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In pursuance of Section 115 VU of the Income Tax, 1961, detailed guidelines of providing training by shipping companies opting for Tonnage Tax Scheme under Chapter XII G of Income Tax Act, 1961 have been issued vide Government of India , Ministry of Shipping , Road Transport & Highways, Deptt. Of Shipping, Gazette Notification dated 30/12/2004.

In pursuance of the above Gazette Notification, a Maritime Training Trust has been formed and registered under Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950. The shipping companies who have opted for tonnage tax regime are required to train one trainee officer for every ten compliment as per the minimum safe manning document. It is the tonnage tax companies obligation to ensure the selection of trainee officers well in time from their own resources. The Maritime Training Trust will also maintain a list of officers who have undergone pre-sea training in the training institutes approved by D. G. Shipping and are eligible 'to join as trainee officer on board a ship to undergo sea board training in accordance with the Manual on Maritime Education & Training Assessment (META).

The beta version of the website for the Maritime Training Trust - www.mttindia.org has gone on line. The training institutes approved by D. G. Shipping can host the name of such trainees in the website. They may register their institutes in this website through a password protected secure site for which they have to register as a privileged user without any charges to be paid for the same. The registration procedure is detailed in the website. In this connection following points may please be noted:-

- 1. The details of trainees should be hosted in the prescribed format in the website (Annexure 1)
- 2. The institutes should exercise due diligence and care regarding correctness and accuracy of the details of trainees hosted in the website.
- 3.The tonnage tax companies are free to select the trainee officers from their own resources or from the list maintained by the Maritime Training Trust. The tonnage tax companies who are in need of trainees to fulfill their commitment of minimum training requirement under tonnage tax regime will directly access the MTT website and select candidates as per their requirements.
- 4.The DGS has no role to play in selection of trainees by the tonnage tax companies or for the correctness or otherwise of the data of the trainees hosted by the institutes in the website.

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