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Ms. Avantika Singh Aulakh
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Dear Ms. Singh,

Subject: Japan's ODA project to improve the Ship Recycling Industry in India

It is my great honor to send you this letter concerning the cooperative project between our two countries. The Japanese Shipowners' Association (JSA) recognizes the importance of India's great contribution to the promotion of ship recycling policy and has been consistently working with the Japanese government to support the development of the ship recycling industry in India.

We firmly believe that improving the ship recycling industry in India to the level expected by Japan and JSA through the implementation of the Japanese ODA project would not only benefit JSA but also India's national interests.

However, through recent communication with the Japanese government, JSA has come to know, with profound concern, that GMB intends to terminate the aforementioned ODA project.

We would like to emphasize that in addition to improving the ship recycling yard itself, it is also essential to improve the Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility (TSDF) to ensure sufficient and appropriate final disposal, and also to make improvements in areas other than the physical hardware. These include operational aspects such as the improvement of safety awareness through education and training for workers, the establishment of an appropriate management system through training for operators, and proper monitoring to ensure that hazardous waste is treated and processed in an environmentally sound manner.

In addition to the improvement of the physical structures of the ship recycling yards, such improvements as explained above will surely lead to enhanced international credibility, and more possibility for the use of yards by not only Japanese shipowners but also shipowners in other countries.

Our desire to support the development of the ship recycling industry in India remains unchanged. Therefore, we sincerely hope that GMB would carefully reconsider this matter and return to its original position of pursuing development through the current ODA project for mutual benefit.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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President

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