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From: Director, Engineering Directorate (N7)  
To: Richard C. Thomas, Coastal Seal Services

Subj: QUALIFICATION OF COASTAL SEAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE SERVICE AND REPAIR  
SUPPORT FOR SELECT MSC SHIP STERN TUBE SEALS

Ref: (a) COMSC Instruction 4490.1C dated 30 March 2020, Qualification Requirements for Items  
Critical to Safety on Vessels Assigned to Military Sealift Command

1. Reference (a) establishes Military Sealift Command (MSC) policy and procedures for qualification requirements in the procurement of items critical to safety and the modification, repair and overhaul of those items assigned to Military Sealift Command vessels. The Instruction designates the MSC Engineering Director as the Design Control Activity (DCA) responsible to ensure that the design, production and performance standards are met for ship critical safety items. The instruction further assigns responsibility to the DCA to establish qualification requirements and to qualify and identify vendors that meet the criteria and standards for ship critical safety items.
2. Coastal Seal Services requested consideration for qualification for all Wartsila brand shaft, rudder and bulkhead seal products. An MSC N7 Engineering DCA evaluation team reviewed that information and determined that Coastal Seal Services meets the relevant qualification criteria for maintenance and repair services on Wartsila MX9 stern tube seals and Wartsila rudder seals.
3. Consistent with MSC N7 Engineering DCA evaluation results, Coastal Seal Services is deemed qualified to provide OEM-equivalent maintenance and repair on MSC ships for Wartsila MX9 stern tube seals, and Wartsila rudder seals. This qualification must be re-evaluated no later than 24 months from the date of this letter. Within its sole discretion, MSC may revoke qualification at any time if Coastal Seal Services fails to provide quality maintenance and repair services, or if Coastal Seal Services is unable to sustain the capabilities required in reference (a).
4. The MSC point of contact is Neil Lichtenstein, (757)341-6221; email: [neil.lichtenstein@navy.mil](mailto:neil.lichtenstein@navy.mil).

  
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