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SL7 EXPO, Inc.
c/o Hendrik van Hemmen, President
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Dear Mr. Hendrik van Hemmen,

It is with great pleasure to inform you that the SMPE Board of Directors has approved your request for a grant toward the SL-7 EXPO, Inc. organization to assist in its mission to save an SL-7 Class ship and offer it to be used as an “Intermodal Educational and Historic Center of National Significance.” This is in alignment with the Mission of the SMPE and will initiate interest and promote interest to the general United States population the importance of the U.S. Merchant and Sea Power.

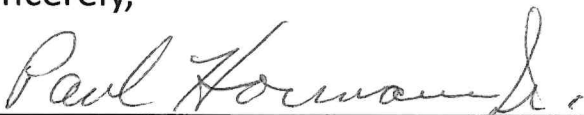
The “Sea Land SL-7 Experience” proposal by your team is very interesting, educational and apropos to our recent times and for our country. We agree that we should carry out this endeavor to generate more attention to the value and necessities of promoting the Maritime

Industry and the importance of Sea Power and control of the seas to the United States.

Please advise the direct address for us to send the funds to the organization. We understand that "SL7 EXPO, Inc." will be a corporation and the funds will be monitored by you and your Team. We are enclosing a payment of \$15,000.00 to provide the needed funds to incorporate and start the process to acquire an SL-7 vessel to be converted to a meeting place and educational center to promote the U.S. Merchant Marine to the general population and to attract people to apply for and join the merchant service in all capacities; including sailing positions on ships and support positions ashore working for shipping companies.

We look forward to following your progress in the above endeavors. We also confirm we will provide additional funds, as needed, up to a total of \$25,000.00.

Sincerely,



Paul Hormann, Secretary-Treasurer,
The Society of Marine Port Engineers, New York, NY, Inc.

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David Tantrum, Chairman of the Board,
The Society of Marine Port Engineers, New York, NY, Inc.