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From: Director, Engineering Directorate (N7)

To: Donald L. Moore, C.E.O., Craft Bearing Company, Inc.

Subj: QUALIFICATION OF CRAFT BEARING COMPANY, INC. TO PROVIDE SPLIT
BEARINGS IN LIEU OF COOPER BEARINGS SPLIT BEARINGS

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. Craft Bearing Company, Inc. requested consideration for qualification and submitted all required information. An MSC N7 Engineering DCA evaluation team reviewed that information and determined that Craft Bearing Company, Inc. meets the relevant qualification criteria to provide split type bearings in lieu of Cooper Bearings split bearings.

3. Craft Bearing Company, Inc. is deemed qualified to provide Cooper Bearing equivalent split bearings on MSC ships. This equivalency extends only to complete assemblies, not individual component parts. This equivalency is also subject to a final technical acceptability determination in the course of the acquisition process, to ensure equivalency in the specific application. 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 Craft Bearing Company, Inc. fails to provide quality parts, or if Craft Bearing Company, Inc. is unable to sustain the capabilities required in reference (a).

4. The MSC point of contact is Benjamin Hawbaker, ph (757) 341-6211; email:
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