

Coatings

International gets certified

International Paint Ltd's Intershield 300 abrasion-resistant, aluminium pure epoxy coating has been awarded Lloyd's Register's first IMO performance standard for protective coatings (PSPC) type approval certificate.

Mike Hindmarsh, worldwide marine business development manager, International Paint, is in favour



Michael Hindmarsh (right), business development manager, International Paint, receives the Intershield 300 Type Approval Certificate from David Howarth, global technology leader, Lloyd's Register.

of the new certification: 'We have always supported the introduction of a standard that would help increase the service life of coatings for seawater ballast tanks and directly contribute to improved safety of life at sea.'

The requirements of the PSPC certification state that coatings must either pass stringent laboratory testing, be subjected to inspection and confirmation that the coating has provided a minimum of five years of good service performance, or gain existing B1 Marintek approval.

In addition to this, to meet the Lloyd's Register standard, coatings must meet the approved supplier criteria for each supply location, as set out in IACS UR Z17 and PR34. This includes the provision that if the manufacturer makes coatings in different locations under the same product name then infrared identification shall be used to demonstrate that the coating is of the same high quality and specification.

Lloyd's Register has also recognised International's Technical Service training programme for coatings inspectors as having equivalent merit to NACE Coating Inspector Level 2 and FROSIO Inspector Level III qualifications.

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