



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Netherlands Diving Centre (NDC)

and



The Diver Certification Board of Canada (DCBC)

concerning the

Mutual Recognition of Occupational Diver and Supervisor Certificates of Competency

WHEREAS NDC is the national body which certifies the competence of occupational divers in the Netherlands and has the organization, expertise, policies and procedures to adequately document and certify the competency of occupational divers,

AND WHEREAS the DCBC is the national body which certifies offshore and inshore occupational divers in Canada and has the organization, expertise, policies and procedures to adequately document and certify the competency of occupational divers,

AND WHEREAS the parties wish to ensure effective co-operation between the two organizations for the mutual recognition of the respective organizations' occupational diver certificates of competency,

NOW, THEREFORE the parties agree to the following:

1. Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between the Chairman of the Board of the Netherlands Diving Centre (NDC) and the Chief Executive Officer of the Diver Certification Board of Canada (DCBC). Its purpose is to ensure effective co-operation between the two organizations for the mutual recognition of the respective organizations' occupational diver certificates of competency.

It has been established after due analysis and consideration, that the aims and quality control of the NDC arrangements for the training and certification of occupational divers and those of the DCBC are equivalent.

2. Certificate acceptance

This MOU confirms that NDC and DCBC have put in place those arrangements described below through which NDC will ensure that occupational divers or supervisors holding an NDC certificate of competency are eligible to receive an equivalent DCBC certificate of competency, and DCBC will ensure that occupational divers or supervisors

holding a DCBC certificate of competency are eligible to receive an equivalent NDC certificate of competency, subject to a demonstration of knowledge in the areas requiring appropriate additional legislative modules.

3. Arrangements

A1 When a holder of a Canadian certificate wishes to apply for an NDC diver certificate, the candidate will apply to the NDC through the DCBC. In order to conform to Netherlands legislation DCBC will verify the candidate's identity through a face to face meeting with an authorized representative of DCBC and inspection of his passport and other photo ID material and will issue a letter certifying that such has been done. DCBC will then forward the letter, along with the following, to the NDC:

1. a copy of the candidate's passport;
2. a completed application form acceptable to the NDC;
3. copies of the candidate's DCBC certificate of competency;
4. confirmation that a review of the candidate's training and experience show that the candidate has achieved the competencies shown in the Dutch Health and Safety Legislation (the Training Standards Working Conditions Regulations);
5. copies of logs confirming that he has completed 30 surface supplied dives in the previous 24 months, including confirmation that the copy is made under DCBC supervision.

Note: Prior to being allowed to work in the Dutch sector the candidate will be required to pass a medical examination acceptable to the NDC.

A2 When a holder of a Canadian certificate wishes to apply for an NDC supervisor certificate, the candidate will apply to the NDC through the DCBC. In order to conform to Netherlands legislation DCBC will verify the candidate's identity through a face to face meeting with an authorized representative of DCBC and inspection of his passport and other photo ID material and will issue a letter certifying that such has been done. DCBC will then forward the letter, along with the following, to the NDC:

1. a copy of the candidate's passport;
2. a completed application form acceptable to the NDC;
3. copies of the candidate's certificate of competency as a supervisor acceptable to NDC;
4. confirmation that a review of the candidate's training and experience show that the candidate has achieved the competencies shown in the Dutch Health and Safety Legislation (the Training Standards Working Conditions Regulations);
5. if applicable, copies of logs confirming that he has supervised 30 surface supplied dives in the previous 24 months, including confirmation that the copy is made under DCBC supervision.

B1 When a holder of an NDC certificate wishes to apply for a DCBC diver certificate, the candidate will apply to the DCBC through the NDC. NDC will verify the candidate's identity through a face to face meeting with an authorized representative of NDC and inspection of his passport and other photo ID material and will issue a letter certifying that such has been done. NDC will then forward the letter, along with the following, to the DCBC:

1. a copy of the candidate's passport;
2. a DCBC application form completed by the candidate;
3. copies of the candidate's NDC certificate of competency;
4. copy of candidate's current medical examination conducted by a physician acceptable to the DCBC;
5. copy of current first aid (or DMT), CPR and O2 administrator certificates, and
6. confirmation that a review of the candidate's training and experience shows that the candidate has achieved the competencies shown in the Canadian Standards Association's "Competency Standard for Diving Operations" (CSA Z275.4) including 50 hours bottom time as described in Table 4, and
7. copies of logs confirming that he has completed 25 dives in each of two of the past five years, including confirmation that the copies are made under NDC supervision.

B2 When a holder of an NDC certificate wishes to apply for a DCBC supervisor certificate, the candidate will apply to the DCBC through the NDC. NDC will verify the candidate's identity through a face to face meeting with an authorized representative of NDC and inspection of his passport and other photo ID material and will issue a letter certifying that such has been done. NDC will then forward the letter, along with the following, to the DCBC:

1. a copy of the candidate's passport;
2. a DCBC application form completed by the candidate;
3. copies of the candidate's NDC certificate of competency as a supervisor;
4. copy of candidate's current medical examination conducted by a physician acceptable to the DCBC;
5. copy of current first aid (or DMT), CPR and O2 administrator certificates, and
6. confirmation that a review of the candidate's training and experience shows that the candidate has achieved the competencies shown in the DCBC Offshore Supervisor Certification Scheme;
7. if applicable, copies of logs confirming that he has supervised 25 surface supplied dives in each of two of the previous five years, including confirmation that the copy is made under DCBC supervision.



3. Monitoring / Auditing each Other's Schemes

NDC and DCBC agree that, where appropriate, and following agreement, each party should be given the facility to monitor and audit the other's arrangements.

4. Effective Date, Amendment, and Termination

This MOU becomes effective on the date of the later signature.

The parties to this MOU will meet at the request of either party to review the provisions of this agreement. Any necessary additions, deletions or changes shall be made in writing and signed by the signatories or their designated representatives.

This MOU will remain in effect until superseded or terminated by written mutual agreement. Either party wishing to terminate this MOU shall submit a written notification with sufficient notice to prevent unreasonable disruption to the activities of the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have signed this MOU on the dates indicated below:



Cees J. Barten
Chairman of the Board
Netherlands Diving Centre

Date: 21-9-2009



David G. Parkes
Chief Executive Officer,
Diver Certification Board of Canada

Date: 21 September 2009