

**\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

## **NORTON LILLY INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WITH S5 AGENCY WORLD TO STRENGTHEN THEIR GLOBAL MARITIME AGENCY SERVICES**

**April 29, 2024** – Norton Lilly International (NLI), the oldest and one of the largest maritime agencies in the USA, established in 1841, announces a strategic partnership with S5 Agency World, acquiring 70% of the global maritime agency services and integrated solutions provider.

This landmark agreement was signed today by Richard von Appen, Chairman of NLI, and Peter Goedvolk, Chairman of First Dutch, marking a significant step towards strengthening their presence in the maritime agency sector across the Americas, Northern Europe, and Asia.

S5 Agency World operates worldwide through its own offices and strategic partners and is a leading player in global maritime and port agency services, liner agency services, and freight management for almost 20 years. S5 together with their partners handles more than 80.000+ calls per year, through 350 port offices, in 1700 ports worldwide. This partnership will enable both NLI and S5 to leverage their combined experience and expertise, sharing knowledge and best practices to grow and diversify in new markets.

"NLI and S5 share a commitment to delivering the highest quality agency services to our clients," said Richard von Appen, Chairman of NLI. "This partnership will enable us to expand further our geographical footprint and service offerings, combining investment with extensive industry experience to drive growth and innovation."

S5 has built a reputation as a trusted shipping industry partner, offering global shipping agency services and hub solutions to charterers, ship managers, and ship owners/operators worldwide. With a focus on detail and transparency, S5 provides comprehensive shipping agency services, from cargo services to owner husbandry services and international hub services.

Norton Lilly International, through its subsidiary companies, offers a broad spectrum of maritime services, including ship agency services, logistics, brokerage, vessel planning, and other marine activities. Handling over 25,000 port calls per year, NLI assures ship owners and operators the broadest range of representation with the highest level of service.

"We are excited about the opportunities that this partnership with NLI will bring," said Peter Goedvolk, Chairman of First Dutch. "By combining our strengths and capabilities, we can create added value for our clients and drive continued success in the maritime agency market."

This strategic investment reinforces NLI and S5's commitment to growth and diversification, positioning them as industry leaders with a global presence. Both companies look forward to a fruitful partnership, focusing on excellence, innovation, and customer satisfaction.

**\*\*About Norton Lilly International, Inc.\*\***

Founded in 1841 as the Norton Company, Norton Lilly International is the oldest and one of the largest shipping agency in the United States. Through its subsidiary companies, NLI provides a comprehensive range of maritime services to all types of vessels, handling over 25,000 port calls per year.

**\*\*About S5 Agency World\*\***

S5 Group is a leading global shipping agency services provider, offering a one-stop solution for charterers, ship managers, and ship owners/operators in local ports worldwide. With a focus on detail and transparency, S5 delivers the best in shipping agency services, from cargo services to owner husbandry services and international hub services.

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