



Press Release

Green Award gives recognition to zero emissions

14 December, 2017, ROTTERDAM - Green Award, a certification scheme for inland and sea-going ships, introduces a Platinum label for ships operating emission-free.

Green Award certifies ships that demonstrate better than legally required performance in terms of quality, safety and environmental practices. In 2011 a certification program for inland ships was launched. The number of certified inland navigation barges has been growing ever since and has now reached 631. The requirements are continuously improved and updated to address new challenges.

Technologies are rapidly developing and technological progress allows yet better performance. Operating with zero emissions is coming closer and offers opportunity to eliminate ship specific emission footprint.

Therefore Green Award launches a Platinum label for inland navigation ships that keep abreast of the times and operate several hours a day with zero emissions of CO₂, SO_x, NO_x and PM. The emissions are avoided by use of electrical propulsion powered by batteries or fuel cells. Increase in number of emission-free ships leads to drastic reduction in air pollution and CO₂ emissions.

The first inland navigation vessel with zero emissions is expected to be certified in 2018. Platinum label comes in addition to existing Bronze, Silver and Gold certification levels within the Green Award program. Green Award hopes that the Platinum label will be recognized by ports and other incentive providers and rewarded with suitable incentives to further promote emission-free ship operations.

Together with inland shipping entrepreneurs Green Award is striving for safe and clean shipping. The path to the future is clear. A step in the direction of emission-free ship operations has been taken.

In the future, the Green Award Foundation considers introducing the Platinum label for sea-going ships as well.

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About Green Award

The Green Award Foundation was established in 1994. Green Award is a global, independent, non-for-profit quality assurance organization that works by certifying ship managers and vessels that go beyond the industry standards in terms of safety, quality and environmental performance. The scheme is open for sea-going oil and chemical tankers, bulk carriers, LNG and LPG carriers, container carriers and inland navigation barges.

In 2011 a certification program for inland navigation ships was launched. There are 3 certification levels within the program for inland shipping, namely, Bronze, Silver and Gold, and a Platinum label for emission-free ship operations.

The certification is voluntary and brings various benefits such as image improvement and discounts on port dues and services/products.

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