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From the desk of John McMillan

To Our Friends:

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE In Nigeria, Africa

As fate would have it, I have been invited to make a presentation in Nigeria, Africa on the topic of safety/survival training. My last trip to Nigeria was in 1999 when we were invited by Chevron to conduct our training in the community of Escravos and ExxonMobil in the town of Eket. Our initial trip to Nigeria was in 1989 and we returned at least once a year for the following 10 years.

In the 1990's, Water/Helicopter Survival Training was a "recommended" course and not "required". Only the major operators had interest in this training. It is not surprising that in 2008, like in other offshore oil producing areas, this training has gained popularity and is now part of the mandatory training curriculum.

When I accepted the invitation to make a presentation, I reviewed the theme of this year's conference and that of previous conferences. This is the 12th annual International Conference. Many of the topics had the word "Technical" attached to the title. I thought how could I attach that to my presentation but hesitated because safety/survival training is designed for everyone. It's not just those who possess an IQ of at least 150, hold a Master's degree from a recognized college or was in the top 5% of their graduating class. No, my presentation will focus on what is going on in the training arena in the US at this time, training standards/guidelines for Water/Helicopter Survival Training and accidents that have happened in the past which have created the legislation/regulations that have directed this program to now be "required".

I will also mention all my "new" Nigerian friends that have contacted me and possibly some of you via e-mail letting me know that I have either won the lottery or they have some family money that they would like to give me to benefit a charity of my choosing. I will need to keep my presentation short as I'll have a lot of visiting to do!

For those companies that are presently operating in Nigeria and Equatorial Guinea and looking to train your national employees locally to your company standards, McMillan Offshore Survival Training has linked up with the following people in these respective countries. We have the capabilities to conduct our courses in these areas.

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Who would have thought that when we began the training in the late 1970's that it would benefit and positively affect others around the world? We will continue to provide and support the oil/gas/aviation industries with the level of training they have come to expect from McMillan.

John McMillan, President

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