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Subject: Revocation of Appointment as Assistant Commissioner

Dear Assistant Commissioners

By the authority vested in me under subsection 3(6) of the *Maritime (Amendment) Act No. 4 of 2022*, and with reference to subsection 3(1) regarding the appointment of Assistant Commissioners, **I hereby inform you that your appointment as Assistant Commissioner is revoked with immediate effect.**

This decision follows the official cessation of the contract between the Government of Vanuatu and Vanuatu Maritime Services Limited (VMSL) in October 2024, and the enforcement of the new concession agreement and confidential settlement with Vanuatu Logistics and Administrative Services (VLAS). The governance and operational structure of the Vanuatu Shipping Registry has now transitioned under this new framework, requiring a realignment of statutory roles and responsibilities.

In line with the Government's obligations under the new legal and regulatory structure, your delegated authority under the Vanuatu Maritime Act is no longer applicable.

We extend our sincere appreciation for your many years of dedicated service and contribution to the Vanuatu maritime sector.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely

LESS JOHN NAPUATI VMSA COMMISSIONER

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Commissioner of Maritime Affairs

Cc: President/CEO of VLAS-Mr. Saade Maklouf