



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Vroon Offshore chooses Micanti Antifouling**

Singapore, 11 August 2016 - **Vroon Offshore Services Pte. Ltd.** has an excellent reputation for ensuring all its vessels comply with the highest safety and reliability standards, while at the same time being a pioneer of new technologies that will improve vessel performance and guarantee complete customer satisfaction. One of the Company's goals is the optimisation of fuel consumption, a challenge in an industry where vessels are often static or sailing at low speed. To assist in achieving this goal, Vroon has chosen Micanti to supply antifouling film for its AHTS vessel, VOS Triton.

Micanti Antifouling is recognised for its good performance, even when vessels are moored or sailing at low speed. The fact that the product is 100% environmentally friendly is an additional incentive for Vroon Offshore Services.

Micanti has recently increased its focus on the Singapore market, introducing its revolutionary antifouling film to the Asian offshore world. Micanti is convinced that many opportunities lie ahead for this film, which prevents marine growth in a physical manner and is not dependent on vessel movement. Optimum performance is also guaranteed during a period of extended vessel inactivity. Being selected as a Vroon supplier, gives Micanti the opportunity to clearly assess the actual fuel savings for offshore vessels, as Vroon closely monitors fuel consumption.

#### **Nylon fibres prevent marine growth on ships**

"In all of Vroon's vessel operations, marine growth results in increased fuel consumption. Despite using high-quality antifouling coatings, we continue to face issues with marine growth", stated Vroon Offshore Services Singapore Managing Director, Filip Olde Bijvank. "At Group level, we have decided to start using Micanti Antifouling in the most severe conditions - offshore vessels operational in tropical water, but encountering long idle times. Although Micanti is new to the market, the proof they have demonstrated about their product in these circumstances makes us confident that this is the right way to go."

#### **Turning a challenging market into a great opportunity**

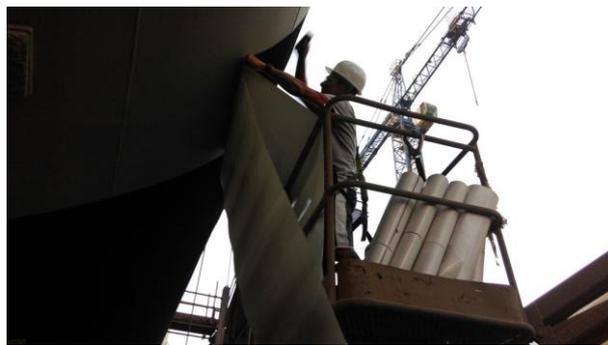
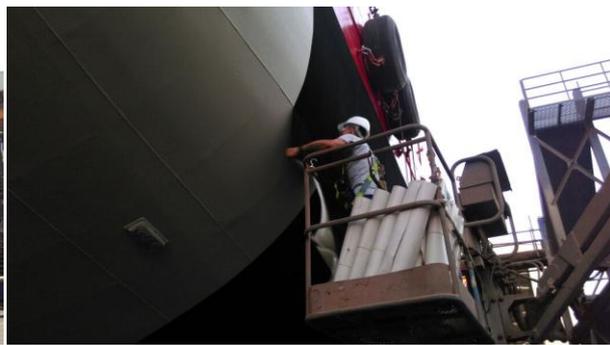
"As the prices of oil are low and many offshore projects are put on hold, vessel maintenance is often decreased to a minimum", Micanti's Managing Director Rik Breur explains. "Luckily, companies like Vroon still keep the right level of maintenance to make sure the operational availability for clients is guaranteed. These companies need to have an antifouling that works in all conditions. We have shown in Europe and the Middle East that we are able to fulfill this need and, as such, the current market where long idle times are common gives us a competitive advantage over regular antifouling paints. We are confident that we will provide Vroon the operational benefits and low fuel consumption they are looking for."

## Improving working conditions and reducing chemical waste

Breur states: "When painting a vessel, half the paint evaporates as greenhouse gas. Moreover, painters need to wear additional personal protection equipment during application. Micanti Antifouling is as simple as applying a sticker and no solvents are evaporated. After use the material can be discarded as regular household waste. This in contrary to traditional paint, which is chemical waste and both difficult and expensive to dispose of." These benefits make the product extremely suitable in Singapore, where disposal of chemical waste is a time-consuming and expensive process for local shipyards.

Watch Micanti's short animation film (75 seconds) to see how Micanti Antifouling works: [Animation movie Micanti Antifouling - 75 seconds.](#)

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## About Micanti

Dutch innovation and award-winning company, Micanti, develops products for effective, environmentally friendly prevention of marine growth. Micanti strives to be the market leader for non-toxic antifouling through a patented technology by applying fibre thorns as a fouling repellent.

For years, the patented product Micanti Antifouling® has been tested and continuously improved in various environments and has been sold in the Middle East and Europe since 2012. In 2015, Micanti actively started marketing in Asia and has chosen Singapore as a regional hub.

## About Vroon Offshore Services

VOS (Vroon Offshore Services) is a leading maritime offshore-services supplier. Vroon has been active in this business since 1964, with the geographical focus primarily in the North Sea, Mediterranean and South-East Asia. VOS has offices in Aberdeen, Den Helder, Genoa and Singapore.

VOS operates approximately 100 vessels in four main categories: platform-supply vessels (PSV), anchor-handling tug supply (AHTS) vessels, emergency response and rescue vessels (ERRV) and subsea-support vessels (SSV). In addition, a wide range of additional offshore services, such as seismic/survey support, maintenance and scientific support, are offered on a worldwide basis. Around 70 new vessels have been delivered to the fleet since 2007, while older vessels have been divested. The fleet renewal will continue in the years to come.

Vroon Offshore Services Pte Ltd. is based in Singapore. The company operates a fleet of approximately 20 vessels in South-East Asia. The majority of vessels are anchor-handling tug supply (AHTS) vessels, many equipped with DP-1 capabilities. Ship management, commercial and operational matters are handled in-house and the company prides itself on its ability to meet the high operational, quality, health and safety standards expected by all its customers. The company employs approximately 30 shore-based and 400 seagoing staff.

The fleet versatility means VOS is able to fulfil customer requirements in the fields of oil drilling and production and offshore construction and maintenance work. Whether it be platform supply, emergency response and rescue work, anchor handling or subsea support, Vroon has the fleet to **MEET** your needs, the people to **DELIVER** and the determination to **SUCCEED**.