

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### MISC'S SERI BEGAWAN RESCUES A FISHERMAN STRANDED FOR 20 DAYS AT SEA

A Filipino fisherman stranded in the middle of the North Pacific Ocean, more than 400 nautical miles from Philippines coast, was rescued on Saturday, 26 May 2018 thanks to the efforts of the crew of MISC's LNG vessel, Seri Begawan. The vessel is operated by MISC's integrated marine services arm, Eaglestar.

After 20 days adrift at sea, the distressed fisherman was found stranded on a small boat by Seri Begawan during her voyage from Gladstone, Australia to Beihai, China. The lookout on duty at the navigation bridge on Seri Begawan, spotted the fisherman. The shipboard team immediately sprang into action, to rescue him from the ordeal.



The fisherman was spotted on a small boat in the middle of the North Pacific Ocean

The rescue mission was coordinated swiftly and upon his rescue, the crew ensured that the fisherman was provided with medical attention and food as well as monitored his medical condition closely. The rescued fisherman was later identified as Mr. Roberto De La Cruz, 39 years old, from Surigao City, Philippines. He was apparently lost at sea when his boat was separated from his mother vessel, due to bad weather and had been adrift since then.



The Master of Seri Begawan, Captain Manjit Lal, contacted the Philippines Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) to alert them of the situation and provided their full cooperation for the safe repatriation of Mr. Roberto. At the advice of the Philippines Coast Guard, Mr. Roberto was disembarked at a location close to the coast on Sunday, 27 May 2018 and Seri Begawan resumed her voyage to China.



Rescue mission by Seri Begawan crew was coordinated swiftly to rescue Mr. Roberto

MISC's President/Group CEO, Mr. Yee Yang Chien said "The safety of anyone at sea is the responsibility of all members of the maritime community. I am very proud of the courage and determination that has been demonstrated by the crew of Seri Begawan to rescue Mr. Roberto and with the support and cooperation of the Philippines MRCC, we are able to ensure his successful and safe return. Safety is always at the top of our priority and MISC's seafarers regularly undergo various types of trainings including on saving lives at sea to ensure that we are always ready to provide our support whenever it is needed."

Seri Begawan's effort in saving the life of Mr. Roberto was recognised by the Philippines Coast Guard who presented the crew of Seri Begawan with a Letter of Commendation for their exemplary humanitarian action.

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#### About MISC Berhad

MISC Berhad (MISC), was incorporated in 1968 and is a world leading provider of international energy shipping and maritime solutions.

The principal businesses of the Group comprise energy shipping and its related activities, owning and operating offshore floating solutions, marine repair and conversion, engineering and construction works, shipmanagement, port & terminal services as well as maritime education and training.

As of 31 December 2017, MISC Group's fleet consists of more than 120 owned and in-chartered Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), Petroleum and Product vessels, 14 Floating Production Systems (FPS) as well as 2 LNG Floating Storage Units (FSUs). The fleet has a combined deadweight tonnage (dwt) capacity of approximately 16 million tonnes.



Aside from its shipping business, maritime education is a priority for the Company and its Malaysian Maritime Academy (ALAM) is ranked amongst the top 10% of the world's Maritime Education and Training (MET) institutions.

Operating a modern, well-diversified fleet and backed by a knowledgeable workforce of more than 10,000 employees from all corners of the globe; MISC is committed to impart quality services to our customers, creating value for our stakeholders and contributing to the sustainability of the Industry.

#### About Eaglestar

Eaglestar is MISC's integrated marine services arm and we deliver a comprehensive suite of solutions ranging from fleet management and operations, to crew management and manning services, dry-docking management as well as project management services for newbuild construction and conversion projects.

Our dynamic workforce at sea and ashore are our greatest asset and we are dedicated towards building their capabilities at all levels from cadetship right up to leadership to enhance their competency and proficiency to support various aspects of the business and operations.

We are committed to uphold world-class Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) standards as evidenced in the excellent results we have consistently achieved throughout the years in our HSE performance, Port State Control (PSC) performance as well as improved customer satisfaction and Tanker Management Self & Assessment (TMSA) rating. Eaglestar has successfully maintained a high vessel availability rate of over 99% on our fleet, surpassing the industry benchmark across all segments of shipping.

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