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SUBJECT : Recommendations
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Dear Sir,

I have great pleasure in making the following recommendation following your successful repair activities last year.

To Whom It May Concern:

Messrs. Van Zonderen participated in a major project last year to replace existing ballast tank soft coatings with approved hard coatings on two of our Managed Vessels. Tenders for the initial phase of the project were invited from a number of Contractors of International repute including Van Zonderen. The contract for execution of works onboard both vessels was awarded to Van Zonderen on the basis of the cost effectiveness their bid, the quality of their equipment and personnel, and the controlled management aspects of the works execution. The successful removal of soft coatings to achieve a substrate condition acceptable to Coating Suppliers for the application of hard coatings is extremely difficult and requires a considerable amount of research plus trials with chemicals, processes and equipment. Prior to the application phase of this project, Van Zonderen established process acceptance criteria in conjunction with Coating Suppliers and Independent Underwriters that led to the joint issue of a five-year guarantee.

Both projects were initiated in a dry-dock repair period and completed during the subsequent voyage. Project execution of phase 1 was to a very high professional standard and within time and cost projections. Phase 2 of these projects; will progress using the services of Van Zonderen later this year.

I therefore highly recommend the Services of Van Zonderen to any entity who are considering repairs of this difficult nature.

Best Regards

J.McKee
Project Superintendent
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As Agents