



## Marketing & Research Department Internal Press Release

### **On the Cutting Edge of Cargo Handling: Mechanical Technicians receive Top Class Training from KALMAR**

A group of employees from the Mechanical Workshop embarked on a three (3) day Kalmar Training Programme from August 13th to August 15th 2008, in the Training Room of the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority. The team comprised two supervisors and six technicians, Victorin Ghirawoo, Cecil Cassius, Joanas Melchoir, Mr. Dwayne Joseph, Claudius Louis, Martin Alexander, Curtis Augustin and Hilano Plummer.

The facilitator, Mr. Bruce Strasko from Kalmar covered the following topics: Engine, Controls, Transmission, Can-Bus, and Hydraulic Systems. The practical component of the training taught participants how to calibrate the transmission, load handling, troubleshooting and diagnostics and also built on experience gained in servicing the machines for over 8 months.

Commenting on the session, Supervisor, Mr. Victorin Ghirawoo, stated that the training has benefited staff members tremendously in executing their daily functions, it has empowered all of us to improve our preventive maintenance programme which could extend the useful life of the machines and also reduce the maintenance cost of machines. The objective is for increased equipment availability and reduced downtime through increased technician competence.

The technicians are embarking on an internal training programme SLASPA to assist in the development of those members who were not in attendance.

