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SVITZER WINS 'INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE' CATEGORY AT THE 26th SEATRADE AWARDS 2014

On April 14, 2014 SVITZER was awarded for their "Training and Angolization programme in Soyo, Angola" as a nominee in the 'Investment in People' category by the respected global maritime recognition schemes, Seatrade Awards 2014 in London, UK. SVITZER tailored an entire program for training future Angolan seaman, with no local history or prior experience in seafaring.

Providing careers and opportunities for local communities

SVITZER undertook a comprehensive localization program when establishing a new 20-year towage contract with the Angola LNG terminal in September 2011. The objective was to ensure that at least 90% of the positions would be covered by Angolans within 10 years.

A complete training package was developed and tailored to educate and prepare Angolans for life and work at sea. They were provided with an internationally recognized and STCW certified education, developed in co-operation with recognised maritime institutions and the Danish Maritime Authority.

SVITZER's Head of Business Development in AMEA, Philipp Knebel commented on the recognition: "Our dedicated employees in SVITZER Angola have set the bar for SVITZER's ambitious training efforts high. The Seatrade Award comes as recognition for the great work and confirms our belief in the lasting value of training and local content development for our operations around the world."

The program was designed to ensure that these future seamen are enabled to assume control of their own careers; Angola's past history ravaged by civil wars has left many Angolans with limited opportunities to support their families and recreate social structures. SVITZER expects to make the first promotions amongst the trainees this year.

SVITZER has also successfully trained and developed local communities in seafaring in the Sultanate of Oman.

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ABOUT SVITZER

Since 1833, SVITZER has provided safety and support at sea. With 4,000 employees, a fleet of more than 500 vessels and operations all over the world, we are the global market leader within towage and emergency response.

ABOUT SEATRADE AWARDS

The Seatrade Awards were first launched in 1989 and have developed into one of the most respected and recognised global maritime award schemes, with the logo regarded as a recognised symbol of excellence. The scheme rewards those who have demonstrated innovative solutions for safe, efficient and environmentally friendly shipping and is in keeping with the goals and objectives of the International Maritime Organization.