

## Press release

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### **Hempel launches versatile new epoxy coating for marine newbuildings**

Leading world-wide coatings supplier Hempel announces today the launch of Hempadur Quattro XO 17820 in Canada, the US and Mexico. Responding to customer needs, this high performance two-component pure epoxy PSPC (Performance Standard for Protective Coatings) compliant coating has been developed for the marine newbuilding sector.

Hempadur Quattro XO 17820 was developed for water ballast tanks in new vessels, however it can also be used as a uni-primer for most vessel areas – above and below the waterline – providing high quality performance and peace of mind for customers.

Hempadur Quattro XO 17820 has been created specifically to suit the working methods of shipbuilders and so accommodates shorter re-coat intervals and reduces maintenance costs. Additionally, its higher (80%) volume solids ratio means less volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are released into the atmosphere, which is preferred in North America.

IMO (International Maritime Organization) requires the use of a PSPC certified coating for water ballast tanks. The launch today, of this new coating represents innovative pure epoxy technology that delivers the optimized performance demanded by our customers.

Benefits of Hempadur Quattro XO 17820 include:

- High quality pure epoxy technology offering superior crack resistance, edge retention, coating flexibility and impact resistance.
- High efficiency for shipyards due to fast drying and year around applications from 14°F/-10°C to 104°F/40°C.
- Option to upgrade with aluminum pigmentation and proprietary fiber reinforcement technology to enhance anti-corrosion properties and long-term durability with reduced maintenance expectations.

For the decision makers, the high quality and robustness of Hempadur Quattro XO 17820 provides simplicity and reduced maintenance costs.

Speaking of the launch, North America Marine Product Manager Tracey Wilson commented:

*“This innovative new coating has been developed in consultation with our customers to offer additional choice for the specific requirements of owners and yards. Hempadur Quattro XO 17820 has been in development for three years and builds on the wide success of our existing Hempadur Quattro epoxy coatings. Utilizing pure epoxy technology and in conjunction with aluminium pigmentation and our proprietary micro-fiber reinforcement technology, this coating will*

*ensure exceptionally high protection at a competitive price.”*

Today's launch in North America completes the global availability of Hempadur Quattro XO, which is now stocked in all major regions of the world.

Hempel delivers trusted solutions to the protective, decorative, marine, container, industrial and yacht markets.

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