



FRENCH STAKEHOLDERS GATHER FOR BALLAST WATER UPDATE SESSION
PRESENTED BY ASSURE CONTROLS AND PARTNERS

Toulon, France, March 23, 2016 – The Pôle Mer Méditerranée, the largest maritime industry advocacy group in France, organized a “Ballast Water Update” technical seminar in the hall of Villa TPM, in Saint Mandrier (Toulon, France). The technical half-day (9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) seminar is for Pôle Mer members and adherents; with Gremco, and Quintessence-Formation hosting guests. These two companies are deploying in France, Belgium and in countries around the Mediterranean; offering a full range of management Consulting ballast water, based on a technological and commercial partnership with the US company, Assure Controls, Inc.

ASSURE CONTROLS is a member of the largest US maritime industry cluster, The Maritime Alliance, in San Diego, which along with cluster Pôle Mer Mediterranean has signed a partnership agreement to promote strategic exchanges between US and French member companies of these two organizations. This half-day is the first realization of this partnership agreement, signed in 2015.

Mr. Bryan Bjorndal, President, will conduct this half- day by presenting the key points of regulation, the major issues and solutions and available technologies.

Following the presentation, discussion with the participants of the meeting will be held, followed by a buffet lunch, with the primary objective of giving visibility to the market issues faced by the maritime shipping industry, port state control, and other stakeholders in the control of aquatic invasive species management.

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More information on The Maritime Alliance:

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