



## **Statement by Global TestNet**

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This statement is in response to stakeholders' potential concerns raised as a result of recent closure of two test facility members of the Global TestNet. These concerns may revolve around whether there is still adequate capacity to process certification tests in a timely manner, and whether the testing protocols are adequately robust.

As an international association of test facilities, we have recently welcomed new members into our organization. These additions should help to maintain testing capacity globally. The Global TestNet continues its commitment to analyse and address concerns about the BWMS testing protocols and their implementation (see mission statement below).

The Global TestNet is actively improving testing by being a forum for discussion and sharing of experiences and data, promoting comparable and accurate test results.

The growing experience base within the Global TestNet has provided the basis for better aligning implementation of methods to improve consistency and robustness of testing. Feedback from compliance checks especially during the IMO's Experience Building Phase, will be crucial to support Global TestNet progress.

### **Global TestNet Mission Statement:**

“To promote comparable and accurate test results on the performance of ships' ballast water and biofouling management systems for certification and protection of the natural environment and biological diversity, in particular but not exclusively by facilitating an open exchange of information, transparency in methodologies and advancing the science of testing, for the public benefit.”