Memorandum for the Record

Subj: CNA Integrated Ship Database: Distribution of 3rd Quarter 2008 Update

(b) The Integrated Ship Database Basic Layout and Instructions

We announce the update to CNA's Integrated Ship Database (ISDB) as of the end of the third quarter of CY08 [Ref (a)]. You can find the database (Sep 08 database.xls) at the web page addressed www.cna.org/nationalsecurity/ota/shipdatabase. On the web page, you will also see a link to a document titled "The Integrated Ship Database: Basic Instructions and Layout" that describes basic features of the database and steps to take when first opening it [Ref (b)]. We also refer you to a link identified as "User's Manual" to go to the original database user's manual from December 2005 for additional background information [Ref (c)].

For this quarter, we made the usual changes:

• We updated the Naval Vessel Register (NVR) data through 30 September 2008.
• The data from the MSC Ship Inventory reflects changes as of 30 September 2008.
• The Maritime Administration's Property Management and Archive Record System (PMARS) data is current as of 30 September 2008.

One other change is obvious from a change in our color coding. We realized that the former MV Strong Virginian (AKR 9205), disposed and returned to owner according to NVR, is reported as the active MV Virginian (AK 9205) by the MSC Ship Inventory. Thus, we created a hybrid status reflecting both NVR and MSC reporting; accordingly changed the color scheme; and located the record in the MSC section.

We welcome and encourage your comments and suggestions for improvement of the database. Please contact Lynette McClain (mcclainl@cna.org or 703-824-2855) or Greg Suess (suessg@cna.org or 703-824-2231) if you have any questions or comments.

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