Maritime shipping’s moon-shot ambition announced at UN Climate Action Summit

The Getting to Zero Coalition will lead the push for shipping’s decarbonization with the mutual goal of having commercially viable zero emission vessels operating along deep sea trade routes by 2030.

23 September 2019, 02:00 pm CEST: Before heads of state and government at today’s UN Climate Action Summit in New York, members of the Getting to Zero Coalition - a powerful alliance representing senior leaders within the maritime, energy, infrastructure and finance sectors, supported by decision-makers from government and IGO’s - announce, that they will lead the push for international shipping’s decarbonization.

International shipping carries around 80% of global trade and accounts for 2-3% of global greenhouse gas emissions annually. Emissions are projected to grow by between 50 and 250% by 2050 if no action is taken.

The ambition of the Getting to Zero Coalition is closely aligned with the UN International Maritime Organization’s Initial GHG Strategy. The strategy prescribes that international shipping must reduce its total annual greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% of 2008 levels by 2050, whilst pursuing efforts towards phasing them out as soon as possible in this century. This will ultimately align greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping with the Paris Agreement. The Coalition is committed to making this ambitious target a reality by getting commercially viable deep sea zero emission vessels powered by zero emission fuels into operation by 2030.

The Getting to Zero Coalition is a partnership between the Global Maritime Forum, the Friends of Ocean Action, and the World Economic Forum. The Coalition is supported by more than 70 public and private organizations, of which two comment:

“Energy efficiency has been an important tool which has helped us reduce CO₂ emissions per container with 41% over the last decade and position ourselves as a leader 10% ahead of the industry average. However, efficiency measures can only keep shipping emissions stable, not eliminate them. To take the next big step change towards decarbonization of shipping, a shift in propulsion technologies or a shift to clean fuels is required which implies close collaboration from all parties. The coalition launched today is a crucial vehicle to make this collaboration happen,” says Søren Skou, CEO of A.P. Møller Mærsk.

“Decarbonizing maritime shipping is a huge task with no simple answer, but it has to be done,” says Ben van Beurden, CEO of Royal Dutch Shell. “We intend to be part of the long-term, zero-carbon, solution by seeking out the most feasible technologies that can work at a global scale. Starting now is essential because ships built today will stay on the water for decades.”

Shipping can accelerate the broader energy transition and bring substantial development gains

The Getting to Zero Coalition may prove to be a catalyst for the broader energy transition if international shipping becomes a reliable source of demand for zero emission fuels. This can increase confidence among suppliers and translate into an increased supply of feasible zero emission fuels and thus be an important point of leverage for change across other hard-to-abate sectors.

“Climate change is a serious social and economic challenge that requires urgent action from both the public and private sectors,” says Michael Corbat, CEO of Citigroup, and Coalition member. “We are hopeful that the work of the Getting to Zero Coalition will inspire other hard-to-abate sectors to work together towards accelerating the decarbonization of their industries as global trade flows – and consequently carbon emissions – continue to rise,” he continues.

The demand for zero emission fuels derived from renewable resources has the potential to drive substantial investment in clean energy projects in developing countries with a large untapped renewable energy potential.

“The Global Infrastructure Facility stands ready to support governments in emerging markets and developing economies, along with our partner multilateral development banks, with funding and technical expertise to plan, design, and mobilize private investment in the infrastructure solutions necessary to support decarbonisation of shipping and contribute to the goals of the Getting to Zero Coalition,” says Jason Lu, Head of the Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF).

