

PRESS RELEASE

## VERIFAVIA SHIPPING FIRST GLOBAL EU MRV VERIFIER TO EARN DUAL ACCREDITATION

*New accreditation by COFRAC and innovative Extranet technology bolster Verifavia's worldwide independent EU MRV verification services*

**LONDON, ATHENS, & PARIS – 12 April 2017:** Verifavia, the world's leading emissions verification company for the transport sector (aviation and shipping), today announced that it has received a second accreditation by France's national accreditation body Cofrac as a global EU monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV) verifier. This makes Verifavia the first globally accredited verifier to receive dual accreditation under ISO 14065 standard and regulation 757/2015.

This new accreditation by Cofrac follows Verifavia's recent announcement that it received full EU MRV accreditation from the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS), enabling the company to assess or verify any ship anywhere in the world, regardless of country of ownership, flag state, or class.

To comply with the EU MRV Regulation, which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015, ship owners and operators of vessels exceeding 5,000 GT and operating in the EU must prepare and submit their ship-specific monitoring plans (MP), detailing the procedures, systems, and responsibilities in place to monitor fuel consumption, carbon emissions, and associated transport work. With the first regulatory deadline on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, ship owners and operators must act now to ensure timely compliance with the regulation.

Commenting on the accreditation, Julien Dufour, CEO, Verifavia Shipping, said: "We are privileged to receive a second accreditation, which cements our position as the leading independent EU MRV verifier. Combined, our two accreditations enable us to maintain and expand on our market-leading position, ensuring we can offer a future-proofed EU MRV verification service that is not impacted by any political repercussions caused by Brexit."

Verifavia earned its second accreditation from Cofrac following the successful completion of a thorough two-day audit at its Paris offices, as well as a witnessed assessment carried out at Compagnie Maritime Nantaise (CMN). The Cofrac audit team was extremely satisfied with the company's EU MRV procedures, processes, and competencies.

To coincide with its most recent accreditation, Verifavia Shipping has launched its free-to-access **EU MRV Extranet**. The Extranet seeks to optimise and streamline the EU MRV compliance process by providing Verifavia's customers with a sophisticated platform for the secure, efficient, and real-time online assessment of EU MRV MPs.

Commenting on the Extranet, Nicolas Duchêne, Technical Director, Verifavia Shipping, said: "Our Extranet has been designed to facilitate the ongoing exchange of information, documents, and data between shipping companies and Verifavia Shipping as part of the legal assessment audit. The platform also seeks to simplify the assessment process by replacing email exchanges related to the assessment of MPs with an instant online chat functionality. Furthermore, once an MP for a lead ship has been created, it can be duplicated (and edited as required) for sister-ships – thus further simplifying the compliance process."

Verifavia has worked as a trusted partner with several leading shipping companies since July 2015 – when the regulation came into force – to ensure that they have the right systems, capabilities, and understanding to comply with the legislation.

With just five months to go until the first legal deadline, the shipping MRV regulation remains a pressing reality for more than 12,000 vessels visiting EU ports. Now more than ever it is imperative that owners and operators are equipped with the right information on the various requirements of the legislation, and can act now to achieve compliance in a timely and cost-effective manner.

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**Notes to editors:**

- To read about Verifavia's first EU MRV accreditation by UKAS, please click [here](#)
- To access Verifavia Shipping's MRV extranet, please visit: <https://extranet.verifavia-shipping.com/>
- Leading organisations such as NEDA, Grimaldi Holding, DFDS, Seaspans, and Dynacom have all relied on Verifavia to share its in-depth knowledge of the legislation's requirements to perform GAP-Analysis projects
- Companies including the Augustea Group, Norden, Vroon, CMN, Viking Line, Laurin Maritime, and Synergy Group have appointed Verifavia for legal assessment audits
- The company is also the world's market leader in the certification of information and communication technology (ICT) systems for MRV use, including those provided by KROHNE, Stormgeo, Marorka, Veson Nautical, ABB, and Viswalab.

**About Verifavia Shipping:**

Verifavia Shipping, and Verifavia Shipping Hellas which serves the Greece and Cyprus-based shipping market, strives to be the maritime industry's first choice for the provision of efficient, competitive, and flexible emissions verification information and services worldwide.

By combining its innovative approach and streamlined procedures with the technical expertise and industry knowledge of its team, Verifavia Shipping provides a top-class service that ensures its customers experience a smooth verification journey.

For more information about Verifavia Shipping, please visit <http://www.verifavia-shipping.com>. For up-to-date information and news about the MRV Regulation, follow us at <http://twitter.com/VerifaviaMarine>.

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