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Research project on identification of new ways of knowledge sharing and training

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SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on the results of a research pilot project addressing new methods of storing and distributing knowledge in the maritime domain. The full findings are promulgated through the project website.
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related documents:</i>	None

1 A European Community research project launched in November 2004 under the auspices of the LEONARDO DA VINCI Community Vocational Training Action Programme with the title “Collaborative Maritime Knowledge Management and Training System for the Merchant Fleet (HONEYCOMB)” has reported its findings. The pilot project has identified new ways to make sources of knowledge, information and teaching resources available in the maritime profession. It is software-based and offers an easy system for mariners to capture, store and disseminate information. The knowledge stored is accessible to search parameters and operates in the same manner as the human brain: it will collate, organize, store and retrieve information in a fast and effective manner.

2 A training institute, a maritime university, a crewing agency, a ship manager and a social partner from Cyprus, Germany, Latvia, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom were involved in the project which was co-ordinated by Latvian Maritime College, Liepaja.

3 The results were announced at the seminar hosted at ITF London offices on 10 November 2006. For further information contact project Chairman Captain Uwe Zellmer by email: uezenator@gmail.com and see the project web site: www.marine-knowledge.net.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

4 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided and take action as appropriate.