

Press Release

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### **CMP secure the Minister of Environment Award at the 13th GSC Awards**

Chugoku Marine Paints, Ltd. is pleased to announce that the research theme of an industry-academia-government collaboration project has secured the Minister of the Environment Award at the Thirteenth Green and Sustainable Chemistry Awards offered by the Japan Association for Chemical Innovation.

The theme, **“Development and practical use of a new paint which enables reduction of VOC\* and ship hull friction”** involved joint research with Hitachi Chemical Co., the National Maritime Research Institute, the Cooperative Association of Japan Shipbuilders and Yuge National College of Maritime Technology.

The subject of the award was CMP’s fuel efficient anti-fouling paint for the underwater area of ship’s hulls: SEAFLO NEO, which has the main features of huge reduction in VOC level compared to current products, and reduction of ship hull friction by the smooth paint film. This product was appraised as an environment-responsive paint. And in actual fact is the second time SEAFLO NEO has won an award, following its success of the Award by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in September 2012.

SEAFLO NEO has now developed into a series of products providing fuel efficient antifouling paints for all vessel types and with over 500 applications has proved successful across the board. Further, SEAFLO NEO Z series has been designed and developed to provide an ultra smooth paint film. SEAFLO NEO Z was introduced to the marine market in Japan in 2013.

CMP will be increasing promotion of its products to enable advantage to be taken by a broader range of customers, and will continue to contribute further to fuel efficiency and global environment preservation in the marine industry.

\*VOC = Volatile Organic Compounds