Ardmore Shipping Extends Global Network With Houston Office Opening

Holly Cummings hired as Chartering Manager to lead Ardmore's US office

HOUSTON - MAY 18, 2016 - Ardmore Shipping has expanded its global network with the opening of an office in Houston, USA. The new office will be led by Holly Cummings, who joins Ardmore Shipping as Chartering Manager (Americas).

The new Houston office will be responsible for expanding Ardmore's commercial activities in the Americas and will work closely with Ardmore's chartering teams in Europe and Singapore.

Holly Cummings joins Ardmore with 11 years of experience in the maritime sector, most recently in MR Chartering for Stena Weco and prior to that in operations for StenaBulk/StenaSonangol Suezmax Pool and for Morgan Stanley as Commercial Operator. A Kings Point graduate, Holly's career began sailing as Third Officer for OSG. She holds a B.S. in Logistics and Intermodal Transportation and is a Lieutenant in the US Navy Reserve.

Commenting on the decision to open a Houston office, Gernot Ruppelt, Ardmore Shipping's Senior Vice President of Chartering and Business Development, said:

"Building on the success of our Singapore office which opened last year, our Houston office will strengthen Ardmore's presence in the Americas. As a business focused on working in close proximity to our customers and offering the highest level of service, our presence on the ground provides us with a great platform to build closer relationships with customers in the region."

Holly Cummings, Chartering Manager (Americas), Ardmore Shipping, commented:

"Our new office offers us the opportunity to build upon our existing relationships and strengthen our profile, both in Houston and across the Americas. Although it has always been an important player as a shipping and energy centre, Houston is emerging as an increasingly dynamic and fast-growing hub for chartering business and a great strategic location, with more and more shipping companies choosing to locate and do business from here. The American markets have always been essential for Ardmore and we look forward to working even closer with our customers and partners."

Ardmore Shipping operates a 22-strong fleet of modern fuel-efficient MRs and chemical tankers and has continued to deliver a strong commercial and financial performance, underpinned by strong fundamental product tanker demand and a slowdown in the growth rate of the global MR fleet.

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