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**NOMINATION OF CAPTAIN ABRAHAM KAMPFER BY SOUTH AFRICA
FOR SECRETARY-GENERAL AND DIRECTOR OF THE IHO**

References:

- A. Conference Circular Letter No.5 dated 14 June 2016 – *Call for Nomination of Candidates for Secretary General and Directors of the IHO*
- B. General Regulations of the IHO, Article 21

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A invited IHO Member States to nominate candidates for the positions of Secretary General and Director of the IHO and indicated that the names of candidates and their nomination forms will be published as soon as they are received.
2. South Africa has nominated **Captain Abraham KAMPFER** to stand for election at the 1st Session of the IHO Assembly for the post of Secretary-General and for a post of Director of the IHO. The nomination form is enclosed.
3. As required by Reference B, the Secretary-General will collate all the nominations received and present a consolidated inventory as part of the documentation for the consideration of the Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', is placed below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Robert WARD
Secretary-General

Annex: Nomination Form from South Africa

Candidature for a post of¹
SECRETARY-GENERAL
DIRECTOR

(Article 20 of the General Regulations)



Candidature à un poste de¹
 SECRETAIRE GENERAL
 DIRECTEUR

(Article 20 du Règlement général)

GENERAL - GENERALITES

1. Nominating Member State - *Etat membre qui présente le candidat*: **South Africa**
2. Name – *Nom*: Abraham KAMPFER
3. Nationality – *Nationalité*: South African
4. Date of birth – *Date de naissance*: 15 August 1959
5. Title and décorations – *Titres et décorations*: Captain /

Unitas Medal
General Service Medal
Good Service Bronze
Good Service Silver
Good Service Gold
Military Merit Medal (MMM)

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGES - ETUDES ET LANGUES

6. Education (periods, including specialized or special qualifications) – *Etudes (durée, y compris les qualifications de spécialisation ou les qualifications spéciales)*:

Qualified as Professional Hydrographic Surveyor with SA Council for Professional and Technical Surveyors (PLATO)	2008
RNHMS DRAKE, UK - Advanced Hydrographic Survey Course (FIG/IHO Cat A)	
University of Plymouth – Postgraduate Diploma in Hydrographic Surveying	2002
South African Naval Hydrographic School – Basic Hydrographic Survey Course	2001
South African Naval Staff College – Senior Command & Staff Course	1996
South African Naval Warfare School – Combat Officer Qualifying (PWO)	1988
South African Naval Staff College – Junior Staff & Warfare Course	1987
South African Naval Warfare School – Mine Warfare Specialization	1982
South African Naval College	1980

7. Languages (speaking and reading knowledge) – *Langues (parole et lecture)*:

Afrikaans (speaking & reading)

English (speaking & reading)

Dutch & Flemish (reading only)

P.T.O.

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¹ Tick one box or both

SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE² - SERVICES ET EXPERIENCE²
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8. Hydrographic service – *Services dans l’hydrographie* :

(a) Sea service (periods and posts) – *Services à la mer (durée et postes)*:

Officer Commanding	Hydrographic Survey Vessel SAS PROTEA	2001 - 2004
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(b) Shore service (periods and posts) – *Services à terre (durée et postes)* :

Acting Hydrographer SA Navy	June 2003 - February 2004
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Hydrographer SA Navy	February 2004 – To Date
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9. Non-Hydrographic service – *Services autres qu’hydrographiques* :

(a) Sea service (periods and posts) – *Services à la mer (durée et postes)*:

i. Navigating/ Watchkeeping Officer	SAS MOSSELBAY SAS UMZIMKULU SAS FLEUR SAS UMHLOTI SAS DRAKENSBERG SAS WINDHOEK SAS JOHANNESBURG	1980 - 1990
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ii. Officer Commanding	SAS FLEUR SAS FLEUR SAS WALVISBAY SAS UMKOMAAS	1986 1991 – 1992 1993 – 1994 1995
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(b) Shore service (periods and posts) – *Services à terre (durée et postes)* :

Senior Officer Staff Duties	Flag Officer Fleet Headquarters	2000
Senior Lecturer Operations	SA Naval Staff College	1999
MCM Squadron Commander	Naval Base Simon’s Town	1997 - 1998

P.T.O.

T.S.V.P.

