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**MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE OPEN ECDIS FORUM'S BOARD OF PATRONS  
From Gert Buttgenbach, SevenCs**

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From: Gert B. Buettgenbach [mailto:bue@sevencs.com]  
Sent: Sonntag, 14. November 1999 18:04  
To: bop@openecdis.org  
Subject: Welcome to the BOP of the OEF!

Dear colleagues,

my name is Gert B. Buettgenbach, I am the technical director of SevenCs GmbH/ Germany.

I welcome you as my colleagues at the Board Of Patrons of the Open ECDIS Forum. I have started a mailing list for us that only you and myself have access to. From now on, we will use the mailing list <bop@openecdis.org> to distribute E-mail among us, and thereby supervise the Open ECDIS Forum.

I like to thank the IHB, ie. Rear Admiral Neil Guy and his colleague Michel Huet for preparing and sending out the invitation letters to attend the OEF BoP. Michel has reported to me that you accepted the offer, and I included you to the BOP mailing list. Since my company, SevenCs, is currently providing the server to run the OEF web pages and to operate the E-Mail discussion forums, I suggest that I continue maintaining the BoP mailing list which should only be necessary if we welcome a new member to the BoP.

As you already learned from the invitation letter, the task of the BoP is to ensure a professional level at the OEF. For example, we will have to decide whether a new forum on a particular subject to ECDIS can be accepted. Usually, a request to start a certain forum will be provided by a person or organisation that is interested to use the OEF as a means to exchange thoughts and ideas. This person will become the chairman of the forum. His or her forum will be run as a mailing list, like the one that I am using to communicate with you.

It will be also our task to ensure an appropriate tone of discussion. The initiator/ chairman of a forum is responsible for fair wording within his forum. Any attendant to a forum can call the BoP by sending an E-mail to us should he or she feel offended, and the chairman could not manage it. The BoP will then vote whether to terminate the forum.

As a first action to perform, I will send you a second E-mail immediately following this one which I did send in response to an request by Mr. van Pelt. He desires to start a discussion forum dealing with the subject "Type Approval & End User Acceptance".

I thereby kindly ask you to respond to <bop@openecdis.org> and vote in favour or against this new forum. The OEF will start the new forum if a majority of us is voting for it.

May I also suggest that we introduce each other, and circulate short biographies which should be in HTML format or Word 97 format. Simply send it as attachment to the BoP E-Mail address, ie. <bop@openecdis.org>. I will then include it to the OEF website to introduce the OEF BoP to the public.

Thank you for supporting the OEF. I am looking forward to a fruitful cooperation within the BoP.

Kind regards

Gert B. Buettgenbach

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