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From: Director, Engineering Directorate (N7)

To: Lori Scholtz, President Timberline Tractor & Marine

Subj: Qualification of Timberline Tractor & Marine to Provide Diesel Engine Maintenance and Repair Services for Caterpillar Marine Engines

Ref: (a) COMSC Instruction 4490.1B Qualification Requirements for Items Critical to Safety on Vessels Assigned to Military Sealift Command

1. Reference (a) establishes Military Sealift Command (MSC) policy requiring use of OEM parts and service for critical shipboard equipment. The instruction further permits the qualification of non-OEMs, provided the cognizant Program Manager and N7 Engineering Director determine that: a specific contractor satisfies relevant qualification criteria specified in the instruction, and; in the circumstances, it is in the best interest of the Government to employ the services of other than OEM contractors.

2. Timberline Tractor & Marine submitted all required information. An MSC N7 Engineering evaluation team reviewed that information and determined that Timberline Tractor & Marine meets the relevant reference (a) qualification criteria for maintenance and repair services on Caterpillar diesel engines.

3. Timberline Tractor & Marine is deemed qualified to provide OEM-equivalent diesel engine maintenance and repair services on MSC ships for Caterpillar diesel engines. 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 Timberline Tractor & Marine fails to provide quality maintenance and repair services, or if Timberline Tractor & Marine 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.


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