Simon Stevin’s ideas on Settlements

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Abstract. As part of this paper it is important to understand the development of the ASEAN region in a historical context. This development is highly influenced by trade. Many foreign powers are attracted to the region because of the economic welfare. Cities and trade posts like Melaka (Malaya), Jakarta (Indonesia) and Singapore are conquered and developed. The implementation of European influences on some settlements in Asia is highly influenced by these European countries. Foreign powers that conquer parts of Asia include the Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch and English. The Dutch leave their mark, especially through the ideas of Simon Stevin (1548-1620) on settlements in Asia through lay-out and architecture in a very recognizable, entirely different way from the Portuguese, Spanish or English.

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1. Introduction

Many European countries are attracted to Asia because of trade purposes. There is money to be made in