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Coalition members

Cargill

“Cargill is working hard to reduce emissions by implementing existing fuel saving technologies and exploring new technologies, but we recognize that to reach the 2050 zero emissions goal requires a paradigm shift: our industry will need to align with key actors across the entire energy sector. The Getting To Zero Coalition is a great initiative to drive this large scale collaboration and we are excited to see our industry get together to tackle these critical but complex issues.” — Jan Dieleman, President, Cargill Ocean Transportation

Lloyd’s Register

“The International Maritime Organization’s 2050 GHG ambitions require substantial and collaborative input from all maritime stakeholders and beyond. Getting to zero is about more than the delivery of zero-emissions vessels into the world fleet by 2030. As an industry we need to ensure that the infrastructure and supply chain is in place to support this change. Lloyd’s Register is proud to be part of the coalition to collaborate on opportunities and support the sector’s future achievements.” — Alastair Marsh, CEO, Lloyd’s Register

Trafigura

“While shipping is recognised as the most fuel-efficient mode of bulk transportation, the sheer scale of global trade makes the sector a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. This means that the Getting to Zero Coalition is an important initiative that Trafigura plans to play an active part in.” — Jeremy Weir, Chairman and CEO, Trafigura

American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)

“The greatest challenge of our generation – and the next – will be the decarbonization of the shipping industry. ABS is committed to ensuring the transition to a low-carbon and clean-emissions future is achieved through solutions that are at once commercially viable, technically feasible and safe. That is why ABS is proud to join the Getting to Zero Coalition.” — Christopher J. Wiernicki, Chairman, President and CEO, ABS

Anglo American

“Anglo American is committed to driving sustainability in its global activities, including the ocean transportation of products to market. The launch of this coalition represents an exciting opportunity that allows us to collaborate with peers across a range of sectors in the maritime space, facilitating meaningful change and supporting the drive towards the decarbonisation of the industry.” — Peter Whitcutt, CEO, Marketing, Anglo American

Anglo-Eastern

“Shaping a better maritime future’ is not just a tagline. At Anglo-Eastern, it’s what drives us to do what we do as seafarers, as ship managers, as members of the maritime industry, and importantly, as part of this blue planet we call home. By joining the Getting to Zero Coalition, we are further committing ourselves to the cause, lending additional credence and direction to our efforts, whilst also aligning ourselves with like-minded organisations for a higher purpose and greater good.” — Bjorn Hojgaard, CEO, Anglo-Eastern

Berge Bulk

“The impact of climate change is undeniable. Berge Bulk has, for many years, been working to reduce our footprint through innovative operations and technology. However if we are to reach and better IMO 2050 goals, it is clear we will need to have zero carbon commercial vessels in service by 2030. We are therefore delighted to join a coalition of like-minded companies in supporting the The Getting to Zero Coalition and welcome its ambition to achieve this goal.” — James Marshall, CEO, Berge Bulk
Caravel Group

“Each of us, and our organizations are stewards for the future. We are each tasked with leaving the world a better place than that which we inherited. Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our world today preventing this. The Caravel Group will continue to stay committed to robust climate action involving decarbonisation of the maritime industry, and a collective, industry-led approach to zero emissions. We need to invest for the future and now is the time.” – Harry Banga, Chairman and CEO, Caravel Group

Danfoss

“In Danfoss we are committed to help accelerate the transition towards carbon-neutral shipping and meet the international targets of the Paris Agreement. That is why Danfoss is honored to be a member of the “Getting to Zero Coalition”. The solutions from Danfoss support the transition towards full electrification of vessels to combat air pollution at sea and land. We look forward to contributing to the sustainable transformation of the marine industry.” – Kim Fausing, CEO, Danfoss

Danish Ship Finance

“As a financial institution with deep ties to the shipping industry, we recognise that we have a responsibility and a role to play in the transition towards a decarbonised future. Therefore, we are pleased to join shipowners and other stakeholders to the industry towards achieving this important goal.” – Michael Frisch, Chief Commercial Officer & Member of Executive Board, Danish Ship Finance

