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Mr. J. G. Lantz
Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards
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Dear Mr. Lantz:

SUBJECT: Personal Floatation Device Manufacturers Association (PFDMA)

Reference is made to your letter of October 26, 2007. I would like to thank you for inviting Transport Canada Marine Safety (TCMS) to actively participate in developing risk-based standards for lifejacket/PFDs. We are aware that development of such standards will benefit not only the marine industry in North America but will have an impact on safety standards worldwide. Since these standards are being developed with a wider scope of being adopted as international standards, we are pleased to join PFDMA steering committee and contribute towards its endeavor.

For further questions or concerns the contact person at TCMS will be Mr. Jean-Francois Joly (613-990 5915) or jolyje@tc.gc.ca who will be working under direct guidance of Mr. Victor Santos-Pedro, Director, Design, Equipment & Boating Safety.

Yours sincerely,

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