

International Paint Awarded 1st PSPC certificate

International Paint Ltd. (Felling, UK) has announced that the first Lloyd's Register IMO PSPC (Performance Standard for Protective Coatings) Type Approval Certificate has been awarded to Intershield® 300—an abrasion resistant, aluminium pure epoxy coating.

The PSPC is a new "Performance Standard for Protective Coatings" for Dedicated Seawater Ballast Tanks of all Types of Ships and Double-Side Skin Spaces of Bulk Carriers. Formally adopted at the Marine Safety Committee meeting (MSC 82) in Istanbul on December 8, 2006, the standard is applicable to newbuildings only and covers the protection of dedicated water ballast tanks. The standard will come into effect for all vessels over 500GT that are contracted on or after July 1, 2008, or if no contract, the keels of which are laid on or after January 1,



Michael Hindmarsh (right), Business Development Manager, International Paint, receives the Intershield 300 Type Approval Certificate from David Howarth, Global Technology Leader, Lloyds Register.

supplier criteria for each supply location as set out in IACS UR Z17 and PR34.

The International Paint Technical Service Training Programme has also gained recognition from Lloyd's Register. Under the rules of the PSPC, all coating inspectors must either be qualified to NACE Coating Inspector Level 2, FROSIO Inspector Level III, or an equivalent qualification.

2009, or if delivery is on or after July 1, 2012.

To comply with the PSPC and the Type Approval Certification process, 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. In addition, the coatings manufacturer must meet the approved