

Stena Bulk confirms scrubber order with Bluesoul

Stena Bulk has now signed a turnkey exhaust gas scrubber solution agreement with Chinese Bluesoul to equip its Suezmax and IMOII MAX fleets. In total, Stena Bulk will equip 15 vessels with scrubbers and have an additional 6 options for installation prior to 2020.

Shanghai Bluesoul Environment Technology, with its base in Shanghai, has had a collaboration agreement with the Stena group for more than a year. Bluesoul is the first Chinese enterprise to be awarded Lloyd's Register Exhaust Gas Cleaning System Machinery General Design Appraisal as well as DNV GL and ABS AiP.

“By installing scrubbers, we will be well equipped to meet the 2020 regulation and are protected from price volatility as well as fuel shortage. In relation to market developments, today's market predictions are attractive in theory and currently seems to be so in practice too, despite there being a couple of parameters that remain uncertain. However, there are opportunities already available today to lock in some of the uncertainty, which might be appealing when looking for a more secure investment. We are very happy to be able to confirm this order with Bluesoul, which has performed very well in terms of quality compared with more reputable manufacturers”, says Erik Hånell, President & CEO Stena Bulk.

The scrubber to be installed is an Open Loop Hybrid Ready with Water Cleaning, which not only removes the sulfur but also particles from the exhaust.

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