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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir,

### **THE INCREASE IN ARREST OF VESSELS SWITCHING OFF THEIR AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AIS)**

The Nigerian Navy has advised that there has been an increase in the number of vessels that turn off their Automatic Identification System (AIS) within Nigeria's maritime domain.

In line with the IMO guidelines provided by Article 21 of Resolution A.917 (22), AIS should always be in operation when ships are underway or at anchor. Therefore, it is important to note that AIS should not be switched off except in a situation where the continual operation of AIS might compromise the safety or security of the ship. In this instance, there should be proper documentation on the ship's logbook.

As you may be aware, the Nigerian Navy arrests any ship found to have switched off their AIS and subsequently hands them over to NIMASA, which takes punitive measures on the ship.

Consequent upon the above, we request that you switch on your AIS in line with IMO guidelines whenever your ship(s) are within Nigeria's maritime domain.

Yours faithfully,

For: **NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

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