

# Singapore Country Report



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## Industry undergoing a deep downturn

#### **Oil-Price Collapse Fuels Singapore Layoffs**

Last year was Singapore's worst for layoffs since the global financial crisis, and oil-rig makers felt the pain BT 16 March 2016

#### Axe to fall on hundreds more in Singapore oil & gas sector BT 11 March 2016

#### Offshore and marine SMEs batten down the hatches ST 14 Mar 2016

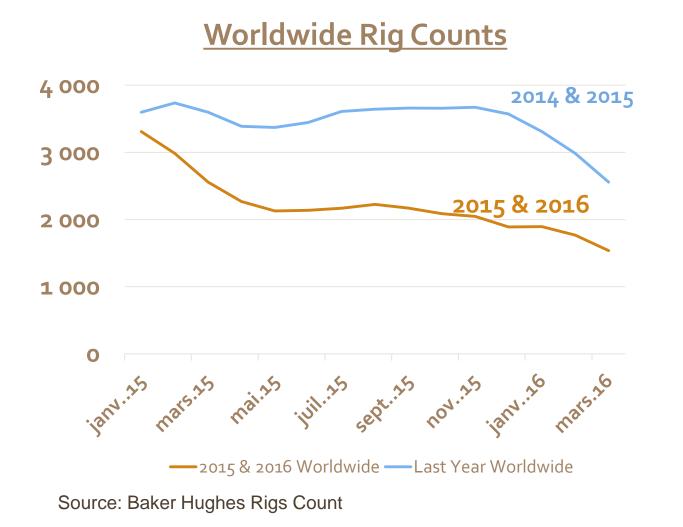
#### **Sinking Fortunes**

The oil-price drop has squeezed Singapore's offshore-marine sector.



\*Fabricated metal products, machinery and equipment, including oil rigs Sources: Thomson Reuters (oil prices); Singapore government (layoffs) THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

### **Current Situation in Oil and Gas Sector**



Rigs operations still low.

Merger and Acquisitions.

No upturn in foreseeable future.

#### **Current Situation in Offshore Sector**



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- Offshore Supply Vessels utilization down by as high as 50%.
- FPSOs charters also went down.

Contracts were delayed.

## **Current Situation in Salvage/Towage/Lifting Sector**

- Towage is down due to lesser ship movements.
- Lifting is down due to lesser new constructions.
- Lesser salvage jobs.



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## **Current Situation in Shipyards Sector**

- Repair work slowed and margin squeezed.
- No new built order.
- No re-employment above 62 years old.
- Foreign workers going home due to lack of overtime work.



## **Cost Cutting**

#### 1. Withholding Payments

Companies/Sub-contractors impacted.

#### 2. Allowances/Benefits

Temporary measures to be restored in good times.

#### 3. Wages

Management must lead by example.



## **Job Placements**

#### 1. Professional Conversion Programme

- Redeployment within or to another employer
- 2. Place and Train
- Emplace and train.
- 3. Train and Place
- Train first and then emplace.



## **Riding Out The Storm**

## Government

Sectoral Tripartite Committee

## Employers

Innovate and Automate

Find new markets

## Unions

Upgrade and Re-skills

### We are in this together

# CARE . Anchor the industry in Singapore FAIR . Job placements GROW . Upgrade and upskill for the future

#### Marine Transformation Plan (MTP)

#### Aim: Sustained Global Leadership with Reduced Resource Utilization

Dominant global market share in key segments

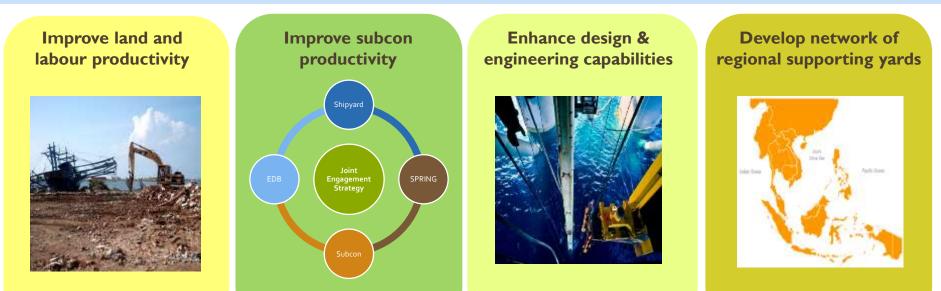
Proprietary designs become de-facto industry standards

Location for high value activities, supported by strong network of regional shipyards

Lead in product development for new markets

Reduced Marine Dependency Ratio at 1:3.5

#### Four-pronged Strategy



#### Capabilities needed to support the MTP



**Process Automation** 

Enhance design & engineering capabilities





Engineering capabilities in new areas



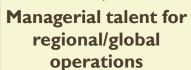
Green shipping Analytics



Deepwater exploration

Develop network of regional supporting yards







# Thank You!

