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Anniversaries aplenty at Stone Marine Singapore

Not one, but two 40th anniversaries were celebrated recently at Stone Marine Singapore. The first for the company itself, which was founded in 1969, and the second for Mr Gerry McLoughlin who has now worked for Langham Industries, the owners of the Stone Marine Group for 40 years, of which the last 25 have been as a Managing Director.

Stone Marine Singapore started as a joint venture with Metalock to design and build ship propellers, but within a few years Langham Industries had bought out the Metalock share and the company became a wholly owned subsidiary of Langham Industries.

The company has grown steadily over the years, including a move from the original Hillview site in Singapore to a new and larger factory at Tuas Basin. Apart from the move to larger premises the company has always invested in the latest technology equipment with significant investment in 2007 and 2008 on the purchase of new conventional and CNC lathes, and in 2009 new furnaces were purchased which effectively doubled the maximum size of propeller that the company can manufacture.

For Gerry McLoughlin, his was a two part celebration. 40 years working for Langham Industries and 25 years as a Managing Director in the Group. He started his career with Stone at Stone Manganese Marine in Birkenhead in 1969 as an Assistant Metallurgist in the laboratory and, over the next six years, he spent time in both the laboratory and in the foundry working shifts as Melting Shop Supervisor. In 1975 a promotion opportunity to Work's Metallurgist saw him move to Stone Marine Canada and another period of rapid career progression. Over the next nine years he was promoted to Works Manager, then General Manager and finally Managing Director in 1984.

After 24 years in Canada an opportunity came up for Gerry to move to Singapore as Managing Director and, ready for a change, he was happy to take up the new challenge.

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Gerry McLoughlin and his wife Joan at the presentation in London to mark his 40 years with Langham Industries. Making the presentation is Group Managing Director, Mr. Chris Langham.



The picture above, and on page three, show scenes at the Stone Marine Singapore celebrations which were lead by Mr John Langham, the Chairman of Langham Industries.

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