

# d'Amico International Shipping opts for scrubber on new LR1

Milan-listed owner says final ship in series of six will be first in its fleet to employ the technology.

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d'Amico International Shipping is installing a scrubber on the last of its six LR1 newbuildings at Hyundai Vinsahin, its chief executive says.



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The ship is one of two in the series set for delivery in January next year and will be the first in the Milan-listed owner's fleet to use the technology.

"You can believe in scrubbers or not, but you have to make an educated guess," chief executive Marco Fiori told TradeWinds in a post-results interview today.

Fiori sees the open-loop scrubber as a temporary solution to the new emissions laws, with its effectiveness to be determined by the spread in fuel prices.

However, the selection of one of the company's largest ships fits the belief scrubbers are unlikely to be suited for medium range tankers.

Milan-listed DIS today booked a loss of \$16.6m for the three months to the end of June, beyond the \$6.2m red figure seen at the same stage in 2017.

Fiori says the present difficult product tanker market is one which "sorts the men from the boys".

"We want to keep a large fleet and to be in a position to profit when conditions improve," he said.

"It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when the market improves."



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