



Joint Press Release:

Ankron to offer discounts on water sampling and analysis to certified ships

Green Award Foundation welcomes another Incentive Provider to its network; Ankron Water Services GmbH. Ankron is a German-based provider of independent testing and consulting services and will offer Green Award certified ships 5% discount on all their water sampling and analysis. The company supports ship owners, manufacturers and authorities in meeting international standards in development, type approval and proper operation of water treatment plants and related equipment.

Ankron has set itself the goal of helping its customers to meet the sometimes very complex requirements for water treatment systems, to demonstrate sufficient performance for the relevant permits and to ensure safe operation for people and environment.

In order to be able to offer customers high-quality solutions, it is of crucial importance for Ankron to keep abreast of the current state of the art and to participate in the development and standardization of methods and tools.

The network of ports, ship managers, charterers, maritime service providers and authorities set up by Green Award aims to raise awareness of sustainable and environmentally friendly shipping and to increase motivation to take appropriate action.



(left to right) Jan Fransen, Executive Director of Green Award Foundation and Erik Köster, Managing Director of Ankron Water Services GmbH



Green Award is a platform for promoting safety, quality and environmental performance in shipping by facilitating a network of incentive providers with a wide range of benefits for certificate holders. Prevention of pollution to water has always been one of the main drivers within the Green Award program, and the addition of Ankron to the network will only add value to the program with also the opportunity to learn more from Ankron's expertise.

As an incentive provider, Ankron identifies with the core values of Green Award and supports the common goal of promoting environmental protection, quality and safety in shipping by complying with the applicable standards at a technically high level.

Erik Köster, the Managing Director of Ankron Water Services GmbH states "We are happy and excited to join the Green Award initiative as incentive provider and are looking forward to bringing our knowledge and expertise with water related developments to the network. We are anxious to spread and live up to the values of Green Award to ensure compliance with, or even exceed regulatory discharge standards for water treatment systems and reward and support those doing so."



Ankron performs waste water sampling for VGP testing on board a cruise ship

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About Ankron:

Ankron is an independent provider of consulting and testing services for the maritime industry and supports ship owners, manufacturers and authorities in all areas of technical development, approval and proper operation of equipment and water treatment systems.

Services include sampling and analysis for compliance with U.S. EPA Vessel General Permit (VGP), IMO Commissioning testing, Type Approval and general compliance testing along with state-of-the-art consulting.

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About Green Award Foundation

Green Award certifies sea-going oil and chemical tankers, bulk carriers, LNG and LPG carriers, container carriers, offshore vessels, RoRo, inland navigation barges and river cruise vessels. Its assessment criteria cover environmental, quality and safety aspects, and performance of management and the crew. With this comprehensive approach and a diverse team of the industry's experts supporting the scheme, Green Award secures the quality of its audits and real value of its certificate.

With nearly 150 ports and other maritime related organisations providing discounts to the certified companies and ships, the scheme motivates ship owners and managers to invest in the improvements on board and ashore and serves as a reliable Corporate Social Responsibility and risk reduction tool for participating shipping companies, ports and maritime service providers.

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