



## ERIC KLEESS

ABS GREATER CHINA DIVISION PRESIDENT

Eric Kleess is President of the ABS Greater China Division, responsible for ABS operations in the greater China area. Kleese assumed this role in August 2014.

Previously, Kleess was President of the ABS Pacific Division and prior to that was Senior Vice President of Operations for the ABS Americas Division.

During his time at ABS, Kleess also held the role of Senior Vice President of Operations for the ABS Pacific Division in Singapore, where he was responsible for operations in the Pacific region, which includes China, Korea, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia. Additionally, he served as ABS Regional

Vice President Northern Pacific, where he was responsible for operations in Korea, Japan, Philippines and Guam. Kleess also served as ABS Country Manager for Korea from 2003 to 2005, during which time ABS became the market share leader in classing new construction, liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers and offshore units.

Kleess began his career with ABS as a Surveyor in Maryland, U.S., and then Durban, South Africa. He then served as a Senior Surveyor in Singapore and Malaysia before becoming a Principal Surveyor in the Southeastern U.S. and Caribbean. Kleess also served as ABS Country Manager for Malaysia and Brunei.

Kleess graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) in Kings Point, New York, with a bachelor's degree in marine engineering. He completed the Harvard Business School's General Management Program and holds various licenses and certificates, including qualified weld inspector and non-destructive evaluation certificates, an Assistant Engineer's License (steam) and a Third Assistant Engineer's License (steam and diesel).