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**CIRCULAR LETTER 76/2009
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**IHO CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT
Course in Marine Cartography**

**SELECTED CANDIDATES
Singapore, 22 February - 26 March - 2010**

(1st 5-week Module of the recognized UK Category B Programme by the FIG-IHO-ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers)

Reference: CL 59/2009 dated 01 September 2009.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the above-referenced Circular Letter, the IHB invited the IHO Member States to consider nominating one suitable candidate who would benefit from the training opportunity offered by the IHO Capacity Building Project in the field of nautical cartography to technical personnel in developing countries. The Regional Hydrographic Commission Chairmen were invited to liaise with their Associate Members and Observer countries so that they could also consider applying for this training opportunity.
2. The IHB was impressed by the outstanding response received to this call for applications: the IHB received 31 applications from same number of countries.
3. The IHB examined all the documentation received. The candidates from Bangladesh, El Salvador, Fiji, I.R. of Iran, New Zealand, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, South Africa and Sri Lanka were finally selected for the "Course in Marine Cartography" that will be run in Singapore from 22 February to 26 March 2010. Individual notification letters have been sent by e-mail by the IHB and further instructions will follow.
4. Several applicants were found to have received or were actually receiving similar or higher level training, and therefore it was felt that this course was not suitable to improve their knowledge, considering the practical nature of this course. Other applicants complying with the required credits to be accepted on this course belong to HOs that have or are already benefitting from similar or higher training opportunities offered by the IHO. Priority was given to HOs in sound need of this training for production purposes, which have not had an opportunity before. The IHB will continue its effort to increase the offer of training opportunities in the three phases

of the capacity building development: Marine Safety Information (MSI); Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Cartography, exploring any viable opportunity.

5. The IHB would like to congratulate those candidates selected, to thank the IHO Member States and non-Member States for their great interest and to reiterate the need to consider a regional approach in identifying innovative ways to meet the huge demand for training that the hydrographic community has.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized capital letter 'G' followed by a smaller capital letter 'L' and a final flourish.

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
Director