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## **Lintec strengthens team to meet rising demand for testing**

Leading fuel testing agency Lintec Testing Services has beefed up its management team to face rising demand for independent bunker fuel testing.

Geoff Jones, Managing Director of Lintec says, "With bunker prices at such incredible levels, owners and operators are really focussing on making sure they get exactly what they have paid so much money for. When bunker prices are low, many operators leave bunker matters to junior staff, or perhaps they don't put enough oversight onto charterers' purchases. Today, with prices at record levels, and constraints on supply in some parts of the world, they are all paying a lot more attention to bunker testing.

They want the test results faster than ever, and with good interpretation of the analysis results. We are also finding that they want to be sure they get the best advice from a truly independent source – free of any conflict of interest. Having a global network, proven fast response times and no ties to fuel producers or suppliers, makes Lintec a very attractive testing service provider. As a result we are facing a boom in testing, and have had to increase our staffing levels accordingly."

Steven Bee has joined Lintec as Operations and Key Account Manager. Steven is a graduate chemist with business management qualifications and has several years experience in key senior managerial positions.

With ten years experience in Marine Sales, Maurice O'Donoghue has been recruited as Sales & Marketing Manager. A Chartered Engineer and German speaker, Maurice is looking forward to increasing the focus on the technical aspects of the services that Lintec offers.

Michael Price-Griffiths is a qualified chemist with over ten years experience of laboratory and business management who has joined Lintec to manage its Darlington, UK laboratory.

Lintec has internally promoted Michael Green to the position of Customer Services Manager. Michael is a graduate chemist and has worked for Lintec for 5 years in a variety of hands on and supervisory roles.

*Lintec Testing Services is one of the world's leading fuel testing services, providing shipowners and charterers with an independent, high quality and rapid response global fuel testing programme. Lintec is a wholly owned subsidiary of ITS Testing Services (UK) Ltd. It has a global network with laboratories in the UK, Rotterdam, Singapore and Shanghai, providing a 24 hour global bunker fuel testing service.*

