

MAST continues quest for higher standards with successful Panama Flag approval and City and Guilds accreditation

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LONDON, UK, August 6, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Maritime Asset Security](#) and Training ([MAST](#)) Ltd has gained the official approval from the Panama Maritime Authority (PMA) to deploy armed security personnel on vessels flying the Panama flag.

MAST has invested heavily in gaining accreditation for its operations and for working to improve professional standards for Private Maritime Security Companies (PSMCs) since its establishment in 2005.

Panama is the world's largest ship registry and gaining flag status enables MAST's teams to operate with full approval on the 5,700 plus ships that fly the Panama flag.

The latest accreditation follows MAST's pioneering work with Fenech & Fenech Advocates, and the Maltese Government to help develop a licencing regime for PMSCs in Malta. MAST currently has SAMI, SCEG, IMCA, ADC, ISO9001 and ISO14001 accreditation for its operations.

MAST has also announced that it has just gained City & Guilds accreditation for its Maritime Security Operatives (MSO) course, enabling MoD learning credits to be used by former armed forces personnel looking to retrain for new careers after demobilisation.

The City & Guilds accreditation applies to the MSO courses available from its training facilities in Malta, covering the maritime security industry, security operating procedures, incident management, pre-deployment planning and processes.

Philip Cable, CEO MAST stated: "Panama Flag Status is an important step for MAST as we continue to seek accreditation and full licencing for our global operations, and to encourage higher standards throughout the maritime security industry.

"Providing piracy prevention consultancy, PMSCs and training is a huge growth area but ensuring that these services are delivered professionally and to a high standard is critical if we are to counter the threat of maritime crime.

“The City & Guilds accreditation is also an important step to achieving improved standards for the industry and we are delighted to have regained these two milestones.”

For further information visit: <http://www.mast-commercial.com/>

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About MAST

Maritime Asset Security and Training (MAST) Ltd is a market leading security organisation that provides specialist global security services for the maritime and oil and gas communities. Holding membership of leading professional bodies, MAST is also ISO 9001:2008 accredited for the provision of global maritime security services for the shipping and yachting industry and holds the ISO 14001:2004, the criteria for an environmental management system. The Company is one of the founding signatories of the International Code of Conduct and has been scrutinised and accepted by some of world's leading shipping companies, charterers and insurers and is approved to operate under the Panama Flag.

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