Danske Bank

“No doubt, banks play an important role in promoting sustainable development. Given Norway’s important position within the international shipping sector, and Danske Bank’s solid position as one of the largest players in the Norwegian banking field, it goes without saying that we recognize our role in addressing and promoting the sector’s high ambition to decarbonize going forward. By joining the industry-led ‘Getting to Zero Coalition’, we will contribute to getting commercially viable Zero Emission Vessels into operation by 2030. We are looking forward to doing our part within this great initiative and surely our part of the green efforts in the years to come.” – Trond F. Mellingsæter, Country Manager, Danske Bank Norway

DFDS

“The global shipping community and its numerous members carry the main responsibility for achieving a sustainable shipping industry whilst also living up to our responsibility for trade and the supply chains benefitting people and communities. We will only achieve those ambitions if shipping itself drives innovation and collaboration in the industry and with partners outside shipping. Supporting Getting to Zero Coalition and the ambitious targets set up, is an important step in this.” – Torben Carlsen, President and CEO, DFDS

DNB

“DNB considers our participation in the Getting to Zero 2030 Coalition to be an ideal addition to our commitment to sustainable oceans and the environment and society at large. We are eager to lend our expertise, as a financial institution, towards finding solutions to the global climate challenges and welcome the leadership shown by all coalition members. DNB looks forward to fruitful collaborations with other highly competent and influential partners across the maritime value chain.” – Kristin Holth, Head of Ocean Industries, DNB

Forward Ships

“Our only planet is facing a climate emergency that needs immediate action. All of us at Forward Ships are passionate in helping in any way we can to find solutions that work. I believe in teamwork and feel proud to be part of a very special and powerful group in our industry that has the capacity to provide the solutions to tackle climate change. The clock is ticking, there is no time to waste.” – Alexander P. Panagopulos, Founder and CEO, Forward Ships
Gard

“As one of the world’s leading marine insurers, Gard joins the Getting to Zero Coalition to help the maritime industries mitigate their operational risks and its consequences following our shared goal to reduce emissions from vessels by 50% within 2050.” – Rolf Thore Roppestad, CEO, Gard

KC Maritime

“Some studies have shown that cuts in shipping emission must be brought a generation forward to meet World Climate Change Targets. KC Maritime is honored to support and be associated with “Getting to Zero Coalition”, an initiative to decarbonize ship emissions. While the environmental footprint of blue seas shipping compares favorably with all other forms of transport, we owe it to ourselves and future generations to keep reducing that footprint. We dream with open eyes and envisage that wonderful world!” – Vikrant Bhatia, CEO, KC Maritime

Kuehne + Nagel

“As one of the leading logistics companies worldwide, we acknowledge the responsibility we have for the environment, for our ecosystem and essentially for the people. Therefore, we are excited to be a member of the Getting to Zero Coalition. The Coalition’s target of adding the first zero emission vessels to the global fleet by 2030 is in line with our strategy to offer sustainable and innovative supply chain solutions – hand in hand with our suppliers and customers.” – Otto Schacht, Executive Vice President, Sea Logistics, Kuehne + Nagel

Maersk Tankers

“As one of the leading product tanker companies, Maersk Tankers is committed to driving the reduction of CO₂ emissions in the industry. We do this by pursuing operational efficiencies and investing in technical and digital solutions, which we share with partners, customers and the industry as a whole. Decarbonisation requires an industry-wide effort, which is why we are excited to be part of the coalition to share knowledge and contribute with our experience in piloting and scaling up new solutions.” – Christian M. Ingerslev, CEO, Maersk Tankers

MAN Energy Solutions

“Joining the Getting to Zero Coalition makes perfect sense for us, as system technologies that help our customers reduce emissions and lead the way to a carbon-neutral future already form a significant part of our business strategy. We understand the need to work with a wide group of industry partners to achieve this strategy and the Getting to Zero Coalition is therefore a perfect match. In shipping, MAN Energy Solutions has publicly spoken out in favour of a ‘maritime energy transition’ for some time now, which draws on the increased use of low-emission fuels. For us, the path to decarbonising the maritime economy starts with fuel decarbonisation, which will be a natural step toward the development of Zero Emission Vessels.” – Bjarne Foldager, Senior Vice President, Head of Two-Stroke Business, MAN Energy Solutions

