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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION (PEME) PROGRAM: SECOND YEAR RESULTS FOR THE PHILIPPINES AND UKRAINE

Your Managers are pleased to announce that the PEME program launched in March 2004 in the Philippines and Ukraine has had a further successful year. It is estimated that in its second year, the scheme saved the Club and its Members a little over \$2 million in crew exposures. Since the start of the program in 2004, total cost savings in excess of \$4.25 million are estimated to have been achieved.

A total of 5,855 seafarers were examined to the American Club's required standards between April 1, 2005 and March 31, 2006 before entering employment on Members' vessels. This comprised 4,051 Ukrainian seafarers and 1,804 Filipino crew. A total of 365 seafarers were found unfit for duty of whom 74 were found to be permanently unfit.

Your Managers are encouraged by the results of the program and would like to remind Members that it is mandatory for seafarers employed from the Philippines and Ukraine. The cooperation of Members in making the PEME program so successful deserves gratitude from both the Club and your Managers.

Members' Advisory

There would appear to be a small number of cases where clinics have not been notified that the seafarer is to receive the standard American Club PEME examination. Members are urged to ensure that manning agents are properly informed and that all seafarers are provided with the proper American Club Pre-Employment Medical Examination form applicable to clinics in the Philippines or Ukraine.

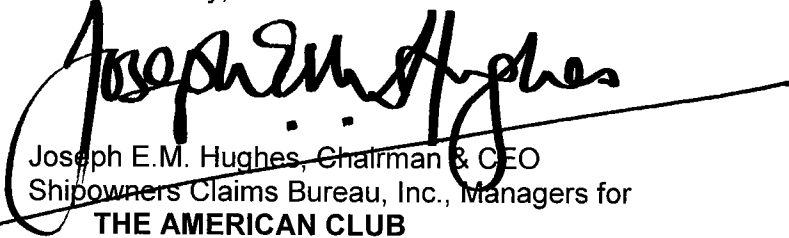
PEME forms can be found as attachments to Club Circular 30/05 of November 23, 2005, or on the Club's website at www.american-club.net under Circulars/2005 Circulars.



Further information

For further information regarding the Club's PEME program, please contact Dr. William Moore, Vice President, Loss Prevention and Risk Control for the Shipowners Claims Bureau at +1 212 847 4542 or wmoore@american-club.net.

Yours faithfully,


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