

# Making a Power Move on LPG

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# Decarbonizing our fleet with LPG propulsion technology

The maritime industry is ready for LPG as mainstream marine fuel

### 12 ships on water

- BW LPG has 12 LGIP VLGCs on water, 3 retrofitting planned in Q1 2021, total 15 VLGCs committed
- The sector's largest investment to decarbonise at USD 130 million

### **Ready for LPG**

- Refuel of LPG bunker can be done via Ship-to-Ship transfer, an established practice
- Shipping has infrastructure to support LPG as marine fuel

### Decarbonize

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- Our retrofit program saves 1 million tons in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- LPG is a cleaner energy fuel, and is part of the solution as we work towards a zero-carbon future



> 50% of VLGCS and 7,500 ships can be retrofitted with LPG propulsion engines

# Liquefied Gas Injection (Propane) Technology

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Proven and scaled with >10,000 hours in operation and counting

#### A Step Forward

- LPG is drawn into fuel gas supply system & piped to engine
- A small amount of compliant pilot fuel such as VLSFO or MGO is injected into the engine as the piston nears the top
- It sparks under pressure, and LPG burns cleanly to create propulsive force
- Reduce emissions:
  - Sulphur Oxides (~97%)
  - Particulate Matter (~90%)
  - Carbon Dioxide (~20%)
  - Nitrous Oxides (~20%)
- Increase efficiency on many fronts



# Moving people and parts was key operational challenge



Safety of crew a priority while minimizing logistical impact from Covid-19



#### Smooth adoption of new technology onboard current ships

- No major surprises during retrofitting process, including for world's first LPG-powered VLGC, BW Gemini
- Importance of filters to manage organic materials in LPG
- STS of LPG bunker a success, allowing site team better control over project timelines

#### LGIP technology scaled successfully, collaboration is key

- Experienced, dedicated site team is critical to project success
- Had to manage quality concerns from main and sub-suppliers, but overall good experience
- Special thanks to Yiu Lian dockyard for their flexibility and patience
- Special thanks to Wärtsilä and MAN ES for partnering us in this pioneering project

#### Impact from Covid-19 on project progress

- Over 14,000 hours spent in quarantine. Colleagues spend 2 weeks in hotels upon arrival in China/ back home (Singapore/ Norway)
- Crew confined to vessel and yard with no shore leave
- Shipping delays for critical parts

# Delivering cleaner energy safely and sustainably with LPG



A necessary and complementary step towards zero-carbon propulsion

### **Compliance with Regulations**

- Full compliance with IMO 2020
- Improves performance related to EEXI, CII and enhanced SEEMP
- A step forward in complying with IMO 2050

### Ideal Transition Fuel

- Lowest climate impact from well-towake life (WTW) and tank-to-wake (TTW) LCA perspective
- LPG provides significant reductions in GHG emissions; no methane slip

### **Benefits Boost Bottom Line**

- Savings from reduced fuel consumption
- Buffer from fuel price sensitivity
- More efficient engines are cheaper to maintain
- Reduce turnaround time because vessel refuel as it loads

# Beyond shipping and towards a Better World with LPG



Significant growth prospects along the LPG value chain



#### Replacing pollutive biomass, saving lives and ecosystems

- Cooking for Life Campaign by WLPGA aims to facilitate the transition of 1 billion people to cook with LPG by 2030
- > 4 million people die from illnesses related to household air pollution annually
- Replacing biomass with LPG reduces deforestation and degradation

#### Investing and expanding our shipping presence in India

- BW LPG is India's largest operator and operator of world-class VLGCs with a growing fleet of India-flagged vessels
- Well-positioned to lead the Middle East India LPG trade
- Governmental push to increase LPG as part of energy mix, with retail consumption outpacing domestic production; industrial demand for LPG is also growing

#### Looking beyond shipping and into gas infrastructure

- Opportunities to invest directly into modern terminals to increase utilization and efficiency
- Floating storage may increase useful life of vessels beyond 35 years
- Potential for onshore investments eg terminals, storage & pipelines



# **THANK YOU**