Marine Capital

“The Getting to Zero Coalition represents, for Marine Capital, the necessary, logical commitment which our industry must make in order not only to meet the Paris Agreement goals, but to remain attractive and investible for institutions in the coming years. Anything less than this will be a ‘head in the sand’ approach. It will require a considerable attitude shift in terms of risk-sharing amongst industry participants. We are very much looking forward to entering into such dialogues with our counterparties, in order to seize the opportunities which these challenges will also present.” – Tony Foster, CEO/CIO, Marine Capital

MISC

“We strongly believe the world needs more collaboration rather than confrontation if we are to be serious about reducing carbon footprint. We need to rise beyond waiting for regulations and policies to be in place before a call to action. Therefore, we are totally delighted to be able to join forces with various members of the coalition to start making a difference. The first step needs to start with ourselves.” – Yang Chien Yee, President and Group CEO, MISC
NORDEN
“The IMO strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from shipping by 50 percent by 2050 is an ambitious, yet welcomed, goal. If we as an industry are to meet that goal, we, ourselves, must be equally ambitious. While we in NORDEN have already set sail with various initiatives, including test voyages on biofuel, we seek to further intensify our efforts towards a greener future. The establishment of this new coalition is one of many steps in the right direction.” – Jan Rindbo, CEO, NORDEN

Ocean Network Express (ONE)
“Climate change remains a key issue for the shipping industry. As a container shipping business, it is our responsibility to ensure we handle our operations to minimize our environmental impact. ONE strives to play our part as a global citizen to support commercially viable zero emission vessels with all Getting to Zero Coalition members.” – Jeremy Nixon, CEO, ONE

Port of Aarhus
“Port of Aarhus is part of the international transport network. We already have a strong focus on sustainability and on reducing the company’s carbon footprint. And we are convinced that partnerships and cooperation are the way to reach our goals. That is why it is obvious for us to join the coalition.” – Jakob Flyvbjerg Christensen, CEO, Port of Aarhus

Port of Antwerp
“Ports act as important levers for shipping’s decarbonization. At the Port of Antwerp we are fully aware of the need for transition to more sustainable shipping. We are committed to accelerating the development of commercially viable low-carbon fuels and decarbonizing cargo facilities. The ambition of the Getting to Zero Coalition will inspire the entire maritime sector to keep innovating constantly towards zero emission shipping.” – Jacques Vandermeiren, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Port of Antwerp

Precious Shipping
“The IMO has sensibly stated that Shipping must reduce our CO2 footprint in 2050 by no less than 50% of what it was in 2008 even though cargo volumes would have grown 2.5 times. This can only be achieved if the Shipping industry transits to zero CO2 emission vessels.” – Khalid M Hashim, Managing Director, Precious Shipping

RightShip
“RightShip is excited to partner with the industry through the Global Maritime Forum in support of their safety, efficiency and decarbonisation initiatives. The Global Maritime Forum has brought together an unprecedented number of key industry stakeholders willing to take action to improve the sustainability of maritime. The objectives of the Global Maritime Forum are closely aligned with RightShip’s purpose to support global maritime safety, sustainability and social responsibility. We look forwards to collaborating with industry to reduce global emissions from shipping together.” – Martin Crawford-Brunt, CEO, RightShip

Siemens Gamesa
“At Siemens Gamesa, we are constantly demonstrating how clean energy from wind is a highly competitive alternative to traditional fossil energy sources, both in terms of affordability and reliability. We have already proven this for our households and industry and we are now ready to take on the next challenge towards combating climate change and reducing emissions: decarbonizing shipping through new, green fuels.” – Poul Skjærbæk, CIO, Siemens Gamesa
Societe Generale

