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**Press release**

**Evonik and TeamTec agree on a cooperation for the marketing of AVITALISTM Ballast Water Treatment System**

Essen, Germany and Tvedestrand, Norway, February 15, 2016

On February 15, 2016, TeamTec AS and Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH have signed a cooperation agreement for the marketing of AVITALISTM Ballast Water Treatment System (AVITALISTM).

AVITALISTM is a fully automated system for the disinfection of ballast water aboard of ships. AVITALISTM utilizes the highly efficacious and biologically degradable PERACLEAN® Ocean, which has been specifically developed for the treatment of ballast water.

Within the cooperation with Evonik, TeamTec takes over the global responsibility for the manufacture, sales and service of AVITALISTM. Evonik with its global presence and established supply chains for specialty chemicals ensures the supply of the customers with PERACLEAN® Ocean as well as the further development of the technology.

TeamTec is a globally leading supplier of waste incinerators and stripping ejectors for the use aboard of ships. Beyond this, TeamTec’s parent company IMS Group is a market leader in watertight ship doors.

“In TeamTec as a globally leading supplier of maritime specialty equipment we have found the ideal partner for the marketing of AVITALISTM. With its broad market access and production know how for specialty components for the ship industry, TeamTec perfectly complements our own technology competencies”, explains Michael Träxler, head of the Business Line Active Oxygens of Evonik.

Olav Voie, CEO of TeamTec emphasizes: “AVITALISTM is the ideal addition to our maritime product portfolio. With AVITALISTM, we are now able to also offer our customers a reliable and environmentally friendly solution for the treatment of ballast water. We are very much looking forward to the cooperation with Evonik, a leading company in specialty chemicals and in the field of ballast water treatment”.

**About Resource Efficiency**

The Resource Efficiency segment is led by Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH and brings together Evonik’s activities in specialty chemicals for industrial applications. The Resource Efficiency segment supplies high performance materials for environmentally friendly as well as energy-efficient systems to the automotive, paints & coatings, adhesives, construction, and many other industries. This segment employed about 7,800 employees, and generated sales of around €4 billion in 2014.

**About Evonik**

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals, operating in the Nutrition & Care, Resource Efficiency and Performance Materials segments. The company benefits from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms. In 2014 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €12.9 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €1.9 billion.

**About TeamTec**

TeamTec AS is one of the world leaders in manufacturing and sales of marine waste incinerating systems and stripping ejectors to the shipbuilding industry. TeamTec has presence in all major shipbuilding markets and has established a global sales and service organization. The company is a member of IMS Group and a very well recognized name in the maritime industry. It was founded in 1984 and has it‘s headquarter in Tvedestrand Norway.

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