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Minke Marine Air Lubrication System Receives Second ClassNK AiP

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US West Coast-based maritime company Minke Marine A.L. LLC has secured its second class society Approval in Principle (AiP) from ClassNK for its air lubrication sector (ALS) with a new patented design.

The ClassNK AiP follows a similar AiP secured by Minke with DNV. The latest AiP comes as Minke Marine began receiving verified data from its first installation on a 55,000 DWT DNV-classed, Norwegian-owned general cargo vessel.

Costing less than \$485,000 to install, Minke said the initial data shows a positive fuel saving, making its ALS system a competitive decarbonization technology on the market. Full results are set to be released in March 2026.



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