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To: Port Operators, Port Users, Freight Forwarders, Clearing & Forwarding, Shipping, Survey Companies & Hazmat Handlers/Contractors

SUBJECT: MANDATORY IMDG CODE TRAINING FOR THE SHORE SIDE STAFF

Further to our earlier circular EHS/PM/04/09 dated 1st April 2009, please be informed that as per the mandatory requirements of **IMDG Code 2008 Volume 1, Part 1, Chapter 1.3.1: Training of shore side personnel**, which is already in force from **01st January 2010**, all shore side personnel involved with the transportation of dangerous goods by sea are to receive training in the contents of dangerous goods provisions commensurate with their responsibilities. Training requirements specific to security of dangerous goods shall also be addressed in accordance with its requirements. Shore based personnel engaged in the following activities are required to undergo the mandatory IMDG Code training.

- Classify dangerous goods and identify Proper shipping names of dangerous goods
- Pack dangerous goods
- Mark, label or placard dangerous goods
- Load/ unload cargo transport units
- Prepare transport documents for dangerous goods
- Offer dangerous goods for transport
- Accept dangerous goods for transport
- Handle transport goods in transport
- Prepare dangerous goods loading/ stowage plans
- Load/ unload dangerous goods into/ from ships
- Carry dangerous goods in transport
- Enforce or survey or inspect for compliance with applicable rules and regulations; or
- Are otherwise involved in the transport of dangerous goods as determined by the competent authority

It is the responsibility of all the concerned entities to ensure that their personnel engaged in the above activities are trained to comply with the IMDG code requirements by 1st June 2010. Details of all training undertaken shall be kept by both the employer and the employees. Training records shall be made available to the Trakhees-EHS or other relevant authority if requested. Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to appropriate sanctions against the companies.

In order to comply with the above said IMDG code Training requirements, Trakhees- EHS will be organizing the relevant IMDG code training starting from 15th March 2010. All concerned parties are requested to contact Trakhees-EHS department for more details on this training by e-mail to ehs.ports@trakhees.ae or **Capt. Mohammed Bilal on Tel: 04-8068829.**

We look forward to your cooperation in enhancing Environment, Health & Safety standards within our ports.

Sincerely,

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