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"K" LINE Participates in Panel Discussion at the 2nd Rim Energy Agora

— Sharing Insights on the Use of Biofuels in Shipping and the Challenges Ahead —

Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd. ("K" LINE) is pleased to announce that it participated in a panel discussion organized by the Japan Biodiesel Fuel Council with the theme of "Speaking Candidly about Biodiesel Fuel – from the Perspectives of Local and Global Energy" at the 2nd Rim Energy Agora organized by Rim Intelligence Co. and held at the Tokyo International Forum on November 5.

In the panel discussion, Yoshihiko Omori, the Director of the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ), served as the moderator, with Hideki Tsutsumi, Senior Managing Director of Seico Fresh Foods Co Ltd., and Takeshi Sutani, General Manager of "K" LINE's Fuel Strategy Group, as panelists. The panel discussed decarbonization trends in international shipping, the potential of biodiesel fuel, and the challenges faced in its wider adoption. "K" LINE provided an overview of its initiatives in the use of biodiesel since 2021, including more than 150 biodiesel bunkering operations involving B24 and B30, which contain 24% and 30% FAME*, respectively, blended with very low sulfur fuel oil (VLSFO), as well as B100, which contains 100% FAME, in Asia and Europe. It also discussed key challenges that are being faced in the expansion of the use of biodiesel, including its stable supply, cost, and regulatory and certification requirements.



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* FAME stands for Fatty Acid Methyl Ester, a biofuel produced from feedstocks such as vegetable oils and used cooking oil.

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