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TO : Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Classification Societies

SUBJECT : IMO Integrated Identification Number Scheme for Ship, Companies and Registered Owners

REFERENCES:

- (a) IMO Resolution A.1215 (34) – IMO integrated identification number scheme
- (b) SOLAS Ch. XI-1/3 – Ship Identification Number
- (c) Circular Letter No. 5096 – Implementation of Resolution A.1215 (34)

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- “GT” – Gross Tonnage in accordance with ITC 69
- “IMO” – International Maritime Organization
- “*ISM Code*” – International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention
- “ITC 69” – International Convention on the Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969
- “SOLAS” – International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended

The following terms shall mean:

- “Administration” – Kiribati Ship Registry;
- “Company” – the owner of the ship or any other organization or person such as the Manager, or the Bareboat Charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for operation of the ship from the ship owner and who on assuming such responsibility has agreed to do so in writing. This definition is the same as that found in the ISM Code and is applied in like manner;
- “Registered Owner” – the owner specified on a ship’s Certificate of Registry issued by the Administration.

PURPOSE

To provide a guideline for ship owners / ship managers who may be new to the IMO Integrated Identification Number Scheme.

The integrated scheme is intended to enhance maritime safety and pollution prevention and to facilitate the prevention of maritime fraud. The scheme comprises two elements, namely the IMO Ship Identification Number and the IMO Integrated company and registered owner identification number scheme.

CONTENT

1. Application to Ship

The IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme applies on a mandatory basis to all passenger ships of 100 GT and upwards and to all cargo ships of 300 GT and upwards. The scheme may also be applied on a voluntary basis to other categories specified by IMO.

2. Application to Company

2.1. All Companies and Registered Owners managing passenger ship of 100 GT and upwards and/or to cargo ship of 300 GT and upwards.

2.2. Administrations may, on a voluntary basis, apply the Scheme to new or existing companies and registered owners, managing ships of 100 GT and upwards under their flag, engaged on international voyages.

3. Applying for IMO Numbers

Requests can be submitted on the website <http://imonumbers.ihs.com>. The information to be submitted and the available submission methods are provided on the website.

4. Updating Ship Details

Updates to ship details should be submitted through the <http://imonumbers.ihs.com> or directly to S&P Global Limited in accordance with the procedures published on the website.

Yours sincerely,

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