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Federal Fleet Services

Owners and Operators of the MV Asterix

The Master Mariners of Canada, a voice for professional mariners in Canada, are writing this Letter of Support of the MV Asterix, its owners and operators, Federal Fleet Services, as we recognise the important role they play in the Canadian maritime sector.

Since the inception of the project to bring a vessel under a Contractor Owned, Contractor Operated (COCO) model, the ship and its crew of professional Canadian seafarers has performed flawlessly. They have shown that the cooperation between the Canadian Armed Forces(CAF), mainly the Royal Canadian Navy and crew of merchant seafarers works extremely well and is one that needs to continue into the near and distant future.

The MV Asterix employs 72 Canadian seafarers along with shore based personnel and the contract should be extended to protect these jobs. These seafarers provide a critical role in supporting CAF operations domestically and internationally. The MV Asterix provides a great opportunity for young seafarers to gain international seagoing experience on a Canadian flagged ship while it performs many unique operations during its voyages.

Again, we strongly promote the continued operations of the MV Asterix and its Canadian seafarers as we believe it is critical that Canada retain this service and continued employment of the ship and its crew.

Yours Sincerely

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