

LLOYD'S REGISTER'S BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT accolade for GE Shipping

The Great Eastern Shipping Co Ltd. (GE Shipping) has been accorded Lloyd's Register's Ship Right ballast water management plan (BWMP) descriptive note for 17 of its tankers (including its gas carrier). In June 2002, Lloyd's Register approved the plans of two of the company's product tankers and subsequently approved the BWMP for its 15 tankers including its gas carrier.

Lloyd's Register is one of the leading classification societies in the field of ballast water management services and helps shipping companies in the preparation of ballast water management plans and also reviews, approves and certifies pre-existing plans. To date, 48 shipping companies have achieved Lloyd's Register's Ship Right BWMP descriptive note. The descriptive note follows the guidelines set out in the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Resolution A.868(20), "Guidelines for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water to minimize the transfer of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens". Accordingly, the descriptive note considers the environmental impact of ballast water management methods.

The introduction of invasive marine species into new environments by ships' ballast water has been identified as one of the four greatest threats to the world's oceans, the other three being marine pollution, overexploitation of living marine resources and physical alteration/destruction of marine habitats. Ballasting results in the potential transfer of species from one location to another, which can be ecologically harmful to non-native environments. Reballasting at sea as recommended by the IMO guidelines is currently the best available measure to reduce the risk of transfer of harmful aquatic organisms. One of the main features of the IMO Resolution is the provision for a ship-specific ballast water management plan, which identifies the procedures to be carried out for the safe and effective management of ballast water on board the ship.

GE Shipping is committed to safeguarding ocean wealth. Adoption of BWMP and approval from Lloyd's Register for the tanker fleet prior to the relevant regulations being mandatory is in alignment with GE Shipping's philosophy of proactiveness in protecting the marine environment and following prudent practices.

Certificate

This is to certify that

***THE GREAT EASTERN
SHIPPING CO. LTD,***
MUMBAI,INDIA.

has achieved the
**Lloyd's Register Ballast Water Management
Certification for the entire fleet of
tankers and gas carriers.**



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