² All service and experience relevant to the nomination and which provide an indication of the extent to which the candidate is qualified to serve as Secretary-General or Director.
Tout service et toute expérience en rapport avec la candidature donnant une indication de la mesure dans laquelle le candidat est qualifié pour occuper le poste de Secrétaire général ou de Directeur.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES – ACTIVITES SCIENTIFIQUES

10. Publications of which he is the author – *Publications dont il est l'auteur.*
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| Hydrography in Africa | PositionIT | Sept/Oct 2008 |
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11. Research work and awards – *Travaux de recherche et récompenses obtenues :*
- Recipient of the UKHO 2009 Alexander Dalrymple Award (The award is a symbol of recognition for outstanding dedication and contribution to hydrography).
12. Scientific Societies (member of, past and present) – *Sociétés savantes (dont il est ou a été membre):*
- South African Hydrographic Society
- South African Data Centre for Oceanography (SADCO)
- SANDF Geospatial Information Committee
- South African Extended Continental Shelf Work Group
- South African National Work Group on Marine Spatial Planning
- South African Geomatics Council

CANDIDATE'S POSITION - POSITION DU CANDIDAT

It is my view that the IHO Secretariat should be the conduit that enables Member States to share experiences, express ideas and direct their combined expertise for the mutual benefit of the Organization and all those that it aims to serve. The strength of any organization depends on its numerical strength and maximum participation in all activities should therefore be encouraged to achieve common goals.

There are still many coastal states that are not members of the IHO, and in order to attract new membership, the IHO needs to be seen as a vibrant, dynamic organization that is able to adapt to advances in technology and a rapidly changing environment.

Raising awareness on the fundamental importance of hydrography for sustainable development and adherence to the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) must remain a top priority for the Organization and a motivating factor for developing countries to participate in the work of the IHO.

The IHO commitment to provide worldwide ENC coverage is an ongoing priority and progress over the past few years is commendable. The Organization should however continue to improve underlying survey data, and strive for better conformity through closer adherence to the WEND principles.

IHO involvement in the implementation of the e-navigation strategy is vital to ensure that the best possible solution is found to satisfy the needs of mariners and to improve safety. The S-100 framework and GII Registry must continue to be resourced in order to support this important initiative and to ensuring the authoritative position of the IHO within the maritime community.

While the standards for conventional paper charts and ENCs should be maintained and enforced, the development of products for new requirements should not be ignored and any development in this regard should be encouraged. The development of comprehensive standards for the encoding (S-57), portrayal (S-52,) and distribution (S-63) of Electronic Navigational Charts, and the progress in achieving global ENC coverage have been major achievements unprecedented in the land domain. The IHO is however facing new challenges and these will require careful planning and execution with limited resources for the future. The development of new standards and product specifications to support initiatives such as e-navigation, marine spatial data infrastructures and hydrographic surveying will therefore require close cooperation with Non-Governmental international Organizations as well as industry stakeholder partners.

Capacity building remains an important strategic objective in ensuring that IHO Member States function on equal terms. Engagement with developing countries should focus on strengthening and enhancing their hydrographic capabilities and to overcome their unique challenges. Capacity building activities should help developing states through a structured programme to provide hydrographic services and products in order to advance maritime safety and efficiency and to support the protection and sustainable use of the marine environment. It should also assist developing states to become productive members of the IHO. Close relationship with other international bodies should be maintained to ensure that capacity building efforts are coordinated and not duplicated.

I believe that my participation on various IHO committees, both technical and regional has equipped me to make a valuable contribution to the direction of the Organization. My service as Chair of the Southern Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission for 10 years has provided opportunities to interact with many developing States and I believe has equipped me to make a very worthwhile contribution to the work of the IHO.

I take the work of the IHO and the Secretariat very seriously and if asked to serve Member States as a member of the Secretariat, I would make every effort to achieving the aims and objectives of the IHO and to serving Member States to my best ability.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – RENSEIGNEMENTS COMPLEMENTAIRES

(if any)

(le cas échéant)

Vice Chairman of IHO Inter Regional Coordinating Committee (IRCC)

Member IHO Strategic Plan Working Group (ISPWG)

Member IHO Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC)

Member IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC)

Chairman IHO Worldwide Electronic Navigational Chart Data Base Committee (WEND) (2006 – 2008)

Member IHO Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA)

Member of IHO Strategic Planning Working Group (SPWG) (2003 – 2007)

Chairman Southern Africa & Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC) (2003 – 2007)

Vice Chairman Southern Africa & Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC) (2008 – 2009)

Chairman Southern Africa & Islands Hydrographic Commission (2009 – To Date)

RSA Head of Delegation to 3rd EIHC 2005

RSA Head of Delegation to XVIIth IHC 2007

RSA Head of Delegation to 4th EIHC 2009

RSA Head of Delegation to XVIIIth IHC 2012

RSA Head of Delegation to 5th EIHC 2014

Conduct IHO Technical Visits to Uganda, Namibia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya & Mozambique-2006

Conduct IHO Technical Visit to Malawi – 2008

Conduct IHO Technical Visits to Namibia & Malawi – 2011

Conduct IHO Technical visits to Seychelles, Mauritius, Tanzania & Kenya - 2012

Conduct IMO Mission – Technical Visit to Kenya - 2016

Date: 06 December 2016



Signature of candidate:
Signature du candidat: Captain A. Kampfer, MMM

Forwarding Authority - *Autorité qui transmet* :

Chief of the SA Navy

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Signature of forwarding authority:
Signature de l'autorité qui transmet :

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V ADM M.S. HLONGWANE
CHIEF OF THE SA NAVY