

# Elias Marine expands its service range

Elias Marine Consultants (EMCO) of Limassol have expanded their range of services to include technical advice, inspections and other vessel surveys.

An essential function EMCO have been performing, and which is almost unique in the region, is the co-ordination and monitoring of all aspects of casualty management, particularly in cases of collision, salvage and total losses.

Managing Director Imad Elias (a former Ince & Co solicitor) says the expanded services complement and augment the company's overall service portfolio, which ranges from providing advice in the drafting of contracts, loss prevention measures and handling marine claims to dispute resolution and arbitration. (EMCO's UKoffice is close to the City of London). EMCO also acts as a correspondent for P&I Clubs in various countries in the region.

Marc Caramondanis, a marine engineer and leading class surveyor (formerly with Carenco Surveyors), heads the company's technical department. In parallel, EMCO is strengthening its presence in the region having opened new branch offices in Alexandria, Egypt and Tartous, Syria. The associate offices in Beirut and Dubai, are currently being upgraded to fully-owned branch offices.

"We offer shipowners, charterers, underwriters and foreign lawyers an experienced consultancy and claims service in the local language", explains Elias.

The company's personnel who are in the majority legally qualified offer fluency in English, Arabic, French, Italian, Eritrean and Greek.

Established in 1992, EMCO has a dual role: it assists international clients with problems they may face in the Middle East and North/ East Africa; it also provides assistance to clients based in this region when they encounter problems on the international scene.

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