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### Alfa Laval receives breakthrough order for its ballast water treatment system.

**Alfa Laval – a world leader in heat transfer, centrifugal separation and fluid handling – has received a breakthrough order for its new system, PureBallast, a chemical-free ballast water treatment system. The equipment will be installed on vessels owned by German ship owner E.R. Schiffahrt. The total order value is about SEK 12 million. Delivery will take place in 2008.**

The Alfa Laval PureBallast system combines a chemical-free technology with a compact design that fits easily into the engine room. The system meets the requirements defined by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), specialized agency of the United Nations.

“It is of course a great pleasure for us to get this breakthrough order of our PureBallast system”, says Lars Renström, President and CEO of Alfa Laval. “The market for ballast water treatment system is expected to be a SEK billion market and our aim is to take the leading position”.

Alfa Laval’s PureBallast equipment will be installed aboard four new ships owned by German ship owner E.R. Schiffahrt. These new ships, scheduled for completion in 2008, will be one of the first to comply with the pending IMO regulations.

“Our policy at E.R. Schiffahrt is to combine productive container shipping with sound environmental practice,” says Mr. Hans Huisman, E.R. Schiffahrt’s Senior Director for Newbuildings. “For that reason we have concentrated our search for water ballast treatment systems to non-chemical orientated solutions. PureBallast fits completely in our design goals.”

The system, developed in cooperation between Alfa Laval and Wallenius Water, has in July, as the first system in the world, been granted Final Approval by IMO. Alfa Laval’s PureBallast is the first truly viable ballast water treatment system. Its biological performance has been confirmed in numerous independent tests, the environmental performance is confirmed by IMO. The introduction of invasive species through ballast water has been identified by IMO as one of the most urgent threats to the world’s marine environments.

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### **About Alfa Laval**

Alfa Laval is a leading global provider of specialized products and engineering solutions based on its key technologies of heat transfer, separation and fluid handling.

The company's equipment, systems and services are dedicated to assisting customers in optimizing the performance of their processes. The solutions help them to heat, cool, separate and transport products in industries that produce food and beverages, chemicals and petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, starch, sugar and ethanol.

Alfa Laval's products are also used in power plants, aboard ships, in the mechanical engineering industry, in the mining industry and for wastewater treatment, as well as for comfort climate and refrigeration applications.

Alfa Laval's worldwide organization works closely with customers in nearly 100 countries to help them stay ahead in the global arena.

Alfa Laval is listed on the Nordic Exchange, Nordic Large Cap, and, in 2006, posted annual sales of about SEK 20 billion (approx. 2,2 billion euros). The company has some 11,000 employees.

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