

COMPANY:

NYK Shipmanagement Pte. Ltd.,
Singapore
(NYK Line, Japan)

YARD INFORMATION:

Hitachi Zosen Corp
(Japan) 4981

DEMOLITION:

Gadani Beach, 02/03/2022



Malacca Strait (Singapore) 29/6/2011 © S. Wiedner

2016: Sold to New Shipping (Adam Polemis), Greece. Renamed **NEW INSPIRATION**.

2022: Broken up at Gadani Beach.

2025: Appeared as "Zombie Tanker" shipping sanctioned crude oil from Venezuela.

BASIC DATA:

Crude Oil Tanker
Double Hull
GT: 159613
DWT: 298399
Loa: 332.95
Bmd: 60.00
Draft: 21.13
Engine: 1x oil B&W 7S80MC
Power: 25487 kW
Speed: 16.0 kn

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

NEW INSPIRATION since 01/07/2016
NIPPON since 01/01/2002
Flag Date of record Source
Liberia since 01/07/2016
Panama since 01/01/2002
Registered owner Date of record Source
SYMMETRICAL INVESTMENT CO since 14/07/2016
Ship manager Date of record Source
NEW SHIPPING LTD-LIB since 14/07/2016
NYK SHIPMANAGEMENT PTE LTD since 25/11/2003
NYK LINE since 07/01/2002

NAME HISTORY:

NIPPON	2002-16	Topaz Shipholding SA & Golden Harmony Maritime SA, Panama
NEW INSPIRATION	2016-22	Symmetrical Investment Co, Liberia

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

2016:

TradeWinds
The Global Shipping News Source Published 5 June 2016,

Polemis's New Shipping has snapped up the 298,400-dwt Nippon (built 2002), brokers indicate.

The Greek owner is understood to have paid \$28.3m for the ship from Japanese power NYK Line.

2022:

TradeWinds

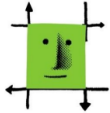
The Global Shipping News Source

Published 7 February 2022,

Fresh scrap benchmark likely as Polemis' New Shipping invites offers for VLCC

Brokers say initial market soundings suggest New Inspiration could see levels of up to \$660 per ldt

Brokers said the Greek company is now officially accepting bids for the 298,000-dwt New Inspiration (built 2002) in a fully gas-free condition.



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66, from January 1 to March 31, 2022

June 16, 2022

New Inspiration (ex-*Nippon*). IMO 9237527. Double hull. Length 333 m, 40,737 t. Liberian flag. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Built in 2002 in Ariake (Japan) by Hitachi. Owned by Liberia-registered Symmetrical Investment Co care of New Shipping Ltd (Greece). Sold for demolition in Pakistan. 660 US\$ per ton.



New Inspiration, Gadani, April 4, plot 123. © Salah Uddin

2025:



Zombie Ships Are Fast Becoming a Feature of Venezuelan Oil Trade

Bloomberg

Total Views: 5904 🔥

April 29, 2025

The use of zombie tankers allows dark fleet operators to circumvent restrictions on transporting oil. Bloomberg [first reported](#) on a zombie ship that showed up at a Chinese port last September, and in November detailed the [return](#) of a supposedly scrapped dark-fleet tanker. The ruse is gaining attention within the maritime community, which has long tracked the emergence of a parallel system, including [operators](#), [insurers](#), [traders](#) and [banks](#), that supports the dark fleet.

Using zombie ships to transport sanctioned oil is part of a growing trend in the illicit trade in the face of tighter scrutiny. As well as using ship-to-ship transfers to mask the origins of the crude, methods such as moving to new transshipment locations, or switching transponders are becoming increasingly popular.

In late March, a ship showing that it's Gema, a VLCC built in 1999, and another that says it's Alana, a 1998-built Suezmax, both left Amuay in Venezuela's west, fully laden with crude. These two tankers have gone around the Cape of Good Hope and appear to be entering the Indian Ocean. In mid-April, a ship identifying as VLCC New Inspiration that was built in 2002 left José, and is heading toward South Africa in the Atlantic Ocean.

Original vessel's name	Original vessel's IMO	Type	Built year	Zombie ship's departure date	Zombie ship's port of departure	Last seen	Last location	Scrapped year
New Inspiration	9237527	VLCC	2002	Mid April	José, Venezuela	April 25	Off Brazil, in the Atlantic Ocean	2022

Last update: 29/9/2025