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**African Paddling Association
C/O Marie-Louise Kellett and Gustav Greffrath**

By Email:

**Ref: 20/ APA
Date: 25 July 2014**

Re: Agreement between African Paddling Association and SAMSA/Commercial Paddling

Dear Marie-Louise and Gustav,

I refer to SAMSA's recent technical meeting held in Cape Town between 8 and 10 July 2014; where amongst other topics tabled the arrangements for the audit and approval of commercial paddling companies were discussed. It was agreed that SAMSA must revise and republish two marine notices that have relevance to your operations, namely:

- Marine Notice 18 of 2012 SAMSA Approval of Lifejackets and Buoyancy Aids and the Compulsory Standards for Lifejackets used on South African Vessels
- Marine Notice 28 of 2011 Agreement between African Paddling Association and SAMSA

The process for revising these two notices may take some time and it has been decided to issue this letter to clarify certain issues in the meantime, namely.

1. Buoyancy Aids to be provided for compliance

It was agreed that existing personal flotation devices (PDF) currently in use within the industry, that have proven their effectiveness (as described in Marine Notice 28 of 2011), are permitted for use by commercial paddling operators if their condition was found to be suitable prior to use and at the time of annual audit by SAMSA.

A phase out period of five (5) years has been determined to be appropriate for your industry to ensure that suitable PFD are available for use on your boats. When this phase out period of five (5) years has lapsed all PDF in use will need to be correctly approved.

2. Applicable charges for services provided by SAMSA

Fees are determined and charged by the 'Determination of Charges' as published in the *Gazette*. There are no appropriate determinations specifying the charges for auditing companies operating small commercial paddling craft in compliance with Marine Notice 28 of 2011.

The prescribed hourly rate specified in regulation 52 (1) [R820 per hour, or part thereof] will be charged when audits are conducted in terms of Marine Notice 28 of 2011. Owners are encouraged to contact SAMSA offices timeously to ensure that services can be provided in the most sustainable way.

Kindly inform your members so the content of this letter, so that audits of companies can be conducted as efficiently as possible.

Kind Regards

Captain Nigel Campbell
Executive Head: Centre for Ships

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