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Dear PEC (B) applicant,

Application for a PEC for intra-port Tugs and Tows subject to compulsory Pilotage (PEC B)

On the PLA website you will find information to assist with your studies. Your PEC Reference Number (5.....) should have been given to you when you made the initial notification to us of your intention to apply for a PEC (B).

Please ensure that you quote your PEC Reference Number to Port Control if ordering a pilot, AND when reporting during familiarisation trips. You should also record each voyage on a PLA Tripping Record Form, which can be found within the PEC B application form.

Following completion of 8 qualifying trips, PEC (B) applicants are required to sit an oral / theory examination for the area for which they are applying. Only qualifying trips up to a year prior to the theory exam can be accepted. Examinations are conducted by a panel consisting of a Harbour Master and a Pilot Examiner. Examinations may be arranged with the Harbour Master (Lower) department during normal office hours.

You will, at the time of your examination, be required to provide a valid qualification suitable for towing and pushing together with a towing endorsement and Medical Certificate.

Following this, you will be required to submit for a practical examination by a PLA pilot. Please note that practical examinations will take place after a successful theory examination and not prior to it. Practical examinations may be arranged with the Pilotage department during normal office hours.

Also included with the PEC (B) application form is the Contractual Agreement for the issue of a Pilotage Exemption Certificate. This MUST be signed by the Operator of your company and returned with your application. The signatory should have full authority to sign on behalf of your company. We are unable to issue a Pilotage Exemption Certificate without prior receipt of this contract.

Yours sincerely



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