



Gard opens new office in Imabari, Japan

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Gard announced today that it has opened a new office in Imabari. The office will initially be staffed by personnel from the Tokyo office on rotation, but signifies a significant step in Gard's commitment to its Members and clients in Japan.

Claes Isacson, CEO of Gard, commented "Gard has invested considerable resources over the last decade to create a genuinely global footprint – designed to offer a first class service wherever we are needed. We are continuing to build on this strategy by ensuring that we go where our Members and clients are going.

"This is the driver behind our new office. A significant number of shipowners operate from the west of Japan, so by opening there we will be able to better understand local needs and deploy the resources needed to meet them as we go forward."

Notes to Editors

Gard is a shipowner-controlled provider of P&I, marine and energy insurance products, with gross written premium in 2011 of USD 855 million and total assets of USD 2.5 billion. Gard employs over 450 staff in 11 offices around the world.

All insurance operating entities within the Gard group; Assuranceforeningen Gard, Gard P&I (Bermuda) Limited, Gard Marine & Energy Limited and Gard Marine & Energy Forsäkring AB are rated 'A' (positive outlook) by Standard & Poor's.

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