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PUBLICATION OF DIGITAL TIDE TABLES

Dear Hydrographer,

1 At the 17th International Hydrographic Conference the IHO approved the report of the Tidal Committee (IHOTC) and tasked it to consider standards for Digital Tide Tables (DTT), in conjunction with the Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS). The IHOTC gave some preliminary discussion to this topic at its 8th meeting in Halifax, Canada from 23 – 25 October 2007. The IHOTC concluded that as a first step it needed to assess the current status of the production and availability of DTTs together with any plans that Member States may have for their future production.

2 As reported to the Conference it is the view of the IHOTC that digital tide tables should have functionality and intelligence built into them and therefore electronic copies, for example, pdf versions of printed paper tide tables, are not considered to be DTTs.

3 In order to provide the IHOTC with the necessary information, Member States are kindly requested to complete the questionnaire at **Annex A and return it to the IHB by 31 January 2008.**

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Captain Robert WARD
Director

Annex A: Questionnaire

Production of / plans for Digital Tide Tables (DTT)

*(to be returned to the IHB by 31 January 2008
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Member State:

Do you currently provide Digital Tide Tables (DTT)? YES NO

Are these commercially available? YES NO

**Would you be prepared to make the underlying
product application available under licence for use
by another MS?** YES NO

**If you do not currently provide DTT
do you have plans to provide them
in the future?** YES NO

If yes, expected year of production?

**If no, would you be interested in entering into a
co-production agreement with another MS to
use their existing DTT application?** YES NO

Comments:

Name / Signature Date: