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## PRESS RELEASE

### **SEMBCORP MARINE'S JURONG SHIPYARD SECURES REPEAT ORDER FROM LARSEN OIL & GAS TO BUILD A DEEPWATER SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE DRILLING RIG AT US\$640 MILLION (S\$870 MILLION)**

***Singapore, June 30, 2008:*** Jurong Shipyard, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sembcorp Marine, has secured a contract from Larsen Oil & Gas to build a deepwater semi-submersible drilling rig at a contract value of US\$640 (S\$870) million.

This latest turnkey rig order is the fourth consecutive newbuild deepwater semi-submersible drilling rig that the owner has placed with Jurong Shipyard.

Scheduled for delivery in April 2011, the 6<sup>th</sup> generation ultra-deepwater semi-submersible drilling rig will be built based on the Friede & Goldman Ex-D design. It will have specifications identical to the three deepwater semi-submersible drilling rigs ordered by owner from Jurong Shipyard.

Mr Martin Nordaas, Managing Director of Larsen Oil & Gas (Singapore) said "We have chosen Jurong Shipyard as a trusted partner in our strategic thrust into deepwater rig building. Our confidence in Jurong Shipyard is a result of our strong working relationship and the yard's proven rig building track record. We are pleased with the yard's high standards of quality, safety and reliability in its on-time deliveries. The co-operation with Jurong Shipyard stretches far beyond traditional client-contractor relations and this co-operation is a large part of our success over the past five years.

All three units of our deepwater semi-submersible rigs, PetroRig I, PetroRig II and PetroRig III, currently under construction in the shipyard have secured long-term charter contracts. PetroRig I will be chartered to Petrobras America to drill in the Gulf of Mexico while PetroRig II is contracted to Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. for drilling in offshore Brazil in 2009. PetroRig III will be chartered to Pemex for drilling in Mexico in 2010.

We remain optimistic of the offshore oil and gas market and will continue with our robust expansion into this sector."

Mr Don Lee, Senior General Manager of Offshore Division said “We are pleased with the confidence that Larsen Oil & Gas has entrusted us with an additional unit of the semi-submersible rig. We are delighted to be part of Larsen Oil & Gas’ rig building programme and their thrust into the deepwater offshore oil and gas sector.

We have demonstrated our strong turnkey expertise in semi-submersible construction by being the first to deliver on-time a total turnkey semi-submersible rig, the **West Sirius** to its owner in March 2008.”

This contract, effective by end July 2008, is not expected to have any material impact on the net tangible assets and earnings per share of Sembcorp Marine for the year ending December 31, 2008.

Larsen Oil and Gas Group is a privately owned international drilling and production contractor with offices in Norway, Aberdeen (UK), Singapore and Dubai.

The Group specialises in the development, construction and operation of semi-submersibles and Jack-up Drilling Platforms, FPSOs and Mobile Drilling and Production Platforms.

Larsen Oil and Gas manages a group of owner companies (listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange) as follows:

Petrolia Drilling ASA (including Venture Drilling)

PetroJack ASA

PetroMena ASA

PetroProd Ltd ASA

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