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Mr Victor Chernov
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Dear Mr Chernov,

Re: Marine Rescue Service [MRS] membership of the International Salvage Union

The Executive Committee of the International Salvage Union has been considering MRS membership of the association in the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The Executive Committee has decided to suspend your membership of ISU effective immediately. In making this decision we have considered in some detail and taken account of the objects of the ISU set out in its Articles of Association in a matter which clearly affects the marine salvage industry, given the actions in and around the coast of Ukraine. In addition, the relationship that your organisation has with the Russian state is of concern to us as an international body tasked with promoting the industry generally, particularly, in light of the widespread international condemnation of Russia's actions, and the imposition of strong sanctions against certain Russian interests by, among others, the EU, the United States, Japan and the UK.

The ISU is a non-political association, but we must consider the impact that your continuing membership of the ISU would have on the association and its relationships with the wider maritime and supporting industries.

We shall keep this matter under review, and we all hope that hostilities will cease as soon as possible, and that peace will return to the region.

Yours sincerely

Captain Nicholas Sloane
President of the ISU
on behalf of the ISU Executive Committee

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