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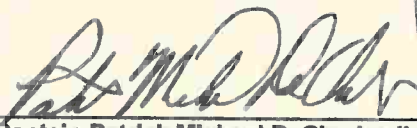
Re: Saudi Arabia National Crewmembers
Aboard TDW vessels operating in Saudi Arabia

As we discussed earlier this morning, VMSL understands that Tidewater ("TDW") is obligated to maintain four (4) Saudi Arabia Nationals on each of its vessels operating in Saudi Arabia coastal waters as Trainee ABs.

As advised by TDW, the consumption of Alcohol or Illegal Drugs is against the law in the Kingdom with severe punishments up to and including death for their use. As such, the law there does not allow for drug and alcohol testing except by order of the state for expected lawbreakers.

In order for TDW to remain current with our obligations to Flag State and international regulations, TDW must process these 4 extra crew members for Vanuatu Seafarers' ID Books. TDW has arranged for them to have the required STCW courses and they carry those certificates but due to the lack of a Drug and Alcohol test, VMS is providing a waiver by this letter in this instance so that the Licensing Departments can process the ID Books without the test. This waiver will remain in effect until further notice.

It is further noted that these crew members will be working as extra ABs on Vanuatu Flagged vessels operating strictly in Saudi Arabia coastal waters and will never leave the Kingdom or its waters while on board for any reason. TDW is to ensure that this condition is remains in effect and their I.D. books will reflect this condition as not valid outside Saudi Arabian Coastal waters.



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As directed by the
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