“The fight against climate change is a global priority which needs to be addressed collectively. Societe Generale, as a bank and an active lender of the shipping industry, has a key role to play and is committed to accompanying its clients in their energy transition. We already support the development of greener maritime transport through various initiatives, such as the Poseidon Principles, and have logically decided to join the Getting to Zero Coalition to contribute further to the shipping’s decarbonization.” – Paul Taylor, Global Head of Shipping & Offshore, Societe Generale

Skuld

“In Skuld we are dedicated to protecting ocean industries. As a marine insurer we support our members and clients in their sustainable shipping initiatives. We are now delighted to join the Getting to Zero Coalition to contribute to achieving decarbonized shipping for the future.” – Ståle Hansen, President and CEO, Skuld

Snam

“We are very proud to join the Zero Coalition in order to contribute to the full decarbonisation of shipping. Climate change is a global issue that requires a global response, the effectiveness of which will depend on the international community’s collective action. Snam is strongly committed in concrete initiatives for sustainable transport, both on road, rail and by sea, promoting the use of biomethane and bio-LNG as well as the development of hydrogen as a clean energy solution.” – Marco Alverà, CEO, Snam

The China Navigation Company

“The China Navigation Company (CNCo) is delighted to be part of the Getting to Zero Coalition. We are very much aligned with the goals and ambition of the Coalition, and look forward to working with our peers and industry to advance the radical decarbonisation of shipping, and achieving the vision of Zero Emission Vessels by 2030. We strongly believe that when we harness our collective energies, we will be able to make significant progress.” – James Woodrow, Managing Director, The China Navigation Company

TORM

“I personally believe it is not just our shared duty, but our shared responsibility to care for both our today, but also our future. By all the involved members working together on this important journey, these common ambitions can be reached. Therefore, TORM will be an active member of the Getting to Zero coalition.” – Jacob Meldgaard, CEO, TORM

Torvald Klaveness

“Climate change is the biggest issue for our industry and requires immediate and resolute actions from all players TODAY. Torvald Klaveness is committed to being a leader in decarbonization of shipping and the Getting to Zero Coalition is a much needed network of like minded organizations.” – Lasse Kristoffersen, President and Chief Executive Officer, Torvald Klaveness

Tufton Oceanic

“We are excited to be part of the Getting to Zero Coalition. We believe the Coalition is an excellent platform to facilitate the co-operation required between industry leaders, research institutions and NGOs to reduce greenhouse emissions and ultimately align the shipping industry with the Paris Agreement. As Responsible Investment Managers, we expect to play a leadership role in financing decarbonization by connecting institutional capital and relevant industry initiatives.” – Ted Kalborg, Chairman, Tufton Oceanic

Unilever

“Unilever is committed to being carbon neutral in our operations by 2030. But that’s not enough. We want to help deliver a world of net-zero emissions by 2050, and zero-emission shipping must be a part of that. We welcome the launch of the “Getting to Zero Coalition” and as a customer of the shipping industry will push for faster action to decarbonise this part of the global supply chain.” – Marc Engel, Chief Supply Chain Officer, Unilever
Vestas

“Vestas has been at the forefront of making renewable energy become the cheapest form of electricity in many parts of the world and electrification of fuels is the new frontier. We therefore see a great potential in substituting fossil-based shipping fuel with new cost-effective, renewables-based fuel that can save millions of tonnes of CO₂.” – Henrik Andersen, CEO, Vestas

Wallenius Wilhelmsen

“Climate change requires urgent action from all industries, and we are eager to be part of the solution. Our Lean:Green sustainability strategy is built on the belief that striving for what is both economic and sustainable will produce the best results for our planet, our people as well as our business.” – Craig Jasienski, CEO, Wallenius Wilhelmsen

