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The European Marine Equipment Industry is ready to meet the environmental challenges. Jaakko Eskola, Wärtsilä, appointed as new president of EMEC.

For further information, please contact: Today, the European Marine Equipment Council (EMEC) appointed Mr. Jaakko Eskola, as President, replacing Mr Pim van Gulpen who has come to the end of his term.
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Mr. Jaakko Eskola is the Group Vice President of Wärtsilä Corporation and Head of Wärtsilä Ship Power. The appointment of Mr. Eskola marks the strong commitment of the marine equipment industry towards to the policy making process at the EU and international level.

Mr. Eskola will undertake the mission to bring the contribution of EMEC to the European Union and the IMO and support the development of the European Union's transport and industry policies. His presidency will focus on promoting policy choices favouring safety at sea and environmental protection.

"The environmental challenge will top the agenda in all marine related industries. Prime movers have improved in efficiency and emissions levels, but further improvements are needed. I expect that there will be stronger equipment integration development that will secure higher overall efficiency, innovations related to different fuel strategies, and secondary methods to meet future demands. Improved environmental performance will be the focus for R&D and new equipment", Mr. Jaakko Eskola declared on his appointment.

Mr. Eskola has contributed to EMEC's activities as a member of EMECnet, the unique network of leading European equipment companies which regularly meets in Brussels with key decision makers within EU institutions.

EMEC appointed also Mr. Terje Dyrseth as new Vice-President. Mr. Dyrseth is the Managing Director (CEO) of Brunvoll, a leading manufacturer of thrusters systems.

Background Note

Jaakko Eskola has been Wärtsilä Group Vice President and Head of Wärtsilä Ship Power since 1 April 2006. He was born in 1958 and holds an MSc in Engineering. Previous work experience includes: VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland,



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Terje Dyrseth has been Managing Director (CEO) of BRUNVOLL AS, since August 2001. He was born in 1947 and holds a Naval Academy diploma in marine/naval engineering from the Royal Norwegian Navy. Previous work experiences include: Marketing Director/Vice president, Sales Manager/Director and Sales Engineer, BRUNVOLL AS; Officer Lieutenant/Commander, Royal Norwegian Navy, Submarine Survey/Inspection, Officer Lieutenant, Chief engineer Submarine, Royal Norwegian Navy. In addition: Mr. Dyrseth is Board Member, Executive Board, Federation of Norwegian Industries; Board Member, Confederation of Norwegian Enterprises (NHO).

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The European Marine Equipment Council (EMEC) represents the European marine equipment industry, and comprises 12 European trade associations from Austria, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (two), Italy, Norway, Poland, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom. EMEC stands for a strong European marine equipment industry. It optimises interaction between the member associations and European institutions, and supports the involvement of companies in all EU programmes affecting the sector. In particular, it strives for increasing the quality of marine technology and the competitiveness and prosperity of the whole industry.

European marine equipment manufacturers and suppliers represent a cluster of companies with a very significant role in the European Maritime cluster. The marine equipment manufacturers and service providers supply all the products and services necessary for building, repair, conversion and maintenance of vessels. The products and services delivered by the industry account for up to 70% of the total value of the ship. The maritime equipment sector employs directly more than 280,000 people, while indirect employment amounts to about 440,000.

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