Circular No. 20 of 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Sub: 1) SWFS Novel Corona (Covid 19) welfare scheme

2) Rs. 12 Crore fund set aside by the Seafarers Welfare Fund Society (SWFS)

India alongwith the whole world is going through the Corona (Covid 19) pandemic. We are all going through challenging times during this crisis. Our seafarers and the shipping fraternity have stood up to this challenge and supporting the Government of India in its objective of combating Corona pandemic.

It is quite possible that our seafarers or their family members are also corona positive and need support. We are pleased to inform you that the Seafarers Welfare Fund Society (SWFS) has approved a fund of Rs. 12 Crores to assist, as per guidelines, all ranks of seafarers and their family members who are Corona positive and taking treatment. This SWFS scheme is applicable to serving and retired seafarers and their family members.

The details of the scheme are on the DGS website, click the link to view the SWFS Circular No.1 of 2020 <u>https://www.dgshipping.gov.in/News.aspx</u> Give wide publicity to the efforts of the SWFS so that more and more seafarers and their family members can take the benefit. Get in touch with the SWFS or National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) at <u>nusi@nusi.org.in</u> if you want any clarification or assistance.

We thank the Ministry of Shipping and the SWFS Committee of Management for coming out with this support.

Yours sincerely,

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