

A quality delivery

Through the vigilant management of its workload and schedules, Keppel Singmarine has achieved yet another milestone with the early delivery of a newbuild vessel.

The third of three Anchor Handling Supply/Tug (AHTS) vessels for Smit Transport and Heavy Lift (SMIT), *SMIT Nicobar*, was named at a ceremony on 2 June 2006. She follows *SMIT Kamara* and *SMIT Komodo*, which Keppel Singmarine delivered in October 2005 and February 2006 respectively.

Mr Charles Foo, MD (Special Projects) of Keppel O&M and Chairman of Keppel

Singmarine, noted at the ceremony, "*SMIT Nicobar* will be the third vessel we have delivered to SMIT in seven months. I am proud that all three vessels were completed to the highest quality standards, on time and on budget."

Like her first two sister vessels, *SMIT Nicobar* is built to Keppel Singmarine's proprietary design by the Marine Technology Development (MTD), the in-house research and development arm of Keppel Singmarine.

The early delivery of this 120-tonne bollard pull AHTS earned the Keppel



The project, design and engineering team of *SMIT Nicobar*, together with Mr Hoe Eng Hock (sixth from left), ED of Keppel Singmarine, proud of their early delivery achievement

Singmarine team a \$100,000 bonus.

Mr Abel Dutilh, Managing Director of SMIT, said "*SMIT Nicobar* is the last of three vessels contracted to Keppel Singmarine and would be deployed in

Sakhalin for its first assignment. The delivery of this vessel also illustrates SMIT's emphasis on quality. We are grateful to the people who have put the vessel together, with special praise to the Keppel Singmarine team." keppelite