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References: [ISM Code] International *Safety Management Code* (2018)

1. Introduction

1.1 Regulatory Backdrop:

The ISM Code mandates that our Senior Management appoint a qualified person or persons ashore tasked with advocating for and ensuring the provision of company resources and support essential to on-board safety and pollution prevention assurance, along with periodic reporting of fleet safety and pollution prevention performance. Access to Senior Management regarding these efforts must be unfettered.

2. Authority

2.1 Routine Oversight:

We accomplish this mandate through the appointment to an on-shore manager the duties as delineated in this chapter of a **Designated Person Ashore (DPA)**. In addition, we appoint one alternate DPA. Marine department personnel are appointed these collateral duty roles by Senior Management via designation letters. Routine compliance oversight by the DPA is accomplished through the coordinated review of the activities of the key personnel, as delineated in **Chapter 3**.

2.2 Special Authority:

Our DPAs are delegated authority to implement actions and expenditures on behalf of **Senior Management**. They are permitted to forgo the normal communication chain shown in **Chapter 3** to communicate directly with Senior Management when their judgment deems it necessary to ensure workplace safety or abate pollution risks. They are permitted to also forgo the normal chain of command shown in **Chapter 3** to communicate directly with and accept feedback from the on-board officers and crew.

3. Responsibilities & Qualifications

3.1 Designated Person Ashore (DPA):

Chapter 3 addresses the DPA's responsibilities and interrelationships. **Chapter 6** addresses the DPA's qualifications.

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