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IMO CORRESPONDENCE GROUP ON E-NAVIGATION

Reference: IHB CL 72/2007 dated 31 July 2007

Dear Hydrographer,

- 1 As reported in the above reference the IMO Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation at its 53rd session, has re-established its Correspondence Group (CG) on E-Navigation. The IHB participates in this CG and has now received the first set of documents from the Chairman. These are available on the IHO web site www.iho.org (click on E-Navigation Documents on the right hand panel).
- 2 The priority task for 2007 is to collect information regarding "User Needs" for E-Navigation and an "ENAV User Needs" questionnaire has been provided. This is based on an International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) document "Methodology for capturing ENAV User Needs" which provides guidance on completion and some examples.
- 3 It is the view of the IHB that Hydrographic Offices are more likely to be providers of information to E-Navigation rather than "users". However should any HO wish to provide a user input themselves or to forward the documents to other "users" for completion then they are requested to return completed questionnaires to the IHB by **11 November** in order for the IHB to collate the responses and reply to the Chairman of the CG.
- 4 Further documents from the CG will be placed on the IHO web site when they are received.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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President