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To: Owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

Subject: Recognized Organizations authorized for the issuance of the Provisional Certificate under the International Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004.

**Reference: Law No. 41 of September 12, 2016
Resolution A.1088 (28) Adopted on 04 December 2013 International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.**

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this circular is to inform all of our users and clients that under an expedite process scheme the following Recognized Organizations have been approved to issue the Provisional Certificate regarding the **International Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004**

1. AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING
2. BUREAU VERITAS
3. CHINA CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY
4. CR CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY
5. CROATIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING
6. DNV GL
7. HELLENIC REGISTER OF SHIPPING
8. INDIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING
9. INTERMARITIME CERTIFICATION SERVICES, S.A.
10. INTERNATIONAL NAVAL SURVEYS BUREAU, S.A.
11. INTERNATIONAL REGISTER OF SHIPPING (PANAMA) INC.
12. ISTHMUS BUREAU OF SHIPPING, S.A.
13. KOREAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING
14. LLOYD'S REGISTER GROUP LIMITED
15. MACOSNAR CORPORATION
16. NATIONAL SHIPPING ADJUSTER, INC.
17. NIPPON KAIJI KYOKAI
18. OVERSEAS MARINE CERTIFICATION SERVICES
19. PANAMA MARITIME DOCUMENTATION SERVICES, INC.

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20. PANAMA SHIPPING REGISTRAR INC.
21. PHOENIX REGISTER OF SHIPPING, S.A.
22. QUALITAS REGISTER OF SHIPPING, S.A
23. RINA SERVICES S.P.A.
24. RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

2. All other Organizations are invited to apply for the authorization to issue this provisional certificate, as established in Resolution J.D. 019-2005 of November 24, 2005.
3. Endorsement of corresponding Annual or Intermediate Surveys shall be carried out by the Recognized Organization duly approved to do so, after satisfactory completion of the same, as it is required by the Convention (Regulation E-1)
4. Annual and Intermediate endorsements of the IBWMC by the Recognized Organizations are subject to the fees indicated in our Resolution J.D. 002-2010 dated February 3, dated 2010 (refer to MMC-324 regarding endorsements of technical certificates).

September 2017 – Inclusion of NATIONAL SHIPPING ADJUSTERS

August 2017 – Inclusion of HELLENIC REGISTER OF SHIPPING

August 2017 – Inclusion of QUALITAS REGISTER OF SHIPPING

July 2017 Correction of “DNV GL AS” for “DNV GL”

June, 2017 – Inclusion of OVERSEAS MARINE CERTIFICATION SERVICES

May, 2017 – Inclusion of INTERMARITIME CERTIFICATION SERVICES, S.A.

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