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**Information letter,
RPT transponder pressure relief valve verification and repair.**

This information is issued to all customers/operators of RPT type mini transponders, manufactured by Kongsberg Maritime (KM).

It has recently been discovered that some RPT transponders may have been incorrectly assembled and have a malfunctioning pressure relief valve due to incorrect mechanical assembly. KM has verified that the production documentation (assembly drawings and procedures) are correct, but that some transponders may have been manufactured incorrectly during production.

Water ingress and over charging the internal battery can cause pressure build up inside the transponder. The pressure relief valve is designed to release and vent any pressure build up. To date KM has not registered any incidents caused by the failure of the relief valve on any RPT transponders.

Customers may choose to verify and repair the RPT themselves. Alternatively, customers may, at their own cost, send any suspect or incorrectly assembled transponders to Kongsberg Maritime's service department in Aberdeen or Horten to have them verified and repaired. KM will carry out this work free of charge.

KM Customer Support will answer any technical and logistics related questions, and would like to hear from any of its customers, giving RPT Type and Serial No as shown on the product identification label on the transponder, should they find any pressure relief valves not working properly.
KM Customer Support phone numbers: Horten +4733023800 / +4799203808, Aberdeen +441224226500.

The verification and repair work is described in the two following procedures below:

- 1) RPT dismantling procedure.
- 2) RPT pressure relief valve verification and repair procedure.

Please note that the RPT range of transponders is no longer in production or covered by warranty. They were replaced by the MST range of transponder in 2002.
KM can provide temporary rental transponders to customers that need continuity in their operation.

This information is also published and available on www.kongsberg.com.

Yours faithfully,
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