

**Malampaya Phase 3 (MP3) Strike Steel Ceremony
7 December 2012**

**Welcome Address by Mr Tong Chong Heong,
Chief Executive Officer of Keppel Offshore & Marine**

Your Honourable Josefina Patricia Magpale-Asirit, Undersecretary for the Department of Energy (DOE);

Your Excellency V.P. Hirubalan, Ambassador of Singapore to the Philippines;

Your Honourable Milagros Magsaysay, representative of the first district of Zambales;

Your Honourable Ramon Lacbain, Vice Governor of Zambales;

Mr Sebastian Quiniones, SPEX Asset Manager and Managing Director;

Mr Gemiliano Lopez Jr., Chairman, PNOC-EC;

Mr Sabino Santos, Asset Manager of Chevron Malampaya;

Your excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen;

Good morning.

A very warm welcome to Keppel Subic Shipyard. Thank you all for joining us as we mark the start of construction works for the Malampaya Phase 3 depletion compression platform, or DCP in short.

Before I start on my address, I would like to express my sincere condolences to the families of the victims of the typhoon Pablo. Our thoughts are with them at this difficult time, and Keppel will provide assistance by supporting and contributing to relief efforts.

The Philippines and its people are of great significance for Keppel. We have been operating in the country for close to four decades. In fact, our Batangas yard, which we started in 1975, was Keppel Group's first overseas venture. Today, we have 20 yards around the world as part of our 'Near Market, Near Customer' strategy.

It was in 1994 that we acquired Keppel Subic Shipyard. Since then, we have built on our investments. Today, our two yards in the Philippines, Keppel Batangas Shipyard and Keppel Subic Shipyard, offer repair, upgrading, conversion and fabrication services, and together provide employment for some 6,000 Filipinos.

Being entrusted with challenging projects such as the Malampaya DCP – which is the first offshore platform to be fully constructed in this country – are good opportunities for our yards to further enhance their capabilities.

Undersecretary Asirit, we are honoured by your presence at Keppel Subic Shipyard to initiate the cutting of the first steel plate for this significant national project. This is a great encouragement to all of us who are working on this landmark project for both the offshore and marine, as well as the energy industries in the Philippines. Please allow me to take this opportunity to convey Keppel's commitment to ensure the safe and successful turnaround of this project.

Behind half of Luzon's energy needs, the Malampaya Deep Water Gas-to-Power Project, which is led by the Department of Energy and supported by the Malampaya JV, is a project of great vision. Keppel is proud to have a part to play in this project, and so contribute to greater energy independence and cleaner energy source for this nation.

In undertaking this project, Keppel Subic Shipyard joins hands with Shell Philippines Exploration and its JV partners, Chevron and PNOC-EC. Mr Chua and Mr Quiniones, your trust in us is a strong affirmation of our commitment and capabilities. These capabilities were built up through the trusted cooperation of our many partners and friends here in the Philippines.

Looking ahead, we will continue to position our yards for bigger jobs and growth. Over the next few months, Keppel Subic Shipyard will be adding to its facilities a 1,500-tonne crane, which is the largest in the Philippines, 18,000 square metres of fabrication space, as well as new workshops and machineries.

At the same time, Keppel Subic Training Centre is equipping locals and out-of-school youths with technical skills for a variety of offshore and marine projects.

Besides empowering lives through our training programmes, we also care for our workforce and the larger community through our active participation in meaningful social development initiatives as well as relief efforts.

Over in Batangas, for example, we partnered the LGU and Gawad Kalinga to build the Keppel-GK Eco Village, which comprise 60-homes for needy families.

We are encouraged by the recognition we have received for our efforts for the community. At PEZA's Anniversary and Investors' Recognition Night in April this year, President Aquino kindly presented Keppel Philippines Marine with the Outstanding Community Projects Award. We deeply appreciate this.

All our investment in people and infrastructure, as well as our support for the community, are driven by our long-term commitment to the Philippines.

On this special occasion, I would like to thank the national and local governments of the Philippines, trade and industry bodies, our customers and business partners as well as the community, for your valued partnership over the years. With your support, we are confident that we will be able to deliver the DCP project to the high quality expected of Keppel.

In addition, I sincerely hope that this DCP project will be the first of many more opportunities for Keppel to serve the expanding Philippine energy industry.

Finally, I would like to commend the project teams led by Shell Philippines Exploration's Malampaya Phase 2 & 3 Project Manager, Mr Antoine Bliet, and Keppel Subic Shipyard's President, Mr Leong Kok Weng, for their good teamwork.

This first construction milestone would not be possible without their excellent collaboration. Please join me in giving the teams a round of applause!

In conclusion, I would like to wish the project teams every success in completing and delivering this project. To all our friends and partners in the Philippines, may we continue to grow together.

Thank you, and have a good day ahead.

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