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Ecochlor, Inc. Receives First US Coast Guard STEP Approvals

ACTON, MASS – (December 1, 2008) – Ecochlor announced today that the US Coast Guard has accepted the container ship *M/V Atlantic Compass* and the bulker *M/V Moku Pahu* into the Shipboard Testing Evaluation Program (STEP). Both ships are equipped with Ecochlor® Ballast Water Treatment Systems. The acceptance specifies that, on these vessels, the Ecochlor System is an approved alternative to ballast water exchange as a means of complying with Ballast Water Management regulations found in 33 CFR 151-2035. This equivalence lasts for the life of the system or until the ship is decommissioned.

The *M/V Atlantic Compass*, one of the world's largest combined Container/RORO ships, owned by Atlantic Container Line, is a Swedish flagged vessel that carries cargo between Europe and North America, and the *M/V Moku Pahu* is an integrated tug barge, operated by Matson Navigation, that carries sugar from Hawaii to the US West Coast and charters to Asia.

Under STEP, both ships will be using and testing the Ecochlor® Ballast Water Treatment System as the vessels operate in US waters. The system installed on the *M/V Atlantic Compass* in 2004 has a treatment capacity of 2,500 m³ per hour, and the *M/V Moku Pahu* system, installed in 2005, has a capacity of 1,200 m³ per hour.

The STEP program's purpose is to facilitate the development of effective ballast water management technologies through experimental systems, thus creating more options for vessel operators seeking alternatives to ballast water exchange. The STEP is available to all foreign and domestic vessels subject to the Coast Guard's Ballast Water Management (BWM) regulations, 46 CFR 151 Parts C and D. For more on STEP visit:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg522/cg5224/step.asp>

About Ecochlor

Ecochlor, Inc., www.ecochlor.com, has developed proprietary ballast water treatment systems that have been specifically designed to safely and economically eliminate the worldwide transfer of aquatic invasive species. Ecochlor's technology is patented, proven, well understood and uniquely competitive. The company has an experienced management team and has established key partnerships in naval architecture, marine engineering, systems engineering, fabrication, science, chemicals, distribution, and service. Ecochlor is pursuing IMO approvals through Germany. The Company has received G9 Basic Approval, completed Land Based Testing in the Netherlands and has submitted its application for G9 Final Approval. Type approval (G8) is anticipated in 2009.