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Dear PASC Colleague,

I am writing to seek your support for the Standards Council of Canada's (SCC) proposal for an **International Standard on Marine Sensor Performance** that is currently out for vote with ISO members, closing date **November 7, 2016**.

SCC has submitted the New Work Item Proposal on **Marine Sensor Performance to ISO/TC 8/SC 13 Marine technology**. The main purpose of the standard is to support the provision of accurate, reliable and consistent data from marine sensors. To help ISO members and their stakeholders review this proposal, SCC has also provided a fact sheet outlining the global significance of developing an International Standard in this area.

SCC also participated in the ISO/TC8/SC13 Plenary Meetings September 27th and had the opportunity to present the proposal to the committee and its Working Group on Ocean Hydrometeorological Observation Instrument and Testing Technology. **The proposal was strongly supported by both the committee and the working group, who passed resolutions** approving the proposal and encouraging Participating Members to nominate experts to participate in its development. As the relatively small size of this 11-member committee may make it challenging to obtain the necessary number of experts (four) for the ballot to be approved, **your support in nominating experts with your response** to the ballot would be most appreciated.

Canadian stakeholders have fully supported SCC's submission of this proposal to the ISO Secretariat, noting the value to industry, governments and environmental agencies, including:

- Consistent and transparent marine sensor performance measurements
- Improved ocean and freshwater data
- Better data means more informed purchasing decisions and an improved ability to protect our marine environments

Please be assured that we are available and would be happy to answer any of your stakeholders' questions, or provide further information, to help facilitate a positive response as a result of your national consultation. Please feel free to directly email Ms. Andrea Ciemny at andrea.ciemny@scc.ca if you have any questions.

We hope that you will consider voting to support SCC's proposal on Marine Sensor Performance.

In addition, if we could possibly assist in identifying experts from your country through our network, please let us know. Our Canadian experts have contacts that may be helpful.

Sincerely,

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