LR Awards Approval in Principle to Seaspan Corporation for Next Generation Feeder Ship Design

Technolog's feeder ship design will initially use LNG but can transition to ammonia propulsion during its operational lifecycle.

LONDON, May 21, 2024 /CNW/ - Lloyd's Register (LR) has awarded Approval in Principle (AiP) to Seaspan Corporation for its innovative Next Generation Feeder Ship Design. The vessel, measuring 198 m in length and developed by Technolog, is future-proofed in its design and can be efficiently converted from LNG to Ammonia Fuel during its lifetime, trading efficiently in today's market and being ready for tomorrow's.

Completion of the AiP process for the feeder ship design underscores Seaspan's commitment to delivering cutting-edge solutions in support of its customers decarbonisation journeys. By collaborating with Technolog and LR, Seaspan has developed a solution that meets current market demands and anticipates future challenges and opportunities in the maritime industry.

The unique design of the Next Generation Feeder Ship showcases the direction that ship design may take in the future. By completing the AiP process, Seaspan, Technolog, and Lloyd's Register have laid the groundwork for future advancements in feeder vessel technology in this rapidly evolving space.

The project builds on the previous work LR has conducted with Seaspan Corporation. Seaspan is a founding partner of several LR Safety Tech Accelerator initiatives, including "Methane Abatement in Maritime Innovation" and "Cargo Fire and Loss Innovation". Seaspan and LR are also collaborating on initiatives focusing on how energy transition is affecting seafarer safety.



LR, Seaspan and Technolog all look forward to beginning work on phase 2 of this project, which will be a DF Ammonia Feeder Vessel.

Andy McKeran, Chief Commercial Officer at Lloyd's Register, said: "We are very pleased to grant Approval in Principle to Seaspan for their innovative Next Generation Feeder Vessel Design. This achievement highlights Seaspan's dedication to excellence and sustainability in maritime transportation and LR remains committed to supporting industry leaders like Seaspan in their pursuit of cutting-edge solutions that drive positive change and set new standards for the future of shipping."

Peter Jackson, SVP of Assets and Technology at Seaspan Corporation, said: "We are committed to providing creative solutions to our customers in support of their decarbonisation journey and the best way to do this is through partnerships and collaborations with industry leaders such as LR and Technolog. Seaspan and LR have partnered to address important topics for many years, and this is an excellent result of one of those partnerships. Technolog's input has also provided a creative solution and demonstrated their leadership in the ship design and Feeder Ship segment."

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