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**Fraudulent CoCs**

Applicable to: This FLEET SAFETY LETTER should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators, Masters of Vanuatu-registered ships, Flag Inspectors, Recognized Organizations and MOUs

**To Whom it May Concern:**

Vanuatu Maritime Service Ltd, (VMSL) as the Vanuatu Maritime Administration for the Vanuatu International Ship Registry VISR has received requests from Flag Administrations to verify copies of Certificates of Competencies (CoCs) allegedly issued by VMSL in order for them to issue an Endorsement.

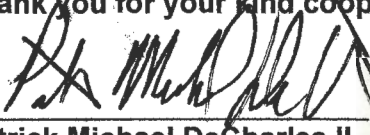
VMSL does not issue any CoCs, except in the oil and gas sector when the seafarer's national agency does not issue those particular CoCs or for a GMDSS license for the same reason.

The attached alleged CoC is not authentic even though it has a QR Code, a bar code and allegedly signed by our authorized Turkish Special Agent. Our Turkish Special Agent has confirmed that the signature is fraudulent.

VMSL would like to advise all parties that if your Office receives or suspects any national Certificate of Competency issued by VMSL in the attached similar format, please consider it suspect to be a fraudulent document. VMSL kindly request you forward a copy of that suspect document to VMSL-NY by email ([email@vanuatuships.com](mailto:email@vanuatuships.com)) for verification.

You are kindly requested to pass this notice to all of your offices and officers.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

X   
Patrick Michael DeCharles.II  
by the direction of the  
Assistant Commissioner of Maritime Affairs  
The Republic of Vanuatu



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THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU  
PORO VILA VANUATU

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY**

CERTIFICATE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING,  
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS 1978, AS AMENDED

The Government of Vanuatu certifies that SUDHIN KALLINGAL SETHUMADHAVAN has been found duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulations III/1 of the above convention, as amended and has been found competent to perform the following functions, as the levels specified, subject to any limitations.

FUNCTION	LEVEL	LIMITATIONS APPLYING
Controlling the operation of the ship and care for person on board	Operational	None
Maintenance and repair	Operational	None
Marine engineering	Operational	None
Electrical, electronic, and control engineering	Operational	None

The lawful holder of this certificate may serve in the following capacity or capacities specified in the applicable safe manning requirements of the Administrator

CAPACITY	LIMITATIONS APPLYING
Watchkeeping engineer on ship powered by main propulsion machinery of 3000KW power or more	None

Date of birth of the holder of the certificate 12-October-1996

Nationality : India

Certificate issued : 21-12-2023

Valid until : 20-12-2028

Capacity, full name and signature of the authorized official Authorized official of the shipping administration



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Signature of the holder of the certificate \_\_\_\_\_

The authenticity and validity of this document according to information of the state register of seafarers. Documents can be verified by QR code or by visiting [www.https://vanuatumaritimships.com](https://vanuatumaritimships.com)



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