



Korean Coastguard Headquarters
Incheon
Republic of Korea

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Dear Mr. Kim, Hong Hee,

Many and sincere congratulations on accepting the vital and prestigious role of Commissioner of KCG. All at ITO PF wish you all the very best going forwards.

ITOPF has a long and valued history with KCG. Both organisations strive for excellence in regards preparing and responding to ship-borne pollution events and we share an excellent, professional relationship.

We both recognise that, despite best endeavours, incidents still occur from time to time and it is wise to have good frameworks and leadership in place to deal with such matters. Larger incidents such as HEBEI SPIRIT occur less frequently but are best dealt with by being prepared in advance. ITO PF and KCG have worked closely together during such critical times and we have also worked collaboratively in non-emergency periods for over thirty years, and even more so in recent times. Training and education initiatives, as well as contingency planning processes and information exchanges are just some topics where we have enjoyed worked collaboratively with KCG.

We very much look forward to ever-closer, active support and cooperation with you in your role as Commissioner and indeed the whole KCG team, as we together face present day challenges, and those of the future. Changes led by IMO include the introduction of Low Sulphur Fuel Oils and the entry into force of the HNS convention, both of which are common interests to KCG and ITO PF and we already have plans of working together and sharing information on these new potential marine pollutants. We at ITO PF wish you every success and will do our bit to play a part in this. Congratulations, once more.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. H. Johnson".

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