

Al Fajer partners with Ahoy to host expo in Doha

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THE third edition of Ship & Port + Europort Maritime 2008, the International Ship Building, Port and Marine Technology Exhibition will mark the beginning of a new revolution in the region. Concurrently, the Central Dredging Association (CEDA) will hold its first ever Conference in Asia.

Al Fajer Information and Services, a leading organiser of industry expositions in Middle East, Africa and India, has announced its partnership with

Ahoy Rotterdam to host the third edition of the Ship & Port + Europort Maritime 2008, the International Ship Building, Port and Marine Technology Exhibition in Doha, Qatar.

The three-day Ship & Port + Europort Maritime is scheduled to be held at the brand new Qatar International Exhibition Centre in Doha from May 5 to May 7, 2008. The expo is organised under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Hamad bin Suhaim Al Thani, Minister of State, Government of Qatar.

Over the years, Europort Maritime, a property of Ahoy Rotterdam, has become a benchmark of specialised knowledge and technology in the field of maritime design and preventive maintenance. This is a distinctive position, which particularly for Western Europe is unique within the spectrum of maritime trade fairs.

The Dubai-based Al Fajer Information & Services is a leading industry exhibition organiser in the Middle East, since 1972 and it's a part of Al

Fajer Enterprises, owned by Sheikh Hasher Al Maktoum, a scion of the Dubai's Ruling Family.

Commenting on his organisation's partnership with Europort Maritime, Mr. Satish Khanna, General Manager, Al Fajer Information and Services, said: "It gives us immense pleasure to be associated with Europort Maritime, which is considered as an industry powerhouse for the maritime industry. We are certain that our partnership will bring unparalleled levels of professionalism

in boosting this industry further on a global scale"

Qatar is a key hub for shipping, port and maritime industry offering innumerable opportunities for the development of this business in the region. It presents the ideal ground to host Ship & Port + Europort Maritime. The previous edition of the expo witnessed tremendous success in Qatar, setting a new revolution in the Middle East.

Partnered by two big industry forces Ship & Port + Europort Maritime sets ground for showcasing the latest in prod-

ucts and services related to the accelerating maritime industry in the Middle East and Asia.

Europort Maritime Exhibition Manager Peter Niemantsverdriet said: "We expect a greater response in 2008 with large number of the previous years participants already confirmed for a repeat involvement. This show will offer an excellent opportunity to encourage the growth of the maritime industry in Qatar and the Middle East region, where major multi-billion dollar maritime projects are under way."