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To the Members

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Dear Sirs,

**"A Guide for correct entries in the Oil Record Book"**

"In October 2001, the US Coast Guard established the Oily Water Separation Systems Task Force to examine a wide range of issues relating to machinery and equipment used to manage oily bilge water on commercial vessels; one of its aims being to develop recommendations for the maritime industry on how to reach its environmental goals and ensure compliance with MARPOL and the Clean Water Act.

Intertanko's Safety, Technical and Environmental Committee has developed "A Guide for correct entries in the Oil Record Book" in an attempt to address the increasing problems of ships being detained and fined in the USA due to errors in the completion of the Oil Record Book. The booklet provides detailed instructions on how to complete the Oil Record Book in accordance with the MARPOL 73/78 regulations.

The Association is pleased to be able to provide its Members with a complimentary copy of this booklet. We hope that this will serve as a useful source of reference that will assist in avoiding unnecessarily fines and expense associated with this aspect of shipboard operations. Additional copies of this publication, if required, will need to be obtained directly from Intertanko.

Yours faithfully,

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