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## Certificate of Authorization for Independent Lifeboats Servicing and testing Organization

This is to confirm that Vanuatu Maritime Services Ltd., after a thorough examination of the documents submitted, have approved the company:

L.A. Maritime Services Inc. 327 Lecouvreur Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90744

and all of its subsidiaries as an Independent Lifeboats Servicing and testing Organization (ILSTO) provided the following criteria are fulfilled:

- 1. All the **L.A. Maritime Services Inc., G.C. Maritime Services** owned service stations are subject to the ISO 9001 approval;
- 2. **L.A. Maritime Services Inc., G.C. Maritime Services** head office undertakes to provide the VMS updates on changes to accreditation of local servicing stations promptly;
- 3. L.A. Maritime Services Inc., G.C. Maritime Services head office maintain all relevant ILSTO requirements, records and these are available to VMS upon request, (training courses, technician qualifications and manufacturers approval) and these are auditable from L.A. Maritime Services Inc head office;
- 4. Newly established service stations will be auditable from **L.A. Maritime Services Inc.**, **G.C. Maritime Services** head office on meeting the requirements of an approved ILSTO.
- 5. Such inspection maintenance and tests involve lifeboats and their launching appliances and on load release gears installed on Vanuatu Flag Ships, must be in compliance with MSC/Circ. 1206/Rev.1.
- 6. L.A. Maritime Services Inc., G.C. Maritime Services is to ensure that at all times VMSL is kept updated with current contact information for L.A. Maritime Services Inc., G.C. Maritime Services personnel responsible for coordinating with VMSL.

It is also confirmed that the above mentioned company fulfills the requirements set in MSC.1./Circ.1277 –"Interim recommendation on conditions for authorization of service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear".

This authorization is for all brands/equipment types where drawings, manuals and spares are available to L.A. Maritime Services Inc., G.C. Maritime Services (as controlled by the approved L.A. Maritime Services Inc., G.C. Maritime Services procedures).

**L.A. Maritime Services Inc., G.C. Maritime Services** can operate as Independent Lifeboats Servicing and Testing Organization until December 9, 2020 or until the IMO guidelines are due for amendment.

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