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**To Whom It May Concern**

I manage the Cape Town shipping practice of ENSafrica. My firm is Africa's largest law firm and is the listed correspondent at Cape Town and Durban for a number of IG P&I Clubs, including UK P&I, The Standard, The North of England, Japan P&I and Shipowners' Mutual. We are also listed correspondent for QBE British Marine and are shipping, corporate commercial and/or anti-trust counsel for a number of prominent shipping lines and operators and other P&I clubs, including Charterers P&I and Skuld, Gard and Nordisk.

I have personally practised in this field for over 25 years. As such, I have had cause to engage various shipping surveyors and maritime experts across a range of cases and different matter types. On each occasion in which I have instructed Allen Brink and Associates (ARB) I have found their service and expertise to be exemplary. Their mobilisation, execution and reporting has always been timeous and efficient, with Allen Brink personally usually maintaining a keen interest in all aspects of the matter.

ARB has an impressive network of in-house and independent experts in a broad range of disciplines, such that they are quickly able to garner the most appropriate surveyor or expert for the matter at hand. My firm was instructed jointly with ARB following a high profile grounding incident at Richards Bay in 2013 of which I had the conduct. The resultant litigation (a safe port warranty claim in excess of USD 100 000 million) in the UK and associated litigation in South Africa has spanned more than 8 years. The successful discharge of our mandate and successful outcome for our mutual client in both jurisdictions was attributable in no small part to ARB's ability to immediately engage and retain at an early stage the most suitably qualified surveyors and experts.

Allen Brink is both professionally competent, reliable and amiable. He and his team have an excellent understanding of proper forensic surveying in the context of liability disputes in particular. I have no hesitation at all in recommending him and his company. It has always been a pleasure to have worked alongside or to have instructed ARB.

  
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