



## Memorandum of Understanding for the Mutual Recognition of Offshore Diving Supervisor Certificates

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**This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made between**

**the International Marine Contractors Association** (based in London, UK),  
represented by its Technical Director, Jane Bugler

**and the Diver Certification Board of Canada**  
represented by its Executive Director, David Parkes

**and concerns the mutual recognition of offshore diving supervisor certificates.**

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Whereas IMCA is the international trade association representing offshore, marine and underwater engineering companies and has the organisation, expertise, policies and procedures to adequately document and certify the competency of offshore diving supervisors,

and whereas the DCBC is the national body which certifies offshore and inshore commercial divers in Canada and has the organisation, expertise, policies and procedures to adequately document and certify the competence of offshore diving supervisors,

and whereas the parties wish to ensure effective co-operation between the two organisations for the mutual recognition of the respective organisations' offshore diving supervisor certificates,

now, therefore, the parties agree to the following:

### **1 Introduction**

In 2007 it was established, after due analysis and consideration, that the aims and arrangements for the IMCA offshore air diving supervisor scheme and the DCBC air diving supervisor scheme were equivalent. An MOU between IMCA and DCBC for the mutual recognition of offshore air diving supervisor certificates was signed by both organisations on 15 February 2007 with the MOU coming into force on 1 April 2007.

Since then, DCBC has extended its scheme to cover offshore bell diving supervisors. It has now been established, after due analysis and consideration, that the aims and arrangements for the IMCA offshore bell diving supervisor scheme and the DCBC offshore bell diving supervisor scheme are equivalent.

### **2 Certificate Acceptance**

IMCA and DCBC accept that each other's offshore diving supervisor qualifications are equivalent and accept the certification issued by the organisations in respect to their schemes as proof of meeting the requirements to undertake supervision of diving operations subject to a demonstration of knowledge in the areas requiring the appropriate legislative modules.

IMCA agrees that its guidelines will recognise DCBC offshore diving supervisor certificates.

DCBC agrees that it will accept IMCA offshore diving supervisor certificates.

IMCA and DCBC agree that each party will alert the other, for agreement, of any proposed changes to their respective schemes.

### 3 Monitoring/Auditing

IMCA and DCBC agree that, where appropriate and following agreement, each party should be given the facility to monitor and audit the other's scheme.

### 4 Effective Date, Amendment and Termination

This MOU comes into force on 4 March 2009.

The parties to this MOU will meet at the request of either party to review the provisions of this agreement. Any necessary additions, deletions or changes shall be made in writing and signed by the signatories or their designated representatives.

This MOU will remain in effect until superseded or terminated by written mutual agreement. Either party wishing to terminate this MOU shall submit a written notification with sufficient notice to prevent unreasonable disruption to the activities of the other party.

### 5 Termination of MOU for Air Diving Supervisors

When this memorandum comes into place it supersedes and replaces the previous similar MOU for air diving supervisors only, dated 1 April 2007.

In witness therefore, the parties have signed this MOU on the dates indicated below.



David Parkes  
DCBC Executive Director

Date: 4 March 2009



Jane Bugler  
IMCA Technical Director

Date: 4 March 2009