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GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA  
**MINISTRY OF WORKS, TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE**

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Secretary General  
The Secretariat  
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Dear Secretary General

**REVOKING OF AUTHORISATION AS A RECOGNISED ORGANISATION**

The Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure expresses its gratitude to the organisation for your continuous support to the Government of Samoa through maritime technical and administrative assistance.

With this letter, I wish to clarify and make an official notification concerning the above subject matter. In February this year, we issued a letter to the Ascent Navals Company in Thailand regarding the cancellation of authorisation as a recognised organisation for Samoa Maritime Administration. This was a result of series of requests from the Administration seeking Samoa's authentication with a number of STCW certificates and vessels safety certificates issued by this company without our verification and endorsement of such.

Since then, the Ministry continues to receive requests for confirmation of certificates issued by other recognised organisations including the said company. In this regard, I hereby submit this letter as an official confirmation to the organisation that neither Ascent Navals nor any other organisation has been authorised by Samoa Maritime Administration as an RO.

It is hoped that this information would be of assistance in understanding this matter further and treated as a formal communication not only to the organisation but all other Maritime Administrations, Port State Control Officers and other relevant parties.

Yours Sincerely,

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