

# SEATEC NV

Application Reference: MUL230036 | Salvage Plan — Author Qualifications Addendum

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## Qualifications of the Salvage Plan Author: Capt. Guy Pochet

The Salvage Plan submitted in support of Maritime Usage Licence application MUL230036 has been prepared by Captain Guy Pochet, Salvage Master and Marine Operations Manager at Sub-Tech / Seatec NV. A summary of his qualifications and relevant professional experience is provided below.

### Academic and Legal Qualifications:

- MSc in Nautical Sciences — Cum Laude, Nautical College of Antwerp.
- Graduate in Advanced Maritime Law — Nautical College of Antwerp. This qualification provides a rigorous grounding in the legal framework governing maritime salvage, wreck removal, liability, and the rights and obligations of salvors under international maritime law, including the 1989 International Convention on Salvage, UNCLOS, and relevant national legislation.

### Professional Recognition:

- Lloyd's Special Casualty Representative (SCR): Appointment as Lloyd's SCR represents formal recognition by Lloyd's of London of Capt. Pochet's professional standing as a senior salvage master qualified to act as the Lloyd's representative in complex maritime casualty situations. This is one of the most demanding professional designations in the international salvage industry.
- Guest Lecturer in Salvage — Nautical College of Antwerp: Capt. Pochet lectures on maritime salvage law and operations at the Nautical College of Antwerp, demonstrating recognised expertise at an academic and professional level.
- Member, Association of Average Adjusters; Associate Fellow, The Nautical Institute; Member, Society of Master Mariners South Africa.

### Operational Qualifications:

- STCW Master Unlimited — command authority on vessels of any size and trade.
- Dynamic Positioning Officer (DPO) — operational authority on DP-equipped vessels including DP2.
- IMCA Offshore Diver Class II; HSE Offshore Diver.
- Full suite of OPITO-approved offshore safety, hazard, and emergency management qualifications.

### Relevant Operational Experience:

Capt. Pochet has served as Salvage Master or Marine Operations Manager on operations that directly parallel the technical and regulatory demands of the SS Ohio cargo recovery:

- Kea Trader (New Caledonia — Ardent Salvage): Salvage Master for cargo and pollution removal from a wreck in a remote deep-water location — directly analogous in operational profile to the SS Ohio project.
- Costa Concordia (Italy — Titan/Micoperi): Salvage Master on the parbuckling, refloating, and re-delivery of the 295-metre cruise liner — the largest salvage operation in maritime history. Demonstrates capability to plan and execute the most complex salvage operations under intense regulatory scrutiny.
- Golden Ray (USA — GSC/NE P&I) and X-Press Pearl (Sri Lanka — GSC/London P&I): P&I Salvage Consultant on two of the most environmentally and regulatorily complex wreck removal operations of the past decade. Demonstrates experience operating within demanding national and international regulatory frameworks with multiple competent authority stakeholders.
- Multiple deep-water FPSO installation and decommissioning operations (Côte d'Ivoire, Guyana, Senegal, Brazil, Indonesia, Angola, Abu Dhabi): Demonstrates deep-water marine operations expertise relevant to the 330-metre operational depth of the SS Ohio project.
- Floating wind turbine installation (UK North Sea): Tow Master for the installation of five floating wind turbines at Buchan Deep — demonstrating technical leadership on novel and technically demanding offshore operations in regulated European waters.

Capt. Guy Pochet is assessed as fully qualified within the meaning of MARA's Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) to prepare and sign the Salvage Plan submitted in support of application MUL230036.

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