

## Press release

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### **Stena Bulk President, Shipping Profile of the Year**

The Swedish media association Göta Älvklubben has chosen a “Shipping Profile of the Year” every year since 1995. The aim is to draw attention to some of all the people who work in the shipping industry in Sweden and thus make the general public aware of what is happening in the maritime sector. During the year, the person chosen must have distinguished him or herself with new ideas, good entrepreneurship, a well-defined vision or in some other way have exemplified the driving force in today’s Swedish shipping.

Ulf G. Ryder, President & CEO of Stena Bulk AB, has been chosen as Shipping Profile 2008. The association writes:

“As president of the tanker shipping company Stena Bulk, Ulf G. Ryder is a forceful and energetic ideas man who has promoted both the environment and profitability at the same time as he is a colourful and inspiring profile in innumerable shipping-related contexts”. Ulf Ryder was presented with the award at a ceremony in Gothenburg on 3 December.



Stena Bulk AB was established in 1982 and Ulf G. Ryder, then 29 years old, was brought in to start up the bulk and tanker business in the Stena Group.

With offices in six countries, Stena Bulk is one of the world’s leading tanker shipping companies. Its resources include a design department, which enables the company to provide its customers with innovative solutions that meet their transportation and logistics needs. The company controls a fleet of around 70 tankers and is active in every segment of the tanker market. Stena Bulk is also responsible for the marketing and operation of Concordia Maritime’s fleet. In 2007, sales totalled SEK 4.5 billion

“Our philosophy, that oil should always travel first class, will be more relevant than ever in the future – and our position as a responsible, market-leading company in one of the world’s most scrutinised, criticised and sensitive industries will have become even stronger than it is today”, says Ulf G. Ryder, President & CEO of Stena Bulk, which celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year.

A selection of previous recipients of the Shipping Profile of the Year award:

2006 – Olle Rutgersson, Professor of Naval Architecture, Chalmers University of Technology

2004 – Dan Sten Olsson, shipowner, Stena

2003 – Lennart Simonsson, MD, Broströms

#### **Background facts**

The aim of Göta Älvklubben is to be a forum for representatives of the shipping industry and persons from the mass media, with an interest in shipping and maritime-related issues concerning transport, in order to disseminate knowledge and information. This takes the form of meetings, study visits and excursions, etc., which include lectures and discussions on current shipping issues.

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