



## **Future Proofing Tanker Fleets for Scalable Regulation Compliance and Fuel Flexibility**

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#### **Link Marine and Blaze Energy Partnering to Future Proof Tanker Fleets for Scalable Regulation Compliance and Fuel Flexibility**

Link Marine, a Norwegian and Chinese third-party newbuilding and ship management consultancy services provider, has signed an agreement with the U.S.- and Norway-based Blaze Energy to offer flexible and gradual adoption of alternative fuels to the Link Marine solutions suite.

This partnership will offer retrofit options for existing fleet and future-proofing newbuild vessels through deployment of Blaze Energy's innovative Flex-Fuel Reformer System. This new addition to Link Marine solutions is expected to be available in 2028, and is designed to support the adoption of alternative fuels in commercial shipping.

With this partnership, Link Marine continues to expand its forward-looking, integrated maritime solutions for chemical tanker operators, collaborating with a partner that shares Link Marine's commitment to innovation and bringing new solutions to meet market needs.

This partnership will share Blaze's new technology with the most active tanker companies via a trusted partner with more than a decade of experience providing third-party specialized chemical and other types of tanker newbuild and retrofit services.

#### **[About the Blaze Energy Solution](#)**

The collaboration will help shipowners and fleets prepare for the next decades of complex maritime shipping landscape. With vessels representing multi-decade investments, the risk of premature lock-in to a single fuel or propulsion solution has become a central strategic concern.

Blaze Energy's multi-fuel reforming technology, the Fuel Flexible Reformer System, addresses this concern by matching alternative fuel combustion properties to those of hydrocarbon fuels, allowing their use in existing engines. Scheduled for pilot installation onboard a trading bulk carrier in 2027, tested under real operating conditions and a successful class and flag certification, the first product, focused on ammonia, is estimated to be available for commercial deployments in 2028. Available for retrofit and newbuild vessels, the product will focus on delivering emission compliance while preserving fuel optionality and avoiding premature fuel lock-in.

Blaze Energy's fuel reforming system generates hydrogen on-board the vessel from alternative fuels, including ammonia, methanol, LNG, before injecting the produced hydrogen into the engine. This approach accelerates and improves combustion of slow-burning alternative fuels such as ammonia, improves combustion efficiency, and reduces nitrous emissions and methane slip in LNG engines.

The system is also an extremely compact and energy efficient reforming solution, designed to fit along the fuel delivery line. Created for integration with traditional diesel and new dual-fuel engines, the reformer can be deployed on a wide variety of vessels due to its modularity and compact size.

### **Mutual Dedication for Innovation and Customer Success**

By adding Blaze Energy's technology to Link Marine's newbuilding specifications and retrofit scopes, shipowners and fleets can prepare well in advance to leverage a solution designed for practical shipyard deployment to create fuel flexibility and meet growing regulatory requirements.

As maritime industry tightens regulations, including the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), Fuel EU Maritime and other upcoming regional or industry wide regulation frameworks, shipowners need solutions to manage fuel pathways and availability, while also creating economic and technically viable compliance plans. Given the long-term investment each vessel represents, Blaze Energy's technology and Link Marine's proven deployment record will offer a solution that shipowners can rely on, lowering costs and creating value on the asset management and operations sides.

Jaakko Heikkinen, Link Marine Director said, "This partnership strengthens Link Marine's position as a forward-looking provider of integrated maritime solutions. By working with Blaze Energy, we expand our technology portfolio and enhance the value we deliver to customers. It also allows us to collaborate with a partner that shares our commitment to innovation and

customer success, enabling us to accelerate development and bring more advanced solutions to market faster.”

“Through Blaze Energy’s partnership with Link Marine, a highly credible, leading third party provider of newbuilding and ship management services, we tackle one of the largest issues in deploying new technology into maritime market: managing technical and commercial risk. This partnership could meaningfully shift the industry’s default stance from ‘wait and see’ to ‘build optionality and be prepared,’” said Rok Sitar, Blaze Energy CEO and Co-Founder.

The Link Marine partnership follows Blaze Energy’s [recent agreement with lomarlabs and Lomar Shipping to pilot a third-generation, compact, engine-integrated fuel reformer](#) on a Lomar’s trading vessel. This joint project is designed to accelerate the practical adoption of alternative fuels in commercial shipping.

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## About Blaze Energy

**Blaze Energy** is a U.S.- and Norway-based hard-tech company pioneering fuel flexibility for the maritime shipping industry. Its flagship technology, the **Flex-Fuel Reformer**, enables low-cost, low-risk deployment of alternative fuels — ammonia, methanol, and LNG — on both existing fleets and newbuild vessels, by matching each fuel’s combustion characteristics to those of conventional hydrocarbons for seamless integration with in-place engine platforms.

The company’s first commercial product, the **Fuel Flexible Retrofit System (FFRS)**, delivers a phased retrofit solution that achieves emission compliance while preserving fuel optionality and protecting operators from premature fuel lock-in.

Built on more than 30 years of innovation in advanced fuel reforming technology, Blaze Energy brings together a team of engineering specialists and seasoned maritime leaders dedicated to accelerating a practical, scalable adoption of alternative fuels across the maritime industry.

To learn more about Blaze Energy visit: [blazeenergytech.com](https://blazeenergytech.com) or contact the team at [info@blazeenergytech.com](mailto:info@blazeenergytech.com).

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## About Link Marine

**Link Marine Ltd.** was established in 2014 to fill a need in the market for third-party specialized chemical tanker competency. Today we are widely recognized as the leading third party

provider of newbuilding and ship management consultancy services in that segment. As a boutique service provider we strive to customize our services based on the specific needs of each client, and we always seek a high degree of integration with the client's team. All our senior staff have background from the main chemical tanker operators as senior officers and shore based senior management. Learn more: <https://linkmarine.net>

