

## The sustainability aspects of antifouling coatings

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### Hempel & myself in brief

From being founded in 1915 delivering marine coatings to the Danish merchant fleet Hempel A/S is today a global company protecting our customers' assets across four different segments all over the world





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IT and Business background

PhD with the Danish Maritime Foundation

- Joined Hempel, working with service strategy and biofouling regulation
- Member of two ISO working groups on Biofouling management, working with BIMCO, and acting as IMO GloFouling GIA representative
- A part of the CESA at PPR10 WG on Biofouling Guidelines









## The importance of preventing marine biofouling to ensure ship efficiency and protect marine ecosystems





## Energy efficiency is key to achieve the net-zero target by 2050





## Moving beyond biofouling protection: Coatings as an energy saving device for performance improvement





### Environmental aspects of antifouling coatings itself



VOC emissions from solvents used in paint during application at shipyards





**Emissions into water** 

- Biocide release
- Non-soluble polymer release



Industry dilemma: Balancing between antifouling coatings performance and environmental impact?

### Antifouling coatings performance



- Antifouling coatings as an energy efficiency devise
- Preventing transfer of invasive species to local marine ecosystems



#### **Environmental impact**



- Protect marine ecosystems in trade ways and port ways from biocide and polymer release
- Reduce VOC emissions at shipyards during application



### Advanced silicone coatings can significantly reduce this industry dilemma



Smooth hydrogel layer preventing bio-organisms to settle on the hull

The hydrogel layer + biocides combined —— with speed removes bio-organism settled on the hull during ship service



#### Hempel's advanced low friction silicone coating

- A fouling release coating technology
- Based on a tailor-made surface energy
- Uses **95% less biocide** pr. Square meter compared to a traditional antifouling
- Works by the formation of an **activated hydrogel** at the surface
- Characterized by a smooth, stable surface
- Low frictional coefficient initial fuel savings
- Unique performance during idling constant fuel consumption
- · Biocide release is independent of ship speed



### Advanced silicone coatings can significantly improve the hydrodynamics of a ship...





## ... and significantly reduce the industry dilemma between performance and environmental impact





## Ensures little to no cleaning, prevents the release of harmful waste to the water column





## Steering towards more sustainable antifouling solutions for existing and new build vessels

Advanced silicone coatings signals a paradigm change in the coating industry enabling owners and yards to be first movers on sustainable hull management

#### Less fuel

#### Less application

#### With application of a silicone system a marine vessel can use less fuel to maintain same speed.

#### Paint savings up to 18 % significantly reducing paint supply and waste materials

### Less release

95% less biocidal release in the water, less release of polymers and less need of hull cleaning











### Industry must strive towards antifouling solutions that enable energy efficiency while protecting biodiversity



Energy efficiency is key to achieve net-zero by 2050

Efficiency upgrades are key and antifouling coatings are a low hanging fruit



**Need to balance performance and environmental impact of antifouling coatings** Advanced low-friction silicone-based coatings offer a way forward to address the industry dilemma



**Energy efficiency measures must be evaluated through a holistic approach** Ensuring educated decisions on how to upgrade ship efficiency



## Building an industry framework to take educated decisions on energy efficiency measures



Engagement with EE-suppliers, owners, yards and class societies to build industry-accepted standards and frameworks



Accelerating the transition towards sustainable energy efficiency upgrades

# Thank you for your time

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