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Mr. R. Keith Michel
President, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME)
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Dear Sir:

The IMO Maritime Safety Committee adopted International goal-based ship construction standards (GBS) for oil tankers and bulk carriers at its 87th session on 20 May 2010. GBS Audit Teams will be used by IMO to verify the rules for the design and construction of bulk carriers and oil tankers of an organization recognized by an Administration, or national rules of an Administration, conform to functional requirements of the GBS. I request your assistance in soliciting qualified SNAME members interested in participating in the GBS Audit Teams.

Each Administration may nominate individuals for inclusion in a list of experts, maintained by the IMO Secretary-General, from which members of the GBS Audit Teams will be selected. We wish to solicit applications from SNAME members who meet the qualifications and competencies set forth in IMO Circular letter No. 3076 (enclosed), and want to be considered for nomination by the U.S.

Applicants should complete the "IMO Personal History Statement (Field Staff)" form (enclosed) and submit it to the attention of Mr. Jaideep Sirkar at the following address, preferably by 15 December 2010:

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2100 Second St, SW STOP 7126
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All applications will be considered for submission to the IMO Secretary-General, who will make the final selection of nominees for inclusion in the IMO's list of experts. Details related to compensation for expert services, scheduling, management and procedures for audit teams will be developed and arranged by the IMO Secretary-General. Additional information regarding the timing of the GBS audit activities is available in Annex 13 to IMO document MSC 87/26/Add.1.

Thank you for your assistance in this critical phase of implementation of the SOLAS amendments on GBS. Please feel free to contact Mr. Jaideep Sirkar at (202) 372-1366 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.P. Nadeau", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

J.P. NADEAU
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Office of Design and Engineering Standards
By direction

Enclosure