

## **International Paint awarded first LR performance standard**

UK company International Paint has announced that the first Lloyd's Register (LR) IMO PSPC (performance standard for protective coatings) type-approval certificate has been awarded to its Intershield 300 product, which is an abrasion resistant, aluminium pure epoxy coating.

Mike Hindmarsh, worldwide marine business development manager for International Paint, said that: "We have always supported the introduction of a standard that would help increase the service life of coatings for seawater ballast tanks, which would directly contribute to improved safety of life at sea. We are pleased that the first LR certificate has been awarded to our premium anticorrosive, Intershield 300, and are confident that with a proven, 20-year track record on over 5,600 vessels, this product will continue to provide a high level of performance."

The PSPC and the type approval certification process places new responsibilities on coatings manufacturers to ensure that all products designed for use in dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and in double side skin spaces of bulk carriers, meet strict performance requirements. To comply, coatings must either pass stringent laboratory testing or be subjected to inspection and confirmation that the coating has provided a minimum of five years 'good' in service performance or that the coating has existing B1 Marintek approval.