

CORPORATE HOVERCRAFT DESIGN P.T. FREEPORT INDONESIA

BOAT INTERIORS



COMPLETED: 1991

PROGRAM: BOAT INTERIOR

BUDGET: UNDISCLOSED

CLIENT: FREEPORT-MCMORAN, INC.

MBA TEAM:

EDWARD C. MATHES, ARCHITECT, AIA

■ Freeport-McMoran, the copper and gold import company, hired Textron, a local ship building company, to design a high-speed boat to be based near Freeport's Indonesia location, where water tides shift so frequently, riverbeds can actually disappear within hours. Therefore, the boat needed to transport international clientele on land as well as water. The challenge for the Mathes Group was not only to design a high class interior to entertain and impress Freeport clientele, but everything permanent and impermanent in the boat, was required to be fixed in place due the 70 mph boat speed. The designers worked closely with the engineers at the shipyard. The boat was also equipped with a state-of-the-art audio/visual system for business meetings during transport.