Wan Hai Lines

“After being involved as an industry partner in the Global Maritime Forum for the last few years, Wan Hai Lines fully supports the collaborative efforts that are needed to achieve the substantive to fulfil the ambitious targets set forth by the IMO for 2050. Having debated the timeline needed to do so, we recognize the need for industry leaders from all relevant sectors, shipping, energy providers, regulators and other partners, to lead a coalition to champion these efforts. We look forward to continuing being part of the solution in the future.” – Randy Chen, Vice Chairman, Wan Hai Lines

World Fuel Services

“We are pleased to be participating in the Getting to Zero Coalition and are committed to leveraging our technical expertise and global logistics capabilities to serve the maritime industry in furthering decarbonization efforts and working together towards zero emissions for a sustainable future.” – Michael J. Kasbar, Chairman and CEO, World Fuel Services

Wärtsilä Corporation

“To require a complex industry to make the step-changes necessary to address sustainability targets set out by the United Nations, is no mean feat. This is a challenge that rings true with Wärtsilä and aligns with our purpose to enable sustainable societies with smart technology. We are committed to testing the compatibility of alternative future fuels with existing and emerging combustion engine technology and bringing to life a Smart Marine Ecosystem, whereby real-time communication and digitalisation of all aspects of shipping and port operations, spanning the entire logistics chain, are leveraged to increase efficiency. The opportunities offered through smart technology are fostering a new era of collaboration and knowledge sharing with our customers, suppliers and partners. To change course towards a cleaner maritime future, we need timely action and a concerted effort across all industry verticals. To that end, we look forward to actively participating in the ‘Getting to Zero’ coalition and co-creating a future we can all be proud of, together.” – Roger Holm, President, Marine Business and Executive Vice President, Wärtsilä

ZIM Integrated Shipping Services

“We are pleased and excited to join the Getting to Zero Coalition. Sustainability issues in general, and particularly those related to reducing vessels emissions, are high on ZIM’s agenda and an integral part of our vision and values. I believe that a joint effort by industry leaders is the best way forward, in order to face the daunting challenges ahead.” – Eli Glickman, President and CEO, ZIM
Knowledge Partners

Environmental Defense Fund
“The Getting to Zero Coalition sends a powerful signal that the shipping industry is ready to take climate action and solve the challenges of getting to zero emissions. Countries will soon be taking on climate policy at the International Maritime Organization. They should prioritise sensible policies that incentivise investment in zero emissions vessels and fuels, much of which could take place in developing countries, benefitting their economies.” – Baroness Bryony Worthington, Executive Director, Environmental Defense Fund Europe

Energy Transitions Commission
“The Energy Transitions Commission’s Mission Possible report showed that through demand management, energy efficiency and decarbonization technologies it is possible for global shipping to be zero carbon by 2050. However, given its fragmented and international nature, cross industry collaboration is vital to hit this target. The Getting to Zero Coalition will play a major role in convening leaders from across the maritime, energy, infrastructure and finance sectors, supported by decision-makers from government, to argue for decarbonization, fine tune technological pathways to get there, and lobby for public policy and industry action needed to deliver an emissions free shipping sector.” – Adair Turner, Chair, Energy Transitions Commission

University College London (UCL) & University Maritime Advisory Services (UMAS)
“Shipping’s decarbonisation urgently needs an open innovation centred and collaborative approach to a consensus identification of a sustainable technology pathway. And massive multi-stakeholder coordinated efforts to first reduce the costs, and then to scale the implementation of that pathway. Global Maritime Forum has convened all the players needed to make this happen and aligned them with a scientifically rigorous vision and a first class roadmap of actions. UCL/UMAS joined because together we can make this happen.” – Tristan Smith, Reader in Energy and Shipping, UCL

Sustainable Shipping Initiative (SSI)
“It’s time for the radical decarbonisation of shipping. It’s time for the maritime industry to play its part in limiting global heating to 1.5°C, and it’s time to transition from the current reliance on fossil fuels towards zero-carbon fuels. The Sustainable Shipping Initiative is proud to be a knowledge partner of the Getting to Zero Coalition; as a collective we are committed to decarbonisation and making deep-sea zero-emission vessels, entering the global fleet, a reality by 2030.” – Andrew Stephens, Executive Director, SSI

