

International Awards

Intersleek 900 was the winner of the “Environmental Initiative” category of the Seatrade Insider Cruise Awards 2008, organised by Seatrade Insider magazine. It was recognised for its environmental benefits for cruise operators, including lower fuel consumption and emissions, reduced paint consumption at the next docking, and reduced risk of fouling during loading delays.



Following the application of Intersleek 900 on the underwater hull of the *MSC Poesia* earlier in 2008, another even larger MSC cruise newbuilding project was completed on 18th of December, with the launch of the *MSC Fantasia* from Aker Yards, St. Nazaire Shipyard in France.

The Italian cruise line again chose Intersleek 900 for the 23-knot, 3950 passenger cruise ship, which at 133,500gt and 333m long, makes it the second largest cruise vessel to have International Paint's premium foul release coating applied to its hull. Almost 12,000 litres of paint were required for the full Intersleek 900 coating scheme.

A third cruise vessel – the *MSC Sinfonia* – has also had Intersleek 900 applied to its hull during a recent docking in Genoa Drydock. It is thought the cruise line will eventually adopt foul release coatings for all of its ships as dockings are due.