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New segment CEO at Rickmers Group

Hamburg, 19. Mai 2015 - Charles Jan Scharffetter (51) has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the segment Maritime Services by Rickmers Group as of 1 August 2015. He will be member of the Extended Board Committee and report directly to the Group CEO Dr. Ignace Van Meenen.

Before joining Rickmers the graduate industrial engineer for maritime transport has been with Oldendorff Carriers GmbH & Co. KG for 18 years. Since 2007 he has been Member of the Executive Board of Directors there. He is also current Vice-Chairman of the German Technical Committee of Lloyds Register as well as member of the German Technical Committee of DNV GL and ABS.

"I am delighted to welcome Jan Scharffetter on board at this juncture in time", says Rickmers Group CEO Dr. Ignace Van Meenen. "With his decades long experience in managing container vessels, reefers, tankers and bulk carriers he has proven his leadership with hard-core engineering skills and the ability to bring people together. This is exactly what Rickmers Shipmanagement needs as the company enters its next chapter of growth. In addition he is already familiar working within a shipping company with its roots in private ownership."

Scharffetter takes over as CEO Maritime Services from Björn Sprotte, who will leave the company to take on a new position in a different area of the maritime industry. The Management Board of Rickmers Group thanks Björn Sprotte for his active long-standing support over the last years and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.

"Jan Scharffetter will spearhead our continuous efforts on operational quality and work alongside the management team to seize more business opportunities in a consolidating shipping industry", Dr. Van Meenen sums up.

About Rickmers Group

With its Head Offices in Hamburg and Singapore, the Rickmers Group is an international service provider for the shipping industry. Its international structure comprises about 20 offices in eleven countries and more than 50 agents worldwide. The Rickmers Group's business activities are grouped into three segments: Maritime Assets, Maritime Services and the Rickmers-Linie.

In the Maritime Assets segment the Rickmers Group is active as Asset Manager for its own vessels and also for those of third parties. Rickmers initiates and coordinates shipping projects, organises financing and acquires, charters and sells ships. In the Maritime Services business segment the Rickmers Group provides ship management services for the Rickmers Group's own vessels as well as for those owned by third parties; these services comprise technical and operational management, crewing, newbuild supervision, consultancy and insurance-related services. In the Rickmers-Linie business segment the Rickmers Group operates as a shipping line for breakbulk, heavy lift and project cargo, and additionally offers individual voyages.

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