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The past year has seen a growing discussion on how ammonia could help decarbonise the shipping industry, with companies involved in LNG – including engine providers, construction engineering firms and shipowners – increasingly showing interest in this promising, but still at an embryonic stage, segment.

Depending on who you listen to, ammonia is either the number one choice for a clean shipping fuel of the future, as well as a prime solution for transporting hydrogen over long distances, or an overhyped and expensive technology with challenges too big to overcome.

The truth seems to be somewhere in the middle. Although no silver bullet in the energy transition, and despite its current drawbacks, ammonia's many benefits should not be overlooked, industry sources tell LNG Business Review.



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