



## Press Release



### **A new shipper Elkem AS strengthen the BICEPS Network to further leverage forces for a cleaner shipping sector**

*(BICEPS - Boosting Initiatives for Collaborative Emissions-reduction with the Power of Shippers)*

### **The global shipper Elkem AS joins the BICEPS Network to work together with the members and partners to stimulate a sustainable shipping sector.**

Elkem AS is a world-leading producer from Norway of silicon, ferrosilicon, special alloys for the foundry industry, carbon, microsilica and integrated silicone manufacturing.

*“Elkem’s mission is to contribute to a sustainable future by providing advanced silicon and carbon solutions, creating value for our stakeholders globally. We believe that safe and eco-efficient production is the only way forward and that together we can develop solutions to many of the world’s challenges.”* Ellen Groeneveld, Managing Director, **Elkem Maritime Center**.

*“We are delighted to welcome the big global cargo-owner Elkem AS to join the BICEPS Network in our journey towards sustainable shipping. This is a clear mark of the further international expansion of global shippers leveraging forces for a better world.”* Kim van Neer, vice chairman of **BICEPS Network Foundation**

Elkem AS sustainability mission and strategy for their supply chain aligns with the aim and goals of the BICEPS Network.

*“In Elkem, we believe that environmentally responsible production and logistics of our materials is the only way forward. Together with the other BICEPS members we can make a pro-active difference in making the logistics industry more sustainable.”* Danny Bergakker, Manager Container Traffic, **Elkem Maritime Center**.

Together, as the BICEPS Network, now ten shippers represent an even more significant amount of shipping demand that will be used to give a boost to change in the right direction.

The shippers are acting together in the dialogue with the shipping sector on how to create sustainable improvements and boost innovations. All shippers will use the BICEPS Rating System in their procurement processes of their global ocean freight transports and use the actual sustainability performance of carriers as a factor in their allocation.