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To whom it may concern:

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Accountable to the Minister of Transport, SAMSA was established on 1 April 1998 in terms of the South African Maritime Safety Authority Act 5 of 1998.

The organisation's objective is to lead and champion South Africa's maritime interests as custodians and stewards of maritime policy, vigorous promoters of the maritime sector and giving full and complete effect to our obligations for the benefit of all stakeholders.

SAMSA delivers four main outputs consistent with its mandate and responsibilities:

- Safety and environment protection standards for responsible maritime transport operations;
- An infrastructure for monitoring and enforcing compliance with safety and environment protection standards;
- The capability to respond to marine pollution incidents and other maritime emergencies; and
- The capability to detect, locate and rescue people in maritime distress situations

This letter is to confirm that Eraco Boat Builders have and are currently working with SAMSA on the construction and certification of aluminium coastal patrol vessels for the South African Police Services.

It has been reported to me by the appointed surveyor Captain V Keller that is a pleasure working with Eraco Boat Builders, as information is provided in a timeously and in a professional manner. We look forward to working with their team on current and future projects. He also reported that the quality of workmanship is of high standard and that the workshop being in a tidy state.

Please feel free to contact SAMSA, should you have any further questions or queries.

Your Faithfully,

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 Captain Gustav Louw  
 (Acting Principal Officer -- Cape Office)  
 South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)

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