



June 6, 2014

SHIPPING LINE: _____

Re: Letter of Understanding (LOU) to participate in the voluntary **Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) Incentive Trial 2014** for the Santa Barbara Channel

In accordance with the VSR Cover Letter dated June 6, 2014, the above shipping line agrees to participate in the VSR trial program for grant funds administered by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation. In order to receive incentive funds, the above shipping line agrees to the following:

- 1) Identify on the attached registration form a vessel(s) and transit(s) that will maintain a speed of 12 knots or lower in the VSR Zone as identified in the attached map between the dates of July 1, 2014 and October 31, 2014. A transit is defined as a one-way passage through the VSR Zone from Point Arguello to the 40 nm limit of the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, Vessel Speed Reduction Program.
- 2) The registered vessel(s) participates in the existing Port of Los Angeles or Port of Long Beach VSR program (either the 20 nautical mile or 40 nautical mile program).

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD), and the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS), shall use AIS data to compute and verify the average speed for each transit, and if all criteria are met, transmit to the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation a letter of payment approval with supporting data. After receiving the payment approval letter the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation agrees to:

1. Distribute \$2,500 in incentive funds per verified transit no later than January 1, 2015.

In addition to the incentive payment(s), the above shipping line will be recognized for its participation in the trial program through various media related and project news releases and announcements, to be approved by all parties.

Please return the completed vessel registration form and signed LOU to Sean Hastings at CINMS no later than June 30, 2014. CINMS and APCD will verify the registered ship's eligibility and upon verification forward the LOU and Vessel Registration form to the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation for enrollment.

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Decisions concerning safe navigation and maneuvering of participating vessels remain entirely with ship masters and crew. The APCD , CINMS, Environmental Defense Center, Santa Barbara Foundation and National Marine Sanctuary Foundation are not liable for any loss, damage, or harm resulting from participation in this Vessel Speed Reduction Incentive Trial.

In signing this LOU, the undersigned recognize and accept the roles and responsibilities assigned to each party.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Jason Patlis
Executive Director
National Marine Sanctuary Foundation

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Position Title: _____

Shipping Line: _____

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