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**Subject: Information on independent evaluations communicated to the Secretary-General by the Republic of Iceland pursuant to STCW regulation I/8 and section A-I/7 of the STCW Code.**

Please find enclosed the quality system certificates issued by Vottun hf., which is the quality organization that carries out the independent evaluations (audits) of the Icelandic Transport Authority certification system (formerly the Icelandic Maritime Administration); the Technical College Reykjavík (Icel. Tækniskólinn - relevant scope of certification School of Navigation and School of Marine Engineering); the Akureyri Comprehensive College (Icel. Verkmenntaskólinn á Akureyri, VMA), and the Maritime Safety and Survival Training Centre - MSSTC (Icel. Slysavarnaskóli sjómanna), scope of certification seafarers' safety and survival training.

Independent evaluation to ensure that the knowledge, understanding, skills and competence acquisition and assessment activities, and of the administration of the certification system, is conducted at intervals of six months, on the basis of the ISO 9001 Quality Control System.

**The results of independent evaluations (audits):**

**The Technical College Reykjavík**

The Technical College Reykjavík Iceland commenced a certification process pursuant to the ISO 9001 standard in October 2003 and turned in its first operational manual to Vottun hf. in June 2004. The quality system certificate issued to the Technical College Reykjavík on 20 November 2015 by Vottun hf. is enclosed.

**The Akureyri Comprehensive College**

The Technical College Reykjavík is a base school for the Akureyri Comprehensive College which operates under the quality system of the Technical College Reykjavík.



The Akureyri Comprehensive College commenced a certification process pursuant to the ISO 9001 standard 2007 and was initially reviewed on 9 February 2007. The quality system certificate issued to the Akureyri Comprehensive College on 15 March 2016 by Vottun hf. is enclosed.

**The Maritime Safety and Survival Training Centre (MSSTC) (Icel. Slysavarnaskóli sjómanna)**

The MSSTC commenced a certification process pursuant to the ISO 9001 standard in February 2000 and the first audit was finalized by Vottun hf. on 17 February 2005. The quality system certificate issued to the MSSTC on 10 March 2016 by Vottun hf. is enclosed.

**The Icelandic Transport Authority (ICETRA)**

The Icelandic Transport Authority (Samgöngustofa, formerly Icelandic Maritime Administration) commenced a certification process pursuant to the ISO 9001 standard in early May 2005 and subsequently the certification process was finalized with another audit by Vottun hf. on 15 September 2005. The quality system certificate issued to the Icelandic Transport Authority on 9 June 2015 by Vottun hf. is enclosed. The last evaluation of the certification system took place in December 2015.

**Conclusions**

As outlined above, the independent evaluations of the relevant Icelandic maritime training institutions and the Icelandic Transport Authority's STCW certification system have been carried out and Vottun hf. has issued quality system certificates proving that these parties operate a quality system that fulfils the requirements in ÍST EN ISO 9001: 2008.

If any further information or clarifications are needed, the Icelandic Transport Authority will be pleased to provide further documentation upon request.

On behalf of the Icelandic Transport Authority,

11 April 2016,  
Thorolfur Arnason  
Director General

**Enclosed documents:**

1. Certificate No. 9001-28 by Vottun hf. verifying that the Maritime Safety and Survival Training Centre (MSSTC) (Icel. Slysavarnaskóli sjómanna) fulfils the requirements of ISO 9001: 2008.
2. Certificate No. 29 by Vottun hf. verifying that the Technical College Reykjavík (Icel. Tækniskólinn ehf.) fulfils the requirements of ISO 9001: 2008.
3. Certificate No. 9001-37 by Vottun hf. verifying that the (Icel. Verkmenntaskólinn á Akureyri)
4. Certificate No. 33 by Vottun hf. verifying that the STCW certification system of the Icelandic Transport Authority (Icel. Samgöngustofa) fulfils the requirements of ISO 9001: 2008.