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MARINE NOTICE

TO: ALL FPSO/FSO/FSU OWNERS AND OPERATORS, SHIP OWNERS, MANAGERS AND OPERATORS, OFFSHORE INSTALLATION MANAGERS, FPSO/FSO/FSU MOORING MASTERS, MASTERS OF SHIPS, APPLICABLE AGENTS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS.

APPLICATION OF MARITIME SAFETY AND MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROVISIONS TO FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. OPERATING IN NIGERIAN WATERS

Pursuant to the Agency's statutory mandate under the NIMASA Act 2007, the Merchant Shipping Act 2007 and Regulations made thereto, notice is hereby given as follows;

APPLICATION

1. This Marine Notice applies to all Floating, Production, Storage, and Off-Loading Units (FPSO), Floating, Storage and Off-Loading Units (FSO), Floating Production Units (FPU), Floating Storage Units (FSU), Floating Liquefied Natural Gas Units (FLNG), and any combination and variation of the aforementioned which may be moored at a particular location for extended periods.
2. This Marine Notice applies to all Nigerian and Foreign flagged FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. operating in Nigerian waters (includes inland waters, territorial waters and the Exclusive Economic Zone respectfully).

MARITIME SAFETY AND MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MANDATE FOR ALL FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc.

- 1) All FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall be flagged and classed.
- 2) All FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall be maintained in class for its intended purpose and service, and assigned with an appropriate class notation, by any of the Recognised Organisations (ROs) approved by the Nigerian Maritime Administration And Safety Agency.
- 3) Owners/Operators shall ensure their FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. are surveyed and certificated as required.
- 4) All FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall have valid trading certificates on-board at all times which must include:
 - a) Certification under SOLAS-1974/88, as amended (i.e., CSSCC, CSSEC, CSSRC) as applicable.
 - b) Certification under the MODU Code 1989 (or MODU Code 2009, as applicable), for Units other than self-propelled Units-MODU Code Certificate.
 - c) Certification under the applicable Annexes of MARPOL-73/78, as amended.
 - d) International Tonnage Certificate
 - e) International Load Line Certificate.
 - f) Certificate of Class appropriate for the intended use.
 - g) Floating Unit Insurance and Third Party Liability cover including Wreck Removal and Oil Pollution Damage etc.
- 5) With respect to MARPOL, all FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall comply with MARPOL Annex I, IV, V (in accordance with IMO resolution MEPC. 219 (63) – Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V) & VI (with the exception of Ch.4) requirements and relevant certificates shall be maintained.
- 6) All FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall comply with the following IMO Resolutions/Circulars, as applicable:
 - a) MSC- MEPC 2/ Circ. 9 dated 25 May 2010 on "Guidance for the application of safety, security and environmental protection provisions to FPSOs and FSUs";
 - b) IMO RESOLUTION MEPC.311(73) (adopted on 26 October 2018) 2018 Guidelines For The Application Of MARPOL Annex I Requirements To Floating Production, Storage And Offloading Facilities (FPSOs) And Floating Storage Units (FSUs)
- 7) All FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall comply with the requirements under Anti-fouling Systems Convention (AFS), Ballast Water Management Convention (BWM) etc. to the extent applicable.
- 8) All FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall undergo docking surveys as per the SOLAS requirements. However, due to the special nature of their operations, in-water survey of outer bottom in lieu of dry-docking will be accepted for those FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. which possess a valid class notation for extended dry-docking, provided that at least two satisfactory in-water surveys are carried out in any five-year period with the interval between the surveys not exceeding 36 months.
- 9) The extent and scope of such in-water surveys shall be in accordance with the plans/documents/procedures approved by the Classification Society and this shall be under Class supervision.

- 10) Before commencing on any voyage, all FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall comply with the IMO certification requirements for undertaking a sea voyage as per the relevant provisions of IMO Conventions, such as SOLAS, MARPOL etc. and the FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall be in possession of all relevant Trading Certificates, as applicable.
- 11) All FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall have an approved safety management system, including a maintenance programme particularly for essential marine systems and equipment, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Annex to the MSC-MEPC 2/ Circ. 9 dated 25 May 2010.
- 12) All FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall comply with SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code in full in order to facilitate in interaction between the FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. and other ships.
- 13) All FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall be manned with adequate number of marine and production crew (as applicable to their operation/safe manning document).
- 14) All FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall have and maintain an emergency response preparedness system/ procedure and a detailed risk analysis (such as HAZID, HAZOP, FMEA etc.), with consideration to the safety and pollution risks associated with its marine and production systems and operations.
- 15) All newly built, converted and existing FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall meet the requirements of the Coastal State (Nigeria) in the areas of design, construction and operation as it relates to safety and environmental protection.
- 16) Owners, Operators or/and their Agents shall ensure their FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. are designed, built (or modified), hooked-up at site in line with the Agency's requirements.
- 17) Owners, Operators or/and their Agents shall use their proposed field coordinates only after;
 - the coordinates have been confirmed safe not to obstruct safe ship navigation,
 - all environmental impact concerns within the sea area have been addressed.
 - written approvals have been granted by the Agency and other relevant government Agencies.
 - the coordinates have been charted in the relevant notices to mariners.
- 18) Operators or/and their Agents shall ensure all relevant approvals are obtained before design, build/, modification, operation at site and also when at the decommissioning stage of the Floating Unit after its intended period of operation.
- 19) All FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. shall possess annual operating permits issued by the Agency.
- 20) All life extension projects for all FPSOs/FSOs/FSUs etc. (Nigerian Flagged & Foreign Flagged) shall be done in line with the Agency's requirements and only after approval has been granted by the Agency.

PLEASE NOTE

1. The Coastal State (Nigeria) may impose additional requirements due to advancement in technologies, new and/or innovative designs, nature of operating conditions not covered here or in the existing IMO instruments or the MODU Code as and when necessary.
2. Non conformity with the foregoing requirements will attract the appropriate sanctions prescribed under the Merchant Shipping Act 2007 and Regulations made pursuant thereto.

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SIGNED: **MANAGEMENT**