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**From: Rear Admiral Tim Lowe CBE
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Dear Abri,

The UKHO is very pleased to nominate Mr Thomas Mellor for the position of Vice-Chair of HSSC. Thomas has been the Chair of the IHO ENCWG since its formation in 2015 and has held numerous positions within various IHO technical Working Groups over the last 14 years. He has considerable knowledge of the workings of HSSC and 'in depth' technical knowledge of ENC standards. As a member of the former IHO Transfer Standard Maintenance and Applications Development Working Group (TSMAD), he was involved with profiling many of the ISO standards to develop S-100 and he drafted the first edition of S-101 product specification.

Thomas has a wealth of international experience both with his IHO work and his 'day job' as Head of OEM Technical Support and Digital Standards at the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office. His work has helped him to develop very strong links with industry (ECDIS OEMS) and he has written extensively about the changes to IHO standards and the safety advantages of upgrading ECDIS software. Thomas has also provided bespoke technical consultancy to develop ECDIS best practice guidance for major international shipping organisations, such as the Chemical Distribution Institute (CDI), the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF), as well as supporting INTERTANKO (the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners) to develop a Guide to Safe Navigation.

I am pleased to share some quotes from satisfied customers/stakeholders, CDI and INTERTANKO respectively, "Mr Thomas Mellor provided us with an excellent and easy to understand explanation of the workings of the ECDIS equipment and associated requirements during his visit on the 19th June 2018. The question and answer session after the talk made it abundantly clear that all those partaking achieved a good grasp of the working of the ECDIS. We wish to thank Mr. Mellor for his excellent guidance" and "Thomas Mellor has been a fantastic resource of information and support for the industry and in particular for INTERTANKO. His timely and expert replies give us not only a good base to work on but also a trust that the hydrographic industry is listening to our concerns and everyday issues".

Finally, we wish to assure HSSC members that UKHO is fully committed to support the activities of HSSC at this crucial time of the transition into the implementation of S-100.

*Yours
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