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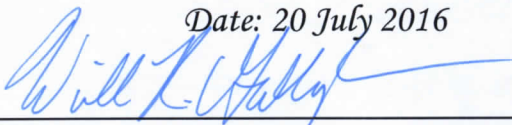
Certificate of Commendation

The Maritime Administrator of the Republic of the Marshall Islands is honored to commend the Master, Officers, and Crew of the bulk carrier TEAM QUEST, managed by Team Fuel Corp., for demonstrating outstanding seamanship on the Thirty-First day of March and the First day of April, Two Thousand and Sixteen. While drifting near the Port of Nauru, Republic of Nauru, the Crew of TEAM QUEST received a message from their local agent reporting that a small wooden boat with three people on board had gone missing and was believed to be in distress, and shortly thereafter were requested by the Port of Nauru to provide assistance. The Crew of TEAM QUEST contacted Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu and set a course towards the last reported position of the missing boat, which was in the North Pacific Ocean, approximately 70 nautical miles off the northwestern coast of Nauru. Upon arrival, there was no sight of the missing boat. Taking into account the direction of the current, Captain Ferdinand M. Reyes directed the Crew of TEAM QUEST to alter course in an attempt to intercept the missing boat. After hours of searching, the Crew of TEAM QUEST spotted the small boat and safely brought aboard the three individuals as well as their boat. The rescued individuals were later disembarked at the Port of Nauru, where local port authorities also assisted in the disembarkment of the boat. The rapid response and professional actions taken by Captain Ferdinand M. Reyes and the Crew of TEAM QUEST are in keeping with the finest traditions of the sea. Congratulations are in order for their exemplary service to the maritime community.

Well done to Captain Ferdinand M. Reyes, Officers, and Crew!

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Signed by: _____



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