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### **CMP secure “2014 Nikkei Global Environmental Technology Awards”**

Chugoku Marine Paints, Ltd. (CMP) is pleased to announce that the research theme of the development of anti-fouling paint for ship bottoms which contributes to fuel efficiency of ships for our products of SEAFLO NEO & SEAFLO NEO Z series has secured the “2014 Nikkei Global Environmental Technology Awards” offered by Nikkei Inc., to honor companies which highly contributed to the establishments of innovative approaches to the global environment.

CMP has won awards of the 10th Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration Contribution Awards by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in September 2012 and the Minister of Environment Award at the 13th GSC Awards in May 2014 for SEAFLO NEO series, a fuel efficient anti-fouling paint for the underwater area of ship’s hulls, which reduce VOC and create smooth paint surface that reduce hull friction, leading to reduction of environmental load. SEAFLO NEO series’ environmental performance and the actual achievement of paint application on over 300 ships with reduction in environmental load as well as its excellent effect of reducing fuel consumption have been appraised for winning this award.

The concept is based on CMP’s FIR Theory, which quantify the roughness of paint film and then the increase rate of Friction Resistance, aiming fuel saving type of anti-fouling paint and actually producing very smooth paint film. These product series have significant effect on fuel efficiency and contribute to the inhibition of CO<sub>2</sub> emission.

CMP will be continuing to develop unique technology and contribute to society by expanding sales of environment responsive paint, not just for marine industry, but for all industries, and increase awareness of the preservation of global environment.