

### PSPC initiative completes one hundredth gap analysis



*Presentation of a Lloyd's Register and International Paint PSPC Certificate to STX France Cruise, Saint-Nazaire*

**Just two years after completing the first performance standard for protective coatings (PSPC) gap analysis in a Chinese shipyard, Lloyd's Register and International Paint have announced the completion of the one hundredth analysis in STX France Cruise, Saint-Nazaire.**

Conducted over a two-day period by personnel from Lloyd's Register, International Paint and STX France Cruise, Saint-Nazaire, the PSPC gap analysis assesses current shipyard coating practices against PSPC requirements. Lloyd's Register and International Paint then jointly deliver a presentation to shipyard senior management and departmental managers. The presentation to all functions is a key aspect of the analysis and is specifically designed to help the shipyard understand that in order to meet the requirements of the PSPC and maximise shipbuilding efficiency, all departments, such as design, procurement, quality, steelwork, outfitting and production, need to be involved – not just the paint department.

Mrs Liberette Foubert, System Engineer, Painting Industrial Department of STX France Cruise, Saint-Nazaire said, "We're very pleased to have been part of this significant milestone. For us, this gap analysis has been very useful and has helped structure our current works practices and improve inter departmental communication. We're confident that proven compliance with the requirements of the IMO PSPC will improve our business capabilities, competitiveness and future opportunities."

Mr Bill Cramman, Senior Coatings Specialist for Lloyd's Register said, "The gap analysis surveys that Lloyds Register and International Paint have delivered for newbuilding shipyards in China and in 55 shipyards in Europe have contributed significantly to the future success of our clients' businesses, an improvement in shipping safety worldwide and in meeting our own, Lloyd's Register, objectives of leadership in developing robust services that reflect our service culture."

By the time of the follow up visit to STX France Cruise, Saint-Nazaire on June 17, 2009, the shipyard, clearly demonstrating its commitment to the IMO PSPC, had already implemented the changes recommended in the gap analysis presentation and was awarded a Lloyd's Register and International Paint PSPC Certificate to commemorate the one hundredth gap analysis.

Mr Mike Hindmarsh, Business Development Manager, International Paint said, "We're particularly pleased to present this certificate as we believe it both confirms STX as a world class facility and demonstrates, through our activities with Lloyd's Register, that working together and learning from each other can have a positive impact on ship building efficiency, quality and safety".

With gap analyses completed in China and Europe, plans are now developing to begin work in the Americas.

Meanwhile, International Paint's ongoing programme of investment in research and development 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.

The new laboratory will be a key part of International Paint's global marine network of R and D centres and builds upon the success of the existing worldwide product development laboratories in the UK and Korea and the existing regional product development laboratories in Houston, Bangalore, Shanghai, Geoje, Singapore and Felling.

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," stated 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 reportedly begin soon. The laboratory will be staffed by a mixture of local Singaporean and expatriate scientists.

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