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PRESS RELEASE

Finlines decides to install Ecospray Technologies Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems to reduce the environmental impact of its Ro.Pax ferries in the Baltic and the North Sea

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Due to the increasingly stringent SO₂ emission regulations by IMO to enter into force from January 2015, Finlines has ordered from Ecospray complete ECO-EGC systems for retrofitting four of its Star Class - Ro.Pax Ferries.

By choosing the unique and proprietary ECO-EGC systems, these vessels will be able to operate in compliance with the IMO emission regulations while continuing to use HFO instead of the more expensive MGO. The uniqueness of these ECO-EGC systems lies in the principle to treat first each engine exhaust gas in a Catalytic Oxidation Reactor, which drastically reduces soot and uncombusted hydrocarbons (including PAH's), then removes SO_x in a compact sea-water tower installed in place of the existing silencers. As a further advantage of this technology, the ship-owner will be able to comply with the water discharge rules and minimize the environmental footprint of navigation without treating the wash-water with any reagent.

Received on early August 2014, the Finlines order includes four ECO-EGC systems (hybrid ready) for each of a.m. four vessels. These 16 systems in total will be progressively delivered and installed between late of this year and early 2015.

Ecospray is also committed to support Finlines during the ECO-EGC systems installation and commissioning activities, as well as for the approval by Class and Flag notations, providing a highly professional technical service.

Finlines Plc is one of the largest North-European Ro.Ro and Ro.Pax shipping companies, servicing mainly the Baltic and the North Sea routes. The company is part of the Grimaldi Group, one of the largest European operators of the "Motorways of the Sea" for both passengers and freight.

Ecospray Technologies S.r.l. is a private Italian company acting with increasing success in the gas cleaning and cooling technologies for many industrial applications and power plants since late 2005. With over 50 units already installed or on order up-to-date for both cruise ships and ferries, Ecospray can be considered one of the most reliable partners for the marine EGCS applications.

ECO-EGC systems have already been certified by the Class Societies Lloyd Ltd., Germanischer Lloyd and RINA.