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Attention: Mr. Andrei Volodin

This is in reference to your request of External Specialist Recognition on **09 January 2020**.

The review of your Quality Assurance System submittals, an audit of your facility and a practical demonstration of your services have been satisfactorily completed. We are therefore pleased to advise that ABS recognize **ESTONIAN ROPE ACCESS SOLUTIONS OÜ** as a Recognized External Specialist in **ESP Hull Gauging** which ABS surveyors may rely on to make decisions affecting classification and/or statutory surveys.

Provided the service operation system, as approved, remain unchanged, ABS' approval and the Certificate of Recognition will remain valid until **28 March 2023**, subject to surveillance audits. If there is any change to your approved quality system, company name, address, qualified technicians, manufacturer's authorizations, subcontractors, please immediately inform the ABS Survey Office that issued this certificate. Re-audit may be required at the discretion of ABS.

Your company will be listed in the ABS Recognized Specialist database, searchable by worldwide vessel owners and operators. If at any time you wish to change the contact information of your company listed in the ABS website, please email Corporate ABS Programs at [externalspecialist@eagle.org](mailto:externalspecialist@eagle.org)

Your company is eligible to use the "ABS Recognized Specialist" logo for marketing purpose in association with the recognized service types during the certificate validity. The artwork can be obtained by emailing [externalspecialist@eagle.org](mailto:externalspecialist@eagle.org)

It is the responsibility of the Specialist to employ, train and qualify persons in the service(s) provided. If the service requires approval from manufacturers, the Specialist shall be responsible for receiving proper training and maintaining the most current service manuals of the equipment and models. Company representatives must present evidence of qualifications when carrying out the service.

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ABS reserve the right to conduct surveillance audits of your procedures. When ABS have a recent history of satisfactory services performed by your company, these audits may be waived by ABS.

ABS may withdraw the Certification of Recognition for the following reasons:

- Where the service is improperly carried out or the results are improperly reported
- Where a Surveyor finds deficiencies in the approved service operation system of the Specialist and appropriate corrective actions are not taken
- Where the Specialist fails to inform ABS of any change or alteration in Quality Assurance System upon which the recognition is based
- Where intermediate audit, if requested, is not carried out
- Where willful acts or omissions are ascertained
- Where any deliberate misrepresentation is made by the Specialist
- Where ABS fee is not paid
- Where access to the Specialist's facility is denied

For Hull Gauging and ESP Hull Gauging firms, in addition to the above reasons, ABS reserves the right to cancel the recognition in the following cases and to inform other IACS Members accordingly:

- Where the measurements are improperly carried out
- Where the final measurement results are improperly reported or not reported in a timely manner, which is considered to be within 10 days from the date of last visit by the gauging company
- Where a Surveyor finds any deficiencies in the approved thickness measurement operation systems of the firm and appropriate corrections are not taken
- Where the firm fails to inform ABS of any alteration to the approved thickness measurement operation system

Should your recognition be canceled, you may re-apply for recognition after corrective actions are implemented to the satisfaction of ABS. **The possibility may not be open if the cancellation is based on a grave fault such as a violation of ethics.**

The Specialist is not a sub-contractor of ABS and is not to be considered an agent of ABS for any purpose. ABS recognition does not relieve the Vessel Owner, Operator, or any other party who contracts with the Specialist for its services, from their responsibilities concerning the services. The Specialist remains solely responsible for its equipment, qualifications and competency of its personnel, their supervision and the safety while performing its services.

When the certification is close to renewal, you may submit a renewal request to the ABS Survey Office that initially approved your firm within 3 months prior to the expiration of the certificate issued. ABS will send you an email alert 30 days prior to the expiration of the certificate.

I trust that you agree to the above terms and ABS look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,



Tero Mustonen  
Surveyor  
ABS Turku, Finland

