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MAN Energy Solutions Signs MoU with Eastern Pacific Shipping on Ammonia Training Development

Memorandum of Understanding covers training and capability-building of personnel handling ammonia dual-fuel engines

MAN Energy Solutions has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Eastern Pacific Shipping (EPS) at Posidonia 2024 International Shipping Exhibition in Piraeus, Greece, on the development of crew training for the handling of ammonia as fuel on vessels.

Signed between Cyril Ducau, Chief Executive Officer for EPS and Bjarne Foldager, Country Manager, Denmark for MAN Energy Solutions, the MoU will enable EPS to be trained alongside MAN Energy Solutions' engineers on the safe handling of ammonia for its dual-fuel engines, and to develop training material to strengthen capability building on the transportation of alternative fuels like ammonia over time. Both signatories are committed to further this process working alongside classification-society and regulators.

Ducau said: "This MoU not only underscores the significance of our partnership with MAN Energy Solutions as we pioneer the industry's green transformation, it also complements our recent commitment to collaborate with stakeholders like the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, to create the right environment for the safe transportation of alternative fuels like ammonia. It will enable us to address challenges more holistically to develop tailored training that will enhance crew safety and strengthen environmental aspects as we decarbonise the global shipping industry safely."

MAN Energy Solutions' relationship with EPS goes back decades. Currently, EPS is working diligently with MAN Energy Solutions to enable the delivery of MAN B&W dual-fuel ammonia engines for a number of Very Large Ammonia Carriers and Newcastlemax bulkers. More recently, MAN Energy Solutions presented EPS with a plaque commemorating its one-thousandth dual-fuel engine order being received for one of EPS' vessels.

Foldager said: "At MAN Energy Solutions, we have always been impressed by EPS' seafaring personnel who have proven themselves eminently capable of adapting to change and tackling all manners of technical challenges. This 'can do' spirit and commitment to excellence will come to serve them well when handling an alternative fuel like ammonia and the unique challenges it presents. The training that EPS personnel will receive will cover a range of innovations and safety measures that we have incorporated into our ammonia engine design to ensure safe and reliable operation at sea. I can think of no better launch partner with whom we could have worked."

About Eastern Pacific Shipping

With a history spanning 60 years, Eastern Pacific Shipping Pte. Ltd. ('EPS') is a leading shipping company that is committed to the green and technology-driven growth of the industry. Headquartered in Singapore for the past 30 years, EPS is driven by its mission to be the safe and efficient transportation provider of choice to the shipping industry. Empowering that mission is a 6,000 strong and growing workforce across sea and shore. They oversee a versatile fleet of over 270 vessels and 28 million deadweight-tonnes across four core segments of containership, dry bulk, gas and tanker vessels. EPS' shore team is fully integrated with in-house commercial, finance, innovation, IT, legal, manning, operations, and technical departments.



Pictured at the MoU signing (front, left to right) Cyril Ducau, Chief Executive Officer, EPS and Bjarne Foldager, Country Manager, Denmark, MAN Energy Solutions

MAN Energy Solutions enables its customers to achieve sustainable value creation in the transition towards a carbon neutral future. Addressing tomorrow's challenges within the marine, energy and industrial sectors, we improve efficiency and performance at a systemic level. Leading the way in advanced engineering for more than 250 years, we provide a unique portfolio of technologies. Headquartered in Germany, MAN Energy Solutions employs some 14,000 people at over 120 sites globally. Our after-sales brand, MAN PrimeServ, offers a vast network of service centres to our customers all over the world.