



Propspeed's Commercial Sales Manager, EMEA - Edo Smitz

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Propspeed Appoints Commercial Manager to Lead Sector Growth

Auckland, New Zealand, 21 June 2022 - Industry leader of biocide free foul-release coatings Propspeed, announces the appointment of Edo Smitz as Commercial Sales Manager – EMEA. The move supports the company's commitment to the sector following an increase of resource allocation to Propspeed's commercial business unit.

New Zealand based Propspeed has been operating for over 21 years and has gained a strong reputation for offering high performing products that deliver

enhanced protection against fouling and corrosion of vessels underwater assets. Providing owners with optimal vessel performance and increased fuel savings throughout the service cycle of their fleet, the company manufactures three key coatings; Propspeed for propulsion systems and underwater metals, Foulfree for transducer protection and Lightspeed for underwater lighting.

Matt Forbes, Sales Director EMEA, welcomed Edo to the company: “We are committed to building a commercial division that offers vessel operators the financial benefits that come from using Propspeed foul-release coatings’ systems. One of Edo’s primary tasks will be expanding our commercial distribution network across Europe, leveraging his 15 years of marine industry experience to achieve that goal.”

On joining Propspeed Edo commented: “I’m looking forward to educating commercial operators on all the benefits Propspeed’s foul-release coating has to offer. I will be attending key commercial shows and developing business partnerships across Europe.”

Propspeed is exhibiting at Seawork from 21st to 23rd June and will be displaying a Corrosion Protection Tank which demonstrates the relationship and performance between various anodes and coatings. The foul-release properties of Propspeed greatly improve efficiencies, reducing fuel burn and operational costs, while the insulative properties combined with correct anode solutions, minimise the environmental impact that corrosion and coating loss has on our oceans.

Propspeed is a two-part coating system that features an exceptionally strong chemical and mechanical bond between the metal substrate, the Etching Primer, and the Clear Coat, and has been specially formulated to prevent marine growth from bonding to metal surfaces below the waterline, without the need to leak biocides into the ocean. Propspeed further reduces the risk of corrosion by electrically isolating the metal and limiting the exchanges between the ions and the gases contained in the water and metal. In short, if a reaction can’t occur, there will be no corrosion.

Propspeed products include Propspeed for running gear and any underwater metals, Foulfree for transducers and Lightspeed for underwater lighting. For more information, please visit www.propspeed.com/commercial.

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About Propspeed

Propspeed is dedicated to protecting the performance of underwater assets such as propellers, shafts, rudders, all underwater metals, transducers and lighting without doing harm to humans or the marine environment. Over the past 21 years the company has developed three coatings for specific applications. Applying Propspeed, Foulfree or Lightspeed to their dedicated substrates creates a biocide free surface that is exceptionally difficult for marine organisms to attach to. Improving performance, lowering fuel and operational costs, and keeping lighting clear and transducers working effectively throughout the season. Superbly effective on underwater metal parts, no other system can match the proven success record on either leisure or commercial vessels. Propspeed is based in New Zealand, the home of

sailing, with worldwide distribution and service.