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International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
“Urgent action is necessary to accelerate the pace of the energy transformation. We only have 11 years left to hold the line of rising global temperatures. All sectors need to step up their decarbonization efforts. Renewable energy can drive a paradigm shift in the maritime sector. IRENA shares the Coalition’s goal for carbon-free maritime shipping solutions by 2030 and will support the Coalition and its partners by providing a rigorous knowledge base on how renewable energy can contribute to decarbonizing this sector.” – Francesco La Camera, Director-General, IRENA

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
“We are pleased to observe the transformation that the maritime sector is going through, with an acceleration of the sustainability agenda. We are convinced that public opinion, environmental concerns and demand for sustainability will only increase in the future, critically influencing the parameters for maritime transport. The imperative of reducing climate-related emissions shapes the new context to which the sector needs to adapt. Our oceans and seas constitute a major environmental Public Good, which contributes to the regulation of the climate – that is, the air we breathe – and holds a special place in the livelihood of people across many different societies and cultures.” – Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary General, UNCTAD
International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)

“Critical mass is needed to reach the IMO 2050 target. As most GHG emissions from shipping are emitted on deep sea routes, cooperation between major carriers, fuel suppliers, technology providers and ports is needed to achieve a breakthrough in the commercially viable deployment of zero emission vessels. The Getting to Zero Coalition provides the right platform and we are keen to play our part in promoting the availability of safe and reliable bunkering infrastructure in ports worldwide.” – Patrick Verhoeven, Managing Director, IAPH

North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA)

“Our industry is facing the “decade of decarbonization” and we know that to develop strategies and programs to meet the targets set by IMO for 2030, and subsequently 2050, will require intention and investment. We have learned that providing opportunities for industry to work collaboratively together seeking solutions is the preferred approach. The Global Maritime Forum provides such an opportunity.” – Carleen Lyden Walker, Co-Founder/Executive Director, NAMEPA

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High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy

“Advancing commercially viable deep-sea zero emission vessels by 2030 is a key step in the transition to a fully decarbonised shipping sector. The move in this direction by the members of the Getting to Zero Coalition is exactly what’s needed, as laid out in the Call to Ocean-Based Climate Action by the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy. We are very pleased to see the industry commitment to achieve this objective.” – Vidar Helgesen, Norwegian Ocean Envoy, High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy

Getting to Zero Coalition Partners

Global Maritime Forum

“Members of the Getting to Zero Coalition have the breadth and power to fast-track maritime shipping’s transition to zero carbon energy sources. We welcome their bold ambition that serves as a leading example for others to follow.” – Johannah Christensen, Managing Director, Head of Projects & Programmes, Global Maritime Forum

Friends of Ocean Action

“A healthy ocean is key to achieving the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, and the Getting to Zero Coalition is an important move in the right direction. Business as usual will not get us where we need to be to achieve sustainability – so it is very encouraging to see hard-to-abate sectors like global seaborne trade boldly stepping up to chart this new course. We look forward to working with associated sectors like aviation and trucking to help them follow in the wake of this inspiring initiative. Let us all support the continued development of cleaner technologies and new fuel solutions.” Ambassador Peter Thomson, UN Special Envoy for the Ocean and Co-Chair, Friends of Ocean Action

World Economic Forum

“The shipping sector must be congratulated for stepping up ambition and taking a lead in the fight against climate change. The initiative provides a clear signal to their customers and investors that they intend to be part of the solution for a low-carbon future. The only way of achieving systemic change as significant as global decarbonisation is with courageous, long-term vision - and by engaging in ambitious public-private partnerships such as the Getting to Zero Coalition.” – Dominic Waughray, Managing Director, Head of the Centre for Global Public Goods, World Economic Forum