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INTERTANKO RELEASES VERSION 4 OF ITS QUESTIONNAIRE 88

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The Questionnaire 88 (Q88), first issued in 1988 by INTERTANKO, has been revised to include the most up-to-date information for assessing vessel suitability and risk when chartering tankers. The Questionnaire, now in its 4th version, is the established industry standard for information on ships for commercial screening (vetting) purposes.

INTERTANKO's Vetting Committee re-established its "Questionnaire 88 Working Group" under the chairmanship of Capt. Ashley Cooper (Scorpio Ship Management S.A.M) which has worked to ensure that the Questionnaire is kept topical.

Captain Cooper, Marine Director at Scorpio Ship Management s.a.m., commented that **"This latest revision incorporates all the necessary information currently required for making a ship assessment and will ensure that the Questionnaire remains the industry standard for vetting/screening assessments"**.

The Q88 was last revised in 2008 and this revision takes into account new questions and brings in changes which address new regulations and industry requirements such as MLC and EEDI certification.

The Questionnaire will continue to be transferable between various parties' internal systems by publishing an XML version. All existing Q88 data will automatically be migrated to the new format; however, owners/operators are urged to check their ships' data to ensure that it is correct and up to date.

This revision has been carried out with the invaluable assistance of Q88 LLC which operates the website www.Q88.com.

Fritz Heidenreich, President of Q88 LLC, says, "***This revision incorporates recommendations and feedback that we have had from our subscribers since the last revision in 2008, demonstrating that the revised Q88 is a collaborative effort for the benefit of our industry.***"

Ongoing feedback and revisions will keep this Questionnaire up to date and widely used as a risk assessment tool.

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