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INTERNATIONAL PAINT: International Paint has announced the completion of the 100th ship coated with the revolutionary, fluoropolymer-based, patented foul release product Intersleek 900. Working in close co-operation with Japan's K Line, the 1998-built, 77,302 dwt Type 77 thermal coal carrier Corona Emblem has been successfully completed at China's Huarun Dadong Dockyard, in Shanghai.

K Line's General Manager of the Maritime Cost Administration Group said, "We're delighted to be working with International Paint on this project and very pleased that the Corona Emblem is the 100th Intersleek 900 application. For K Line, Intersleek 900 forms a strategic part of our maintenance reduction programme with associated cost savings through reduced time in dock, blasting and repair costs and coatings volumes. We also fully expect to achieve all of our hull coatings environmental and performance objectives through the use of this exciting new technology".

Speaking on behalf of International Paint Ltd., Alistair Williamson, Worldwide Marine Marketing Manager said, "In a market hugely influenced by fuel cost, we're very pleased that the value for money offered by the fluoropolymer Intersleek 900 has been quickly recognised by the industry and I congratulate K Line on this 100th application. What's quite remarkable is that this milestone has been achieved six times faster than the first 100 ships coated with our silicone based product Intersleek 700. This is testimony to the exceptional quality of Intersleek 900 and to the performance benefits it can deliver".

Exceptionally smooth with unprecedented low levels of average hull roughness, excellent foul release capabilities and good resistance to mechanical damage means that for the very first time all vessels operating above 10 knots can now benefit from foul

release technology – a fact reflected in the diverse range of ship types and operational profiles in the Intersleek 900 track record which includes ULCCs, VLCCs, bulk carriers, general cargo carriers, coastal tankers, gas carriers, reefers, cruise liners, container ships, naval craft and catamarans with operating speeds between ten and 39 knots and tonnage between 1000 and 442,000 dwt.

Whilst offering predicted fuel and emissions savings of 2% in comparison to Intersleek 700 and 6% in comparison to biocide containing SPC (self polishing copolymer) antifouling's, customer in-service experience on this diverse range of 100 ships has demonstrated savings considerably higher than this – some well into double figures.