

Papua New Guinea Maritime College chooses Kongsberg Maritime for simulator facility upgrade

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Screen dump from the SeaView R5 visual system included in the delivery.

New navigation and AIS software for bridge simulator.

In a contract signed 4th February 2011, the Papua New Guinea Maritime College (PNGMC) has contracted Kongsberg Maritime to upgrade its current bridge simulator facility with the latest version of the cutting-edge Polaris navigation simulator software including an upgraded AIS simulator module, in addition to new hardware.

The delivery, scheduled for June 2011, will update the original Kongsberg Maritime simulator installed over a decade ago at Papua New Guinea's principal maritime training institute. The offshore industry is becoming increasingly significant in Papua New Guinea and is providing the impetus for training institutions to provide higher levels of training, and driving PNGMC to update its facility with the latest in simulation technology.

“Although still fully operational, the customer wished to upgrade

and enhance the existing NMS90 simulator system in order to meet current STCW standards and the local maritime and offshore industry requirements,” explains Mark Treen, Sales and Marketing Manager, Kongsberg Maritime. “PNGMC were satisfied with the system performance and the support received for the original delivery, and was happy to continue the relationship when it came to updating its simulator facility in order to make it more relevant for today’s trainees.”

The new delivery will introduce the latest version of the Polaris navigation simulator and enable PNGMC to meet the latest STCW standards. It will feature the powerful SeaView R5 visual system, providing students with a highly realistic visual scene during simulator exercises and the additional AIS module was chosen by PNGMC in order to up-skill trainees in the use of AIS. New hardware to accompany the software upgrade consists of new computers

and radar monitors.

PNGMC has also chosen a comprehensive LTSSP (Long Term System Support Program) to ensure that it has easy access to the newest system and software upgrades developed by Kongsberg Maritime and regular in service support, which will be supplied by Kongsberg Maritime's co-operation partner, AAL Australia.

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