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Lloyd’s Register Selects NACE International to Expand PSPC Training for Shipyards in China

Houston, TX (December 10, 2007) – Lloyd’s Register today offered the first training course designed to qualify coating inspectors employed at China’s leading shipyards to meet the global requirements for the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings (PSPC).

NACE International, whose courses are recognized by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to deliver PSPC training, will provide its Coating Inspector Program (CIP) at Lloyd’s Register’s new Marine Training Institute in Shanghai.

“In January, Lloyd’s Register was the first to offer a series of seminars around China, and we used the feedback to develop our gap-analysis service, which gives the yards a clear path to PSPC compliance,” says Nick Brown, General Manager, Marine Business Development, China, for Lloyd’s Register Asia. “Together with International Paint (Shanghai), we have delivered more than 30 gap analyses to shipyards across China. Demand for this service has been strong, with new enquiries extending across China and, more recently, to Taiwan, Korea, and Japan.”

“The feedback from our gap analysis indicated that the yards in China felt there was a critical lack of coating inspectors with the qualifications required by the PSPC, and an urgent requirement to deliver the courses in Mandarin,” Brown says. “Their demand for training created the impetus for this initiative.”

A full program of NACE CIP courses is intended to be delivered in Mandarin throughout 2008, helping Lloyd’s Register’s clients to directly meet the prescriptive requirements of PSPC inspector qualifications.

“NACE is delighted that Lloyd’s Register has selected our CIP certification program as the standard to offer their shipyard clients,” said Tony Keane, Executive Director of NACE International. “For 25 years, CIP has set the standard for training on coating inspections. Through this agreement, both parties are providing timely support to China’s shipyards as they prepare to meet the PSPC requirements.”

The PSPC calls for shipyards, coating manufacturers, ship owners, and classification societies to ensure that protective coating systems in water ballast tanks are specified, qualified, applied, and inspected throughout the ship’s construction. It calls for minimum qualifications, specifically identifying NACE as an official entity to certify coating inspectors.

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“The Lloyd's Register Maritime Institute (Shanghai) is an ideal platform from which to deliver this type of high-end training to our clients in China,” says Roy Ellams, Marine Training Services, Manager, North East Asia. “But we also needed to find a globally respected coating organization that could provide industry-level training locally.”

The PSPC regulations specify that the coating inspector involved in the application and inspection process must be qualified as NACE Coating Inspector Level 2-Certified or equivalent.

Since the adoption of the new PSPC regulations by the IMO last December, Lloyd’s Register has led the way in providing practical assistance to Chinese shipyards.

NACE CIP is the leading training and certification program for the protective coating industry for over 25 years, with more than 9,500 active CIP-certified professionals in 95 countries.

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