



DONJON-SMIT, LLC and ARDENT AMERICAS, LLC



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Dear Valued Client,

I trust that you have heard the news by now that Donjon-SMIT has completed the acquisition of Ardent Americas LLC. Both Donjon-SMIT and Ardent Americas teams are enthusiastic about what the combination of our efforts and capabilities will bring to you, our clients. We trust you will experience the same level of service and the same quality you expect from both organizations. We aim to be open and transparent with our customers as we progress with the integration, so we will provide updates from time to time.

As the largest OPA-90 Salvage and Marine Firefighting services provider for ship owners, we are excited about the new capabilities, expertise and opportunities this combination presents. Donjon-SMIT acquired Ardent Americas as part of our commitment to providing the best response capabilities in the United States. With the acquisition, we gained an important extension to our resources, positioning and an increased team of seasoned experts to serve vessel owners with the best possible response posture.

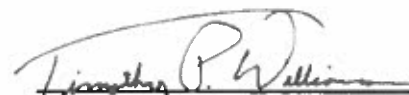
We want to reassure you that your selection of Ardent Americas as your OPA-90 Salvage and Marine Firefighting services provider for your Vessel Response Plan is secure and fully operational. The only difference today is that the combination with Donjon-SMIT greatly increases your readiness in the event of an incident. We are fully committed to supporting your Vessel Response Plans and working with your Qualified Individuals, and there is no need to update your plans. We have been in contact with the various Qualified Individual companies, and all have indicated to us that the acquisition is very welcome news.

To answer some immediate questions we have received:

- The response capability that your vessels have access to has expanded greatly with Donjon-SMIT fully dedicated to meeting your needs in addition to those you have contracted with Ardent Americas. At the same time, Donjon-SMIT clients now have full access to the resources of Ardent Americas.
- Your Salvage and Marine Firefighting contract and funding agreement with Ardent Americas remains fully valid and secure.
- No updates to your Vessel Response Plan are necessary at this moment or the near future. (A welcome relief, we're sure, with the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Please do not hesitate to contact us, or your usual client representative with Ardent Americas with any additional questions you may have. We are focused on delivering the best OPA-90 administrative and response services to our clients, and we look forward to hearing from you.


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