



# SINWA LIMITED

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Sinwa in JV for US\$40.5m Seismic Vessel Contract**

*- LOI signed with Nordic International Limited to acquire and operate seismic vessel*

**Singapore, 18 April 2007** – Mainboard-listed and Asia-Pacific's leading marine supply and logistics company Sinwa Limited ("Sinwa" or "the Company") today signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Nordic International Limited ("Nordic") to enter a three-year joint venture ("the JV").

Under the LOI, Sinwa will inject US\$2.0 million into Nordic, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands that owns BGP Atlas ("the Vessel"), a 2D seismic vessel, for a 50% stake in the company.

The JV company has signed a 3-year charter for the Vessel with an international offshore exploration company. The contract, amounting to US\$40.5m, will commence in the second half of 2007. In addition, the JV will realise another US\$5.0 million on the sale of the vessel to the charterers at the end of the charter period.

The Vessel is currently undergoing conversion in Europe.

"We are pleased to partner Nordic in our latest foray into the offshore market," said Mr Mike Sim, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sinwa. "This latest project is the result of the Group's diversification into the fast-growing oil and gas industry. Sinwa will continue to seek out and develop strategic partnerships to further grow our business."

The Company will make further announcements (including the financial effects of the aforesaid transaction on earnings and net tangible assets of the Company for the year ending 31 December 2007) upon the signing of the JV agreement.

**About Sinwa Limited (“Sinwa”)**

Sinwa Limited (“Sinwa”) was listed on the SGX-ST Dealing and Automated Quotation System (the “SGX SESDAQ”) in February 2003. In April 2005, Sinwa was upgraded to the Main Board of the Singapore Exchange.

Sinwa is Asia-Pacific’s leading marine supply and logistics company servicing the offshore and general marine industry. The Group’s main operations and head office are in Singapore, with subsidiaries and offices in Australia and China.

Founded in the 1960s, Sinwa’s core business includes the supply of a wide range of ships’ heavy deck and engine equipment, ships’ spares, general hardware and provisions to the offshore and general maritime industry, and providing a full and comprehensive range of shipping agency, logistics, warehousing and related support services. In 2006, Sinwa diversified into the oil and gas industry through a joint venture to build a self-propelled offshore jack-up rig, which will be leased to a South American National Oil Company for 5 years, beginning in the first quarter of 2008.

For more information, please visit [www.sinwa.com.sg](http://www.sinwa.com.sg)

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