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To whom it may concern

Object: Expiry date on type approval certificate and service continuity

Dear Clients,

We sincerely appreciate your continued trust in our products and services. We would like to bring to your attention an important update regarding the Type approval certificate related to some of our products used for verifying the weather tightness of hatch covers, doors and ramps in marine applications. Regrettably, we must inform you that the SDT SHERLOG KIT MATE and MASTER have been discontinued from production ([see official announcement](#)). As a result, the associated Type approval certificate n° 17/30042, which expired on December 27, 2022, cannot be renewed.

It's important to note that all concerned instruments that were placed on the market comply with the "production-related" certificate. As an ISO 9001-2015 certified company (n° 10500546 by Lloyd's Register), we want to emphasize that these instruments were manufactured during the validity period of the type approval, following our stringent internal procedures.

The type approval certificate serves as a testament to the compliance of our products with the recognized industry standards outlined in the procedural requirements for service suppliers (IACS UR Z17). The type approval certificate for marine applications pertains to production. Consequently, once an instrument is no longer in production, the remated audits are no longer applicable. Consequently, any SDT ultrasonic equipment manufactured in compliance with IACS rules, certified by a classification body during the production period of the concerned products can still be used for performing tightness tests on closing appliances, such as hatches, doors, etc. provided the equipment is covered by a valid calibration certificate.

We would also like to inform you that, for verification of marine, offshore and industrial weather tightness of hatch covers, doors, ramps and windows, SDT International sa nv, designated as the Manufacturer, offers a modern kit of ultrasonic instruments currently covered by the type approval certificate n° 18/30031 issued by Lloyd's Register. If you have any concerns or require additional information due to regulatory ambiguity, we are open to discussing a migration offer from SHERLOG 200/270 to SDT HATChecker to facilitate a smooth equipment transition.

For further clarifications, we strongly recommend reaching out to the classification society.

Thank you so much for your understanding.

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