

# New Lab in Singapore

International Paint's on going programme of investment in R&D continues with the building of a new, worldwide product development laboratory in Singapore. Planned to open early in 2010, the new laboratory will focus on the development of the next generation antifouling and foul release technology.

Initially the new laboratory will employ up to 20 scientists with the capacity for future expansion.

Singapore is a major shipping centre with extensive dry docking, anchorage and port facilities and this exciting development will allow a closer link between laboratory testing and practical antifouling performance on ships. This together with the severe year round fouling

challenge in the Singapore coastal waters will significantly improve new product development.

"The Antifouling market is as dynamic as it has ever been", states Mike Hindmarsh, Biocidal Antifouling Business Development Manager, "with customer expectations and legislative pressure pushing the very limits of what coating companies can deliver in a highly competitive market. Being ideally positioned in the heart of the marine community will enable us to more than meet industry demands".

Design work on the new laboratory is almost complete and construction work will begin soon. The laboratory will be staffed by a mixture of local Singaporean and expatriate scientists.