

Medical Examination of Divers – Middle East & India Initiative

Information Note IMCA D 20/01, issued in July 2001 (revised April 2021), advised members of the requirements for doctors who undertake annual medical examination of divers, in light of the UK Health & Safety Executive (HSE) withdrawal of recognition of doctors operating outside the UK.

Subsequently, twelve members in the Middle East & India (ME&I) region agreed jointly to recognise a number of doctors to conduct diver medicals to the standard cited in IMCA D20/01. The mutually recognised list of doctors was publicised in a series of Information Notes dating from 2002. Twenty-two diving contractors in the ME&I region have now further updated their list of jointly recognised doctors and have asked IMCA to publicise the attached note.

While IMCA is not in a position to approve or recognise doctors, it welcomes this contractor initiative and is pleased to publicise the agreement, a copy of which is attached.

This list supersedes all previously published lists.

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1) This Information Note is issued jointly by the following diving contractors:

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Dolphin Offshore Enterprises (India) Ltd	Maridive & Oil Services
Dulam International Ltd	Maridive Offshore Projects
Dunnimaa Engineers & Divers	McDermott International Inc
Enterprises Pvt Ltd	Mermaid Subsea Services LLC
FSDS LLP	Mutawa Marine Works LLC
Halul Offshore Services Company	Petroleum Marine Services Co
Integrated Subsea Engineering & Services	Smit Lamnalco
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2) With no international body currently providing a suitable system for approval of doctors to conduct medical examination of divers, the above-listed diving contractors wish to jointly recognise the following doctors for such purposes.

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- 3) In developing this list, the above-listed diving contractors have used guidance passed on by the International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) via its Information Note 428 (IMCA D 20/01) – Medical examiners of divers. However, it is recognised that IMCA is not in a position to approve individual diving doctors.
- 4) This joint recognition of the above-listed doctors will continue until such a time as an alternative arrangement has been made regarding the approval of diving doctors.
- 5) The above-listed diving contractors welcome the development of an approval scheme by the Diving Medical Advisory Committee (DMAC) and the Medical Subcommittee of the European Diving Technology Committee (EDTCmed) as set out in guidance note DMAC 29 Rev. 3 – Approval of Diving Medicine Courses.
- 6) The above-listed diving contractors hereby ask IMCA to circulate this Information Note to its members for their information.
- 7) Contractors who refer to this Information Note are made aware that in the event of a doctor being removed from this list, the doctor's details will remain for a period of one year for purposes of verification against an entry of fitness to dive made in a diver's logbook.
- 8) Contractors are encouraged to inform IMCA of any changes to the status of the doctors listed on this Information Note.