Project 3

Demonstration Project of Class B Automatic Identification System (AIS) Transponder on Small Ships



Background

➤ Project 3 – "<u>Demonstration Project of Class</u>
<u>B AIS on Small Ships</u>" is one of 6 projects to improve navigational safety and protection of the marine environment in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

Participation to date

- ➤ 3 littoral states
- User States Australia, Japan and Republic of Korea



Motivating Factor

- ➤ AIS a system to facilitate communications and automatic identification. Class A and Class B
- Class A mandatory carriage requirement for SOLAS vessels
- Class B non-mandatory, targeted at smaller non-SOLAS vessels which radars are not as effective in detecting
- Potential of Class B to enhance situational awareness of ships masters and VTS centres



Demonstration Project: To assess Class B effectiveness through demonstration trials



Objectives of Demonstration Project

- ➤ To evaluate the performance of Class B AIS in high traffic density areas
- ➤ To evaluate the impact of Class B AIS on existing AIS network
- ➤ To evaluate the effectiveness of Class B AIS from the ship masters' perspective
- ➤ To raise the shipping community's awareness of the capabilities and limitations of Class B AIS

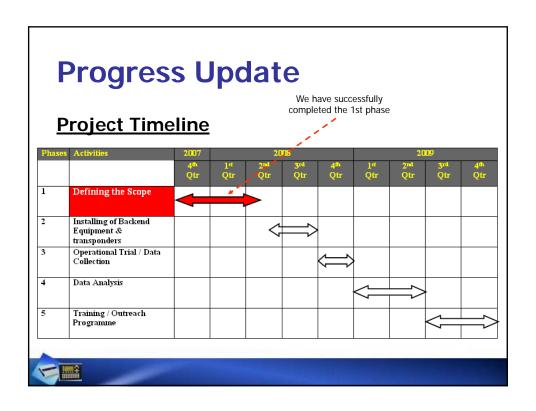


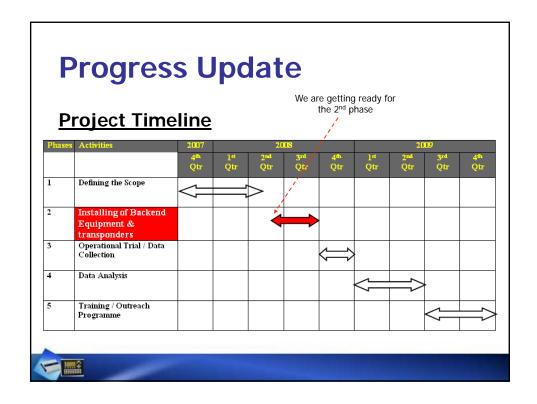
Progress Update

1st Phase – Defining the Scope

- ➤ Drafted Project Design and Implementation Plan (by Singapore and Australia)
- ➤ Circulated to littoral and user States in April 08 for comments and concurrence
- ➤ Plan to be discussed and endorsed at **PCC** meeting on 29 May 08







Progress Update

<u>2nd Phase – Installing of Backend Equipment and Transponders</u>

Backend Equipment

- ➤ Survey has been undertaken to assess the current shore-based AIS infrastructure of each littoral state and their state of readiness for the Class B demonstration trials
- ▶ Plans have been made to upgrade base stations for AIS B capabilities in 2008



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Class B Transponders

➤ Japan and Republic of Korea have kindly agreed to lease a number of transponders for the project



Moving Forward

3rd Phase - Operational Trial / Data Collection

- > 4th Qtr 2008
- ➤ Individual littoral states will be responsible for the conduct of trials in their respective countries
- ➤ Questionnaires distributed to masters of trial vessels, to seek their opinion of usefulness of Class B transponders



Moving Forward

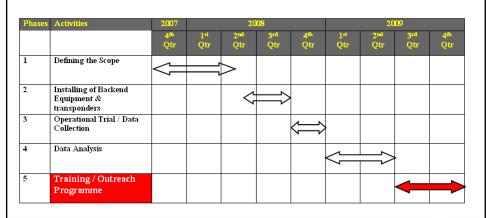
4th Phase - Data Analysis

- > 1st & 2nd Otr 2009
- ➤ The user states will assist the littoral states in compiling and analyzing the test data
- ➤ The result would show the effect of individual and multiple AIS Class B units working within the vicinity of AIS Class A units, AIS Base Stations and AIS Aids to Navigation. The result would shared with the project team members



Moving Forward

Project Plan - Timeline





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5th Phase - Training / Outreach Programme

- > 3rd & 4th Qtr 2009
- ➤ Contributing User States will provide the expertise to prepare the training materials and conduct train the trainer programmes



Call for further participation

- ➤ Request for more Class B Transponders
- Request for contributions towards installation services for Class B Transponders



