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From: Commander, Military Sealift Command

To: Lori Scholtz, President Timberline Tractor & Marine, Inc.

Subj: QUALIFICATION OF TIMBERLINE TRACTOR & MARINE TO PROVIDE DIESEL  
ENGINE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR CATERPILLAR MARINE  
ENGINES

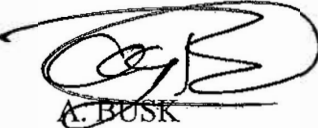
Ref: (a) COMSC Instruction 4490.1C

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. Timberline Tractor & Marine, Inc. requested biennial reevaluation of their qualification (originally issued 23 Jan 2019) and submitted all required information. An MSC N7 Engineering DCA evaluation team reviewed that information and determined that Timberline Tractor & Marine meets the relevant qualification criteria for maintenance and repair services on Caterpillar D300, D3500, and D3600 series diesel engines.

3. Timberline Tractor & Marine, Inc. is deemed qualified to provide OEM-equivalent diesel engine maintenance and repair services on MSC ships for Caterpillar D300, D3500, and D3600 series 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 Benjamin Hawbaker, ph: (757)341-6211; email:  
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