to develop and sustain the operational capabilities of defence and security organisations in Brunei Darussalam.

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