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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

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PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION (PEME) CLINICS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Reference is made to Circular No. 11/04 of May 3, 2004 which announced the inception of the American Club's program for the approval of clinics performing Pre-Employment Medical Examinations (PEMEs) in the Philippines.

As the Club marks the anniversary of this initiative, it is pleasing to note that the program is estimated to have led to the prevention of illness-related claims among Filipino seafarers of somewhat in excess of \$1 million by value over the last twelve months.

Taken together with the results of Ukrainian clinics as reported in Circular No. 08/05 of March 28, 2005, a total of some \$2.25 million by way of seafarer illness claims would appear to have been averted by virtue of these PEME programs over the last year.

However, your Managers have noted that the level of Member uptake in regard to use of the Club's PEME program in the Philippines is significantly less than that which applies to its scheme in the Ukraine. In light of the highly encouraging results obtained by taking advantage of the Club's approved clinics as described above, Members employing Filipino crew are urged to avail themselves of these medical facilities so as to ensure to the maximum extent possible the health of crew employed on board their vessels.

For Members' ready reference, the American Club's approved clinics in the Philippines are as follows:

1. American Outpatient Clinic, 2/F FEMI Building A, Soriano Jr. Avenue, Intramuros, Manila. Ph.:+63 527-1694.
2. Angelus Medical Clinic, 104 V.E. Rufino Street, Legazpi Villiage, Makati City, Manila. Ph.:+63 817-0765.
3. Maritime Clinic for International Services, 10 F Times Plaza, United Nations Avenue, Manila. Ph.:+63 527-9043 loc. 129.
4. Physician's Diagnostic Services Centre, 533 United Nations Avenue, 4th Floor, Physician's Tower Ermita, Manila. Ph.:+63 524-0626/27/28.
5. Super Care Medical Services Inc., 315 Velco Centre, R.S. Oca Street, Port Area, Manila. Ph.:+63 404-1698.
6. Ygeia Medical Clinic, 1888 J. Zamora Street, Pandacan, Manila. Ph.:+ 63 524-0626.

The Managers will continue to monitor the effectiveness of PEMEs performed at the Club's approved clinics which may be added to, or deleted from, the list depending on their performance.



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

Yours faithfully,

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