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Air lubrication specialist Minke Marine secures ClassNK backing

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Minke Marine has secured its second class society approval in principle, this time from ClassNK, following an earlier AiP from DNV.

The milestone comes as the company begins receiving verified data from its first commercial installation aboard a DNV-classed, Norwegian-owned 55,000 dwt general cargo vessel. Early indications are showing significant fuel

savings from its patented Minke air lubrication system (ALS), with full results expected shortly.

Founded in 2023 by Giles Candy and Kevin McPherson, Minke Marine is targeting what it describes as a gap in the ALS market: lower-cost, simpler efficiency technology for commercial shipping.

“We see a massive gap in the market for our ALS design. The Minke system costs a fraction of other ALS systems, takes less time to install, and delivers significant results... its beauty is in its simplicity,” Candy said.