Heerema Marine Contractors SE (HMC) has requested a deviation from Sections 209(2) and 231(2) requiring offshore cranes to meet specified American Petroleum Institute (API) standards.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the SSCV Thialf cranes were designed and constructed in accordance with relevant standards and applicable classification society rules. The cranes are operated and maintained in accordance with the OEM manuals and certified under classification society rules. Additional considerations include the satisfactory closure of audit findings and provision of testing and certification documentation.

The workforce has been consulted. No concerns were identified during the public comment period.

The Certifying Authority concurs that the proposal meets the requirements of Certificate of Fitness Regulations Section 4(2)(a)(ii).

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from the Nova Scotia Offshore Marine Installations and Structures Occupational Health and Safety Transitional Regulations (OHST), Sections 209(2) and 231(2), and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

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