

TEXT FOR SCEG DRINKS RECEPTION 3 DECEMBER 2014

- Very good to see so many here from the SCEG membership and friends/colleagues (over 100).
- This evening is a reception and a party, but also an opportunity to informally gather to network with colleagues.
- This networking is particularly appropriate as we are holding this on the evening before an important event that relates to all SCEG members, namely the ICoCA AGA. And I for one look forward to a lively debate tomorrow.
- A welcome to you all, but a particular welcome to the ICoCA team:
 - Andy Orsmond.
 - ICoCA Board members by name
 - Chris Sanderson. Mark Knight.
 - Andy Nicholson. Alan Donohue.
- This event is only possible through the sponsorship of ANDREW PICKTHORN of INTEGRO INSURANCE BROKERS, a SCEG Associate Member and we are all very grateful. With your name badge you received a card describing an innovative new website called HELP. This combines liability insurance with risk mitigation and crisis guidance expertise. Andrew is here with several of his colleagues and all are experts so do use this opportunity to find out more about INTEGRO and HELP.
- I thought to highlight a few points from the SCEG EC and the UK PSC sector would be useful. I start by looking at what SCEG members and the SCEG itself has done in calendar year 2014:
 - Supported the PSC pilots run by UKAS – would not have happened without SCEG members. UK is leading the way and is seen to be doing so. Very pleased that UK Land and Sea companies were first in the world to receive certification to ISO PAS 28007 and to PSC1. Hope that all the shipping industry and land clients will recognise the major effort that companies have made to achieve the highest international standards.

- Outreach programme to widen knowledge of PSC1, ISO PAS 28007 and ICoCA membership. Including briefs in seven different countries (UK, USA, Switzerland, France, Poland, Sweden and Afghanistan).
 - SCEG members continue to play a crucial role in the British Standards Institute and with the International Standards Organisation in developing PSC1 & 28007 to full international standards as soon as possible, including submitting comments, to ensure UK industry enhances competitiveness through better standards without being shackled by excess regulation.
 - We have promoted logic for PSCs to commit to standards & ICoCA Membership.
 - Deepened partnership with UK Government with regular engagement at ministerial level with departments, FCO, DfT, Home Office and Department for Business, Innovation and Skills on a raft of issues including:
 - Developed pilot for UK flagged floating armoury, albeit somewhat stalled.
 - Moving with development of live fire training in UK for Maritime sector.
 - SCEG members have engaged with Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to seek clarification on BIS licensing requirements for both land and maritime operations.
 - Seaman's cards and Documentation for Private Cont'd Armed security personnel on ships.
 - Through SCEG members efforts the maritime companies have made a major contribution to reducing the piracy scourge in Indian Ocean/GoAden, but I should stress that the risk has not gone away. And of course different piracy threats continue to exist elsewhere, not least in the Gulf of Guinea and in SE Asia, Malacca Straits.
 - We have had an excellent SCEG annual conference.
 - Survey of SCEG membership to develop the Way Ahead.
- Aspirations for 2015
 - SCEG Annual Conference on 25th June 2015 in London.
 - To conduct more outreach to make PSC1 and ISO PAS 28,007 commercial differentiators.

- To support the commercial needs of SCEG members as and when possible.
- To continue our work on understanding how UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights can serve as a prime tool for promoting human rights and corporate responsibility in the industry. A UK Government focus.
- To remain supportive of ICoCA process and particularly the ICoCA Industry Board Directors, but with the key watchwords of:
 - Transparent: A transparent and inclusive development of the protocols across all 3 pillars.
 - Affordable: Whatever the outcome, it MUST be affordable for an Industry in extremely difficult times.
 - Light-touch: The certification, monitoring and grievance processes MUST be light in touch to meet CLIENT concerns and industries already massive commitment to PSC1 and ISO PAS 28,007.
 - No Duplication: There must be no duplication whatsoever with existing standards. These standards already cover the Code comprehensively and require independent, rigorous and external audits of all aspects of the standards. These audits are done by independent experts who visit projects on the ground and assess fully a company's suitability to be certified, to monitor performance on a routine basis and to ensure the effectiveness of their grievance processes.
 - Speed: Industry, here and in USA is now focused on PSC1 and ISO PAS 28007, ICoCA is in danger of becoming unnecessary as clients' compliance departments use existing standards and their own audits and feel there is neither need nor financial stomach for another called ICoCA.
 - Added-Value: UK industry is leading the way on development and adoption of standards – the ICoCA can add value by bringing in other nations to ensure their industries sign up to standards and regulation.
- So TRANSPARENT, AFFORDABLE, LIGHT-TOUCH, NO DUPLICATION, SPEED and ADDED-VALUE.

- A final few thanks:
 - Bob Rose, the ADS Director of Security for the last 7 years. A member of the Executive Committee and a great supporter of SCEG and the power behind our support from ADS.
 - Special thanks to those leaving EC after time out period 2 + 1 years or due to changed circumstances:
 - James Rapp.
 - Glynne Evans.
 - Andy Nicholson.
 - Chris Charnley.

 - Whilst talking of EC:
 - Welcome the new EC members, and
 - Subject to the new EC's agreement we will be inviting the Chairs of the MSWG and SAG to report to the EC as necessary for business coherence.

 - Thanks all SCEG members for their hard work to make SCEG such a successful forum.

 - Thank all guests who contribute so much to the work of UK PSCs around the world.

 - And again thanks to our Sponsors, ANDREW PICKTHORN and INTEGRO INSURANCE BROKERS

- And very finally to thank Paul Gibson and Katrine, who together with elements of the ADS staff are the power house behind the day to day workings of the SCEG.
 - Finance.
 - Following up on action points from many meetings.
 - Research before every event/meeting.
 - ... and much more!

- Close by wishing you all a commercially successful 2015 and a very Happy Christmas.