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## **TECHNICAL ALERT No. 13-06 Rev.02**

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### **Merger of Det Norske Veritas & Germanischer Lloyd**

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#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. As has been widely publicised Classification Societies Det Norske Veritas AS (DNV) and Germanischer Lloyd SE (GL) have merged to form DNV GL AS.
- 1.2. Both DNV and GL were Recognised Organisations (ROs) and Recognised Security Organisations (RSOs) authorised to conduct audits, inspections, surveys and issue statutory certification on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.
- 1.3. This alert was first issued in October 2013 with the intention of advising ship owners, managers and other interested third parties of the implications of the DNV GL merger, for Bahamian ships classed with DNV or GL, or where DNV or GL issued ISM, ISPS or ILO certification and has been updated to reflect the current situation.

#### **2. Recognised Organisation.**

- 2.1. Both DNV and GL acted as ROs under separate but identical agreements with the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA).
- 2.2. Upon the request of DNV GL AS, the agreement with Germanischer Lloyd SE has been cancelled and DNVGL AS now act under the existing RO agreement between the BMA and Det Norske Veritas AS.
- 2.3. It is intended that a new RO agreement between the BMA and DNV GL AS will be finalised in due course.

### **3. Statutory Certification issued by DNV and GL**

- 3.1. The BMA recognises existing statutory certification that was issued by Det Norske Veritas AS or Germanischer Lloyd SE under their respective agreements.
- 3.2. The BMA also recognises statutory certification issued by DNV GL AS under the modified agreement between the BMA and Det Norske Veritas AS.

### **4. Continuous Synopsis Records**

- 4.1. The Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) requires the Classification Societies and issuing bodies for the Safety Management Certificate, Document of Compliance and International Ship Security Certificate to be identified on the CSR.
- 4.2. In order to reduce the administrative burden to owners and the BMA, the BMA does not require CSRs to be re-issued to reflect the merger of DNV and GL. The DNV GL merger will only be reflected on new CSRs issued due to a change of other mandatory information on the CSR document (i.e. change of name, change of owner/manager details, transfer of class, etc.).

### **5. IMO and Port State Control**

- 5.1. The BMA has written to the International Maritime Organisation, the secretariat of all Port State Control Memoranda of Understanding regions and the US Coast Guard, advising the BMA policy with respect to certification issued by DNV, GL and DNV GL AS on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and the RO status of DNV GL AS, in order to prevent the undue delay of Bahamian ships.
- 5.2. A copy of the letter sent to IMO is available as IMO Circular Letter No.3415, dated 6 November 2013 and is attached as the Annex to this Technical Alert for reference.

## **6. Validity**

6.1. This alert is valid until further notice.

## **7. Revision History**

Rev.2 (04 December 2014) – Updated to reflect cancellation of agreement between the BMA and Germanischer Lloyd SE

Rev.1 (14 November 2013) – Addition of Paragraph 5.2 and Annex, minor editorial revisions

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Circular letter No.3415  
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**To:** All IMO Member States  
Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and its 1978 and 1988 Protocols, which are not Members of IMO  
Contracting Governments to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 and its 1988 Protocol, which are not Members of IMO  
Contracting Governments to the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, which are not Members of IMO  
Contracting Governments to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and its 1997 Protocol, which are not Members of IMO  
Contracting Governments to the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001, which are not Members of IMO  
United Nations and specialized agencies  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO

**Subject:** Communication from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas on the authorization of recognized organizations

On 24 October 2013, the Bahamas Maritime Authority forwarded the attached letter, which it has requested be brought to the attention of Member Governments.

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24<sup>th</sup> October 2013

The Secretary General,  
International Maritime Organisation  
4 Albert Embankment,  
London,  
SE1 7SR.

Dear Sir,

**The merger of Det Norske Veritas and Germanischer Lloyd.**

**Recognised Organisation Status and Statutory Certification issued on behalf of the  
Government of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas.**

As you are no doubt aware the classification societies Det Norske Veritas (DNV) and Germanischer Lloyd (GL) have merged to form DNV GL AS. We are writing to you to advise you of the Bahamas Maritime Authority's (BMA) policy with regards to the Recognised Organisation (RO) and Recognised Security Organisation (RSO) status of DNV, GL and DNV GL AS, as well as the certification issued by these RO's.

As part of the merger DNV will change name to DNV GL AS and GL will change name to DNV GL SE and become a wholly owned subsidiary of DNV GL AS. The merger is currently in progress and both Classification societies are currently acting in parallel as ROs/RSOs under their existing RO agreements with flag administrations. An initial transition period is expected to commence at the start of December 2013 and will last 6 months.

**Recognised Organisation and Statutory Certification Status**

Both DNV and GL are Recognised Organisations authorised to conduct audits, inspections, surveys and issue statutory certification on behalf of the Government of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas. The existing RO agreements between the BMA and both DNV and GL provide identical authorisations for both DNV and GL.

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Until a formal RO agreement is signed between the BMA and DNV GL AS, the BMA will recognise all statutory certification issued by DNV or GL under their existing RO agreements. DNV GL AS has indicated that they intend to start issuing Statutory Certification under their new title after the initial 6 month transition period. If, after the initial transition period, a new RO agreement has not been made between BMA and DNV GL AS any new Statutory Certification issued by DNV GL AS under the DNV GL AS title will be recognised and accepted by the BMA based on the existing RO agreement with DNV, the former name of DNV GL AS.

Continuous Synopsis Records.

In order to reduce the administrative burden to the BMA and ship owners the BMA will not require Continuous Synopsis Records (CSRs) to be re-issued to reflect the merger of DNV and GL. The DNV/GL merger will only be reflected on new CSRs issued after the end of the initial 6 month transition period and only when CSRs are re-issued due to a change of other mandatory information on the CSR document (change of name, change of owner/manager details, transfer of class, etc.).

We respectfully request that the forgoing information is promulgated to Member States for their information.

Yours faithfully,



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Director & CEO  
The Bahamas Maritime Authority

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