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**Indian Coast Guard Clearance Certification  
Full Passing Grade to Seaman Guard MV OHIO**

Washington, D.C., October 17, 2013 —Due to continued confusion in much of the world's media as a result of the interception and detention in India last week of the Seaman Guard MV OHIO, an Operator Support Vessel (OSV) that provides an accommodation platform for AdvanFort International's counter-piracy guards, the U.S. Company is pleased to offer as documentation of its always lawful behavior the Indian Coast Guard Boarding Clearance Certificate that was issued last month.

The certificate, dated September 9th, specifically noted that it "did not reveal any violation under the above referred Act" (the Maritime Zones of India Act, 1981) and "rules made there under as amended to enforce this Law."

The inspection included both the OHIO as a vessel, as well as its necessary documentation.

The certification was issued while the OHIO was in the Indian Port Tuticorin.

AdvanFort International would also like to thank Indian Deputy National Security Advisor Nehchal Sandhu for his comments earlier yesterday, when he told reporters:

"You have to understand that our territorial waters extend up to 12 nautical miles. Anything that happens beyond that is not within the realm of our control. So, if there is a ship beyond that and doing whatever it is doing, then what can anybody do in terms of law?"

"You cannot concoct law," he added.

(Coast Guard Certificate attached.)

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**BOARDING CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE**

**PART I**

I, ASST COMDT JS DHILLON of Coast Guard Ship V.A.I.B.H.A.V. pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981 and rules made there under as amended to enforce this Law have boarded and inspected the vessel and its documents namely :

SEAMAN GUARD ..... and  
(Name of the Vessel)

LENGTH - 43.81 METRS .....  
(Particulars of the Vessel)

in position 08° 53.8 MINN 078° 26.29 EAST .....  
(Lat and Long)

on 09 SEP ..... time 0915 HRS. .....  
(Date) (GMT/IST)

The inspection did not reveal any violation under the above referred Act . Accordingly, a boarding clearance certificate is issued

Signature




Name of the Officer: JS DHILLON  
Rank: ASST COMDT  
ICGS Vaibhav

Master V DUDNIK certify that :-

- (a) I have received a copy of the above referred boarding clearance.
- (b) NO loss or damage was caused to any part of my vessel and its contents during the boarding/inspection.
- (c) The following loss/damage was caused to my vessel and its contents during the said boarding/inspection.

(i) - NIL -  
(ii) NIL (iii) NIL  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MASTER : V DUDNIK 