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Identification and Inclusion of Shore-based and Near shore Activities associated with Maritime Operations into the Maritime Safety Management System (MSMS)

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SUMMARY

The primary objective of this study is to identify all shore-based and near shore activities, which are associated with maritime operation, and to codify them into a Maritime Safety Management System (MSMS). This is the attempt to extend the currently existing ISM Code in order to complete the safety net in the maritime industry for the sake of "safer shipping and cleaner oceans".

The study is conducted through six stages with six reports as the outputs. The objectives of the first report, which was already completed, are to identify all shore-based and near-shore activities that are associated with maritime safety management system as well as other elements of the MSMS. These elements are named as main players in the shore-based and near shore activities, safety-related relationships among these players, key safety issues, related risks associated with these issues and contents and requirements for a good maritime safety plan. In order to produce the first report, a Focus Group interview was conducted with the participation of maritime professionals in Australia and New Zealand.

The first report of this study reveals important findings, as illustrated in the figure in the following page. These findings are essential since they provide a clear picture of how the MSMS is effectively constructed. They are also the background for further refinement of the study in the subsequent reports, where all elements of the MSMS are analysed and codified.

FOCUS GROUP PERCEPTIONS ON MSMS

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