

## **LISCR defence audit**

The Liberian Registry (LISCR) is setting up a fully staffed maritime security department with a board led by Rex Harrington of General Maritime Corporation. Other members include Yukio Aso, Sanko Steamship; Ulf Bertheau, of Cyrus Makowski; Harry Gilbert, Wallem Group; Huang Shao Jie, Hong Kong Ming Wah Shipping; David C H Liu, Yang Ming Line, and Robert D Somerville, American Bureau of Shipping. Mr Harrington said: "The registry has given an important lead to the industry. The maritime security department will help shipowners, operators and managers with the implementation of the new International Ship and Port Security (ISPS) Code. It will also be responsible for the approval of each ship's security plan and for co-ordination of the Liberian Registry's onboard verification surveys/audits as mandated by the ISPS Code. Yoram Cohen, chief executive officer of LISCR, says, "Ship registers have an important role to play in national and international security in these troubled times. Liberia has put in motion plans to guide shipowners safely through the ISPS implementation period and beyond, and has set standards for others to follow."