

Shanghai, 08 February 2021.

Good day,

MES will open a Site Office in Shanghai.

As informed on Linked-In a few days ago, we have decided to open an office in Shanghai.

The main reason is the time to get the visa in your Passport, which is exceptionally long. This process takes all together up to one and a half to two months. First, we need to get an Invitation Letter (PU letter) from the Government and then approval from the Chinese Embassy in Copenhagen. Another factor is the flight ticket, which rules get more and more tricky.

On top of the above, we have quarantine issues as a significant factor. We have to stay for 14 days in a Government Corona Quarantine Hotel, direct after arrival in Shanghai. You have to take a Covid-19 test on arrival at Shanghai airport and one more after quarantine completion.

Furthermore, since the new mutations of Corona, especially the one from the UK, provinces outside Shanghai have required additional quarantine days. E.g., the Zhoushan area with other 14 days quarantine, called 7+7 days as you have to be tested after seven days and then finally after the last seven days. For the additional 7+7 days, you choose where to be held and in which hotel.

In 2020, our Docking Managers, Bogi Linklett and Kári Jensen travelled to Shanghai just after the Chinese New Year, end of February, and stayed in China respectively to the end of July and August.

Kenneth and undersign finally managed to get our visa after struggling for more than three months, and we're lucky to get first flight tickets with Finnair to Shanghai after the lockdown. We arrived end of July and stayed until mid-December. We were contacted a few times by a couple of shipowners during this stay, asking if we could assist with repair/dry-docking supervision in China. We were swamped during this period resulting in negative replies, unfortunately.

We already have some commitment here in the Shanghai area and decided to shift almost all of our workforce to China and fill out our working calendar. Workforce in Europe will remain and cover Turkey and Middle-East as well.

If all goes well, we aim to have Dry Dock- and Repair Managers in China until the situation becomes better or close to normal.

If you have any needs or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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