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Subject: The New TSMAD Forum/WIKI

Dear All,

TSMAD have recently set up a new forum to facilitate the S-100 (IHO Geospatial Standard for Hydrographic Data), and S-101 (IHO Electronic Navigational Chart) development work. The new forum, which makes use of Google Groups facilities, will also be gradually populated with other TSMAD related topics e.g. an encoding bulletin group, meeting calendar, associated documents etc. This may also be extended in the future to cater for other IHO standards and product specifications etc.

The forum can be found at http://code.google.com/p/tsmadwg/ from where links to the various groups, documents etc. can be found. Members who wish to participate in S-100 / S-101 development work are invited to register for a Google account using your normal email address. In order to do so, select "Sign In" at the top right hand corner of the Google home page. Once registered, you can apply to become a member of the various groups by visiting a particular group and selecting the "Apply for Group Membership" option. The forum administrator will then grant permission to participate in this group. (If your registration is not processed in a reasonable time, please contact myself or Tony). Some groups such as the encoding bulletin group, will be by invitation only. Access to a group enables members to comment on entries or edit any page in a similar way to other WIKI sites.

You are all strongly encouraged to join the forum, (particularly in the S-101 ENC product specification group). Although there will still be a need for TSMAD meetings, it is anticipated that the forum will facilitate the work of TSMAD and will also provide an opportunity for those who are unable to attend meetings, to participate in the development work.

Regards,

Barrie Greenslade Chairman, TSMAD