## To whomsoever it may concern

## Subject: DGS NT/EXAM Circular No. 04 of 2017 Reg. Specific training requirements.

- Reference is made to DGS M.S. Notice No. 03 of 2012, dated 27 January 2012, which requires that "all deck officers shall complete training for the 'specific type' of ECDIS equipment installed on the Indian ships on which they are working".
- The Directorate General of Shipping, GOI, has now issued NT/EXAM Circular No. 04 of 2017 (copy attached) clarifying that the requirement of completion of training for the 'specific type' of ECDIS equipment by the deck officers as required by M.S. Notice No. 03 of 2012 is no longer applicable.
- However the Companies shall remain responsible for ensuring that seafarers employed on their ships are familiarized with the installed equipment as stipulated in regulation $1 / 14$ of the STCW Convention and Section 6.3 of the ISM Code.

Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to be guided by above.

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