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Mr. Julian Longson
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RE: Evaluation of PurpleFinder Fleet Tracking System and the DSAS Ship Security Alert System (SSAS)

Dear Mr. Longson:

The Marshall Islands Flag Administration has, over the period of the past several months, taken the opportunity to carefully investigate the functionality of PurpleFinder with regard to fleet tracking and Ship Security Alert System (SSAS) capabilities. During this period we tracked several test ships using PurpleFinder's Internet based, Java applet browser, and pull-down menus for selected assets with great ease and usefulness. The information provided gave us clear and concise information with regard to the asset's current and historic track, local weather information, and other valuable details. Ultimately, we found PurpleFinder to be an exceptional method of tracking ships worldwide. PurpleFinder is also very user-friendly.

We found Pole Star's dedicated commitment to customer satisfaction to be at the highest level. For example, our duty officers use state of the art handheld wireless devices that enable us to receive security alerts and track ships via Internet access. Though state of the art, these handheld wireless units do not have Java applet viewing capability, making certain portions of PurpleFinder inoperative. When informed of this issue, Pole Star technicians provided a solution in less than one week whereby Quick Map was created. Quick Map provides the same fleet tracking information as the Java applet-rich version used on PCs, but does not have the embedded Java applet program. This makes viewing of fleet tracking information possible on our handheld wireless devices.

While the Administration cannot type-approve any Ship Security Alert System we do find PurpleFinder to be fully compliant with the functional requirements of SOLAS XI-2/6, IEC60945, and national requirements.

Sincerely,

Captain Stephan A. Mort
Vice President, Maritime Operations
Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs
for the Republic of the Marshall Islands