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Reference: Solstad Offshore use and endorsement of Nordic Chem antimicrobial

To whom it may concern,

As with many other organizations operating within the offshore and shipping sector the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented level of disruption to the industry and in particular that of biological risk.

At the outset of the identification of the COVID-19 virus strain the company instigated a COVID-19 mitigation team of which I am the primary focal point. At the outside of the pandemic a concerted level of research was conducted into the lessons learnt from COVID-19 transmission within the cruise line industry and correlated with modes of transmission. Evidence from these events showed that the single most important factor in preventing onward spread onboard a vessel was eliminating the potential for 'touch contact transmission' from a person/s who may be shedding the virus in an infective phase. Lessons Learnt from our experiences and preventing major outbreaks onboard supported this hypothesis.

Whilst working under reference of the European Center of Disease Control recommendations for effective disinfection chemicals for COVID-19, our HSEQ department was mindful that work needed to be identifying a chemical or coating that could potentially provide a level of residual protection outside of disinfection rounds to remove the 'contact point or touch point' transmission.

It was through this work that we identified several companies 'proposing' antimicrobial surface treatments that were effective against COVID-19 and offered mid to long term protection at common contact points in a vessel.

After careful review of the data made available from all companies offering this solution it was decided that Nordic Chem would be vendor of choice.

As a result we have now rolled out the antimicrobial surface coating on our vessels operating in Europe and the United Kingdom and Mexico and are working to have this established fleet wide.

I can be contacted directly if there are and case specific questions in relation to application of the coating in a shipping environment.

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