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Dear Sir,

**Application for the “Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security
in Respect of Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (BCC)”**

The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 (Bunkers Convention) came into force on 21 November 2008. The registered owner of a Hong Kong registered seagoing non-tanker having a gross tonnage greater than 1000 is required to maintain insurance or other financial security, such as the guarantee of a bank or similar financial institution, to cover the liability of the registered owner for pollution damage by bunker oil in an amount equal to the limits of liability not exceeding an amount calculated in accordance with the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended. An Insurance Certificate attesting the above insurance or other financial security should be kept on board.

The Bunkers Convention had been extended to Hong Kong on 22 January 2010. From that date onwards, Hong Kong registered ships are required to apply for the “Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security in Respect of Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (BCC)” from Marine Department.

Application fee for the BCC is HK\$535. The revised Application Form, Explanatory Notes and Notes for Guidance for the application of the BCC are attached as an annex for your necessary action. An Approved Insurance Company list is also attached for your reference. All the aforesaid documents, including a fillable application form in PDF format, could be found at the following website:
<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/home.html#register>

In order to ensure the ships are properly certificated and to avoid last minute rush, you are reminded to submit your application at your earliest convenience. As soon as your “Blue Card” certificate had been ready, you could submit your application now.

For your information, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region had authorized the China Classification Society (CCS) and the

Korean Register of Shipping (KR) to issue the BCC, in accordance with the provision of Article 7 of the Bunker Convention, to Hong Kong registered ships since 19 May 2010. Application could also be submitted to CSS and KR. For details of application, please refer to Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note (MSIN) No.10/2010, as attached.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the aforesaid matter, please contact with our Executive Officer / Shipping & Multi-lateral Policy Divisions at:

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Yours faithfully,



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