**Coppercoat announces the appointment of a new distributor in India**

*New contract agreement will see the Mumbai-based West Coast Marine Yacht Services PVT Ltd taking on the role of distributing Coppercoat antifoul throughout the Indian subcontinent*

Coppercoat is pleased to reveal that West Coast Marine Yacht Services PVT Ltd, based in Mumbai, has been appointed as the market-leading antifoul’s distributor in India. An initial three-year agreement was ratified following a successful meeting between Coppercoat director Ewan Clark and West Coast Marine director Jitendra Rami at the Seaworks 2019 exhibition and conference in Southampton.

Offering a wide range of services including boatbuilding, refits, repairs and consultancy, West Coast Marine has accrued an extensive knowledge of requirements in all sectors of the Indian maritime market, and can therefore envision the clear benefits of bringing the unmatched efficiency of Coppercoat antifoul to its clientele. As a non-ablative combination of copper powder and resin, Coppercoat is both exceptionally hard-wearing and kind to the environment. It will adhere firmly to surfaces including GRP, steel, iron, aluminium and concrete, and its coating can protect boat hulls for up to a decade and even beyond.

“*It’s a genuine pleasure to have struck up this new arrangement with West Coast Marine,”* says Coppercoat’s Ewan Clark. “*The company has built up a deservedly positive reputation for comprehensive and dependable service in India, and we’re looking forward to enjoying a fruitful business relationship with them over the coming years.*”

“*Coppercoat’s highly durable and environmentally-principled properties are particularly attractive to us and our customer base*,” adds Jitendra Rami of West Coast Marine, a very well-known figure within the boating community in India who has been at the forefront of the industry for the past 30 years. “*Our clients naturally want the very best coat-and-forget antifouling money can buy, and we’re only too happy to now be in a position where we will be able to offer them exactly that*.”

Stocks of Coppercoat will be available via West Coast Marine Yacht Services to both leisure and commercial clients in India later this autumn.

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**About Aquarius Marine Coatings Ltd.**

Aquarius Marine Coatings Ltd. manufactures the high-performance multi-season antifouls Coppercoat, Coppercoat-Superyacht and Coppercoat Commercial. Since launching in 1991, Coppercoat has proven to be the most durable and long-lasting antifoul coating available. These hard-wearing and densely copper-filled epoxy resins provide protection against unwanted marine growth for many years (commonly over a decade). To date, more than 75,000 sail and power vessels have been treated with Coppercoat in the leisure, commercial and superyacht sectors.