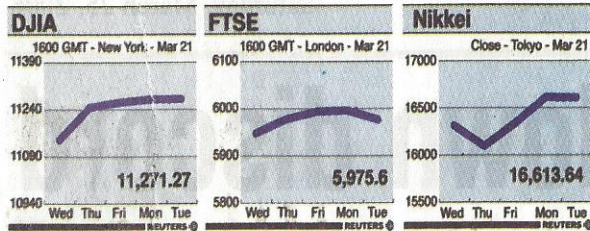


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Qatar Navigation hosts World Project Group meet

DOHA: The World Project Group (WPG) held a key conference here last weekend and it was hosted by Qatar Navigation.

WPG is an international group of independent companies that specialise in transporting materials to support projects around the world for a number of industries, including oil and gas, power, water treatment and mining.

WPG's special focus is on industries where the complexity requires specialised knowledge, meeting of tight time schedules and flexibility. Over 25 companies representing 50 countries and employing around a 1,000 professionals, are part of WPG.

WPG member companies are screened for their professionalism, experience and ability to satisfy customer expectations of delivering project materials on time and within budget.

Each of the selected members can be considered as the 'best in class' in their field of competence and are granted an exclusive membership in their territory.

WPG announced in Doha its appointment as agent for EurIndia, a ship owner of geared vessels with lifting capacity up to 160 tonnes and specialising in the movement of project materials from Europe (Antwerp, Hamburg and Genoa) to the Middle East.

T vRieke, managing

partner of Antwerp Shipping & Chartering NV, said in a statement: "We would like to appoint individual members of the WPG in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Dammam and Kuwait as per introduction received to act as liner agents for our service to the Arabian Gulf under our Brand EurIndia Lines".

WPG is embarking on a plan to improve its material management system and has initiated a strategy to provide detailed online materials management down to the line item level to their customers.

WPG is owned by its members equally and not by a person or group of persons with their own agen-



Robert Vermetten (back in specs) at the WPG meet held here last weekend, seen with Najeeb Al Sada, assistant deputy chief executive of Qatar Navigation (ninth left) and Hamad Al Hifmi, manager of Qatar Navigation's Dubai office (fifth right).

da. Board members are elected every two years and are tasked with securing qualified members, maintaining the website (www.worldprojectgroup.com), enhancing business

for its members through shared experience, organising annual meetings and other activities as directed by the members.

Current president of WPG board, Robert

Vermetten, of Transport and Project Logistics (TPL), Antwerp, Belgium, presided over the Doha meet, which was the second annual convention.

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