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RECIPIENT OF THE PRINCE ALBERT 1ST MEDAL FOR HYDROGRAPHY 2023

References:

- A. IHO CL 37/2022 dated 15 September – *Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography – Call for Nominations*
- B. IHO Resolution 2/2014 - *The Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A called for nominations for the Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography to be presented at the 3rd Session of the IHO Assembly in May 2023.
2. The Secretariat of the IHO thanks the two Member States who replied to Reference A: Belgium and Nigeria
3. The Secretary-General and Directors, in consultation with representatives of the Government of His Serene Highness (HSH) Prince Albert II of Monaco, and after careful consideration of the two nominations received, are pleased to announce that the Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography will be awarded to Mr Marc van der Donck of the Netherlands. In reaching this view, the Directing Committee considered the long standing work and achievements of Mr van der Donck in the pursuit of the aims and objectives of the IHO and in general improvement of hydrography well worthy of recognition. After a career of 35 years in the Royal Netherlands Navy Marc van der Donck became Director of the Netherlands Hydrographic Office on 12 September 2014. On 30 September 2022 Mr van der Donck retired from his role and the Royal Netherlands Navy after 8 impactful years within the hydrographic community.
4. The Medal awarded to Mr Peter Doherty (USA) in 2020 will also be formally presented on this occasion since the presentation was not possible at the 2nd Session of the IHO Assembly as this was a hybrid event.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General

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