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Our ref: **MNA 138/005/070**

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Digital Application (app) for chart updates - VASCO

Further to your submission, in which you sought the views of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) on the tablet computer-based app, VASCO, to facilitate updates to UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) paper charts.

On the basis of our meeting, practical demonstrations at your premises and the supplementary information provided, I am pleased to advise you that the MCA recognises your product "**VASCO ver.1.1.1** (or subsequent updates as necessary)" as satisfying the carriage requirement for Notices to Mariners under Regulation 19.2.1.4 of Chapter V of the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention to identify, catalogue and update the UKHO paper charts.

This recognition is given on the basis that the said app and its software update are available in a suitable format (downloadable stand-alone app via relevant 'App store') in addition to online via the Internet. Additionally, the app also complies with UK Hydrographic Office licence, ref. HO 2444/150325/01. If UKHO withdraws or suspends their approval dated 24/08/2016, the status of this MCA approval will also be deemed rescinded.

Please sign below as acknowledgement of the above and return the signed copy to the MCA.

Yours faithfully

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