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Certificate of Merit

Presented by the Head of MRCC Fort-de-France to

M/V «SEAHOPE»

IMO: 9598294

On the 06TH of December 2023, an EPIRB alert regarding the sailing vessel “LA PERLA” is relayed by MRCC Madrid to MRCC Fort-de-France. The estimated position is 870 nautical miles off Martinique island. MRCC Fort-de-France immediately takes coordination of the case.

MRCC Fort-de-France emits distress relay messages and tries to contact ships in the area. M/V “SEAHOPE” accepts to alter her course to proceed to the area.

MRCC Fort-de-France tries to contact S/V “LA PERLA”, without success. The EPIRB beacon continues to emit distress messages, providing updated positions, but information about the situation is very scarce.

On the 07th of December 2023, after an eight hours trip, M/V “SEAHOPE” arrives on area and quickly sights a life-raft, with 6 persons on board.

Despite hazardous weather and sea conditions, M/V «SEAHOPE» successfully manages to take the castaways onboard, and to provide them immediate medical support. M/V “SEAHOPE” then resumes her course to Canada.

By their diligence, seamanship skills and humanity, the captain and the crew of M/V «SEAHOPE» have offered a vivid example of the solidarity of seafarers.

Fort-de-France, the 07th of December 2023

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