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Dear Paddy

Portland dispute

Nautilus International and FIT-CISL have collective bargaining agreements which include our members serving on board the UK registered P&O cruise ship Pacific Eden and it is in that connection we are writing this letter.

We have been closely following the developments arising from the move by Alcoa to use a foreign-crewed ship in place of the mv Portland. The issues surrounding this case have immense resonance on this side of the world, as we have witnessed a long-term decline of our coastal shipping fleet as a consequence of the 'open coast' policies pursued by successive governments and the failure of measures to support our national shipping.

Nautilus and FIT-CISL therefore have great empathy with the campaign connected with mv Portland and we congratulate the ship's crew for their determined efforts to resist the sacrifice of their jobs on the altar of 'open markets' and to maintain a domestic pool of maritime expertise. We also express our support for the campaign to uphold safety and security in Australian waters by opposing the increased use of often substandard and low-cost flag of convenience tonnage.

Having experienced the decimation of our coastal fleets and the loss of long-standing shortsea shipping companies, Nautilus and FIT-CISL supports our Australian colleagues in their attempts to defend their industry and we are appalled by the actions taken by Alcoa, as well as the Australian government's lack of progressive shipping policies in favour of the lowest common denominator approach.

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Nautilus International also administers the
Nautilus Welfare Fund and the
J W Slater Fund which are registered charities

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Mission Statement:

The Nautilus International mission is to be an independent financially viable international trade union and professional organisation, committed to equal opportunities, providing a high quality, cost-effective service to members, and welfare to needy seafarers and their dependants.



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Nautilus and FIT-CISL pay tribute to the high level of cooperation displayed by the mv Portland's crew and their unions in working around the dispute to facilitate the visit of the Pacific Eden into the port of Portland and we also wish to thank Australian seafarers and their unions for the historic support shown to all nationalities of maritime workers visiting your ports.

Yours sincerely



Mark Dickinson
General Secretary
Nautilus International



The stamp is a blue circular seal. The outer ring contains the text 'FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA TRASPORTI' at the top and 'INTERNATIONAL DEPT' at the bottom. The center of the seal contains the text 'FIT CISL' in a larger font, with 'Rome' written in a smaller font directly below it.

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