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To: Mr. Thomas J. OSBORNE,
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Undersea Feature Names – Your proposed Lucky Star Ridge

Dear Mr Osborne,

Your naming proposal for Lucky Star Ridge in the north-west Pacific Ocean (21°40.0'N - 126°47.8'E to 22°46.0'N - 126°56.5'E), submitted in June 2008, was considered by the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea feature Names (SCUFN) at its 22nd meeting in September 2009. Regretfully, I have to report that your proposal was not accepted, for the following reasons (I quote from the SCUFN22 report which is available on the GEBCO website; see

http://www.gebco.net/about_us/meetings_and_minutes/documents/gebco_scufn_22_report.pdf):

“The bathymetry provided was insufficient to clearly define the feature as a ridge. Also, the proposed specific term did not follow the guidelines for SCUFN naming criteria, as in B-6.

Dr Y. OHARA mentioned that JHOD has complete multibeam coverage over this feature, which is very close to the Japanese EEZ and part of the Luzon-Okinawa Fracture Zone system. He offered to collaborate with T. OSBORNE in order to submit another proposal for this feature to the next meeting, which was agreed.”

Dr Yasuhiko OHARA, from the Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD) is one of the SCUFN members. As a result, I, as secretary of SCUFN, was tasked “to write to the proposer of Lucky Star Ridge, recommending that he contacts Y. OHARA to collaborate about the feature located from *Lat.* 22°46.0'N, *Long.* 126°56.5'E to *Lat.* 21°40.0'N, *Long.* 126°47.8'E, in view of submitting a new proposal to SCUFN23.”

May I therefore suggest that you and Dr. Ohara (in copy of this letter) liaise to prepare a revised proposal on this feature?

For your information, Guidelines on undersea feature naming are provided in IHO-IOC publication B-6, which is also available from the GEBCO website

http://www.gebco.net/data_and_products/undersea_feature_names/documents/b_6.pdf).

I thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. HUET', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ing. en Chef Michel HUET
Secretary of SCUFN

Copy to Dr. Y. Ohara