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TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear Sirs

**OIL POLLUTION : UNITED STATES
NEW LEGISLATION IN CALIFORNIA FOR DRY CARGO SHIPS
ARRANGEMENTS WITH
SPILL MANAGEMENT FIRMS/RESPONSE ORGANISATIONS**

Further to the circular of 22 July, the Managers wish to draw to Members' attention a further circular received from one of the largest spill management firms, O'Brien's Oil Pollution Service Inc (OOPS), and also an offer received from a company based in California, Patriot Maritime Compliance LLC, for a comprehensive package of services to comply with the California non-tank vessel pollution prevention regulations and to cover the whole of the United States.

Their recent communications are attached:

1. OOPS's circular of 22 July, restating their offer of qualified individual/spill management team services for all of North America, including Hawaii, Alaska and Canada at no charge. They have explained that this package is completely separate from their services which will be provided in California under the PMSA programme.
2. Patriot Maritime Compliance's fax to the Managers of 16 July offering the Club's Members a comprehensive package of services in order to comply with the new California regulations but also covering the whole of the United States, including the preparation of a vessel specific response plan, qualified individual and spill management team services, facilitation of coverage with the Member's oil spill response organisation (OSRO)/contractor of choice and other services. They point out that they are California-based and are retired US Coast Guard officers with considerable experience and contacts in pollution matters in California.

The Managers felt it appropriate to bring these communications to Members' immediate attention.

The Managers intend to issue a further circular once the final version of the new California regulation for non-tank vessels is published.

Yours faithfully
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