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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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### ANOTHER CMTP INSPIRED INITIATIVE

## STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION: HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS

### ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION TO SHIPBUILDING YARDS, LABOUR AND MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS

The Hong Kong Convention addresses issues around ship recycling, including the fact that ships sold for scrapping may contain environmentally hazardous substances such as asbestos, heavy metals, hydrocarbons, ozone depleting substances and others. It will address concerns about working and environmental conditions in many of the world's ship recycling facilities.

The Hong Kong Convention was adopted at a Diplomatic Conference held in Hong Kong, China, in May 2009. It was developed with inputs from IMO Member States, non-governmental organizations in co-operation with the International Labour Organization and the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.

Regulations in the new Convention cover: the design, construction, operation and preparation of ships so as to facilitate safe and environmentally sound recycling, without compromising the safety and operational efficiency of ships; the operation of ship recycling facilities in a safe and environmentally sound manner; and the establishment of an appropriate enforcement mechanism for ship recycling, incorporating certification and reporting requirements.

The Department of Transport is initiating the process of ratification to the Hong Kong Convention by South Africa so as for our country to be on par with the other IMO Member States who have already ratified the Convention.

Stakeholders are requested to submit within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice written comments on whether or not the intended initiative in question is supported. Your comments must be directed to the Department of Transport for the attention of the Chief Director Maritime Policy and Legislation, Private Bag X193, PRETORIA, 0001 OR be emailed to: [Matlalatm@dot.gov.za](mailto:Matlalatm@dot.gov.za) and [MpeR@dot.gov.za](mailto:MpeR@dot.gov.za)

The Hong Kong Convention can be obtained upon request via the email addresses provided.