

9 November 2009

Mr. Richard Fain
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Royal Caribbean International
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Dear Mr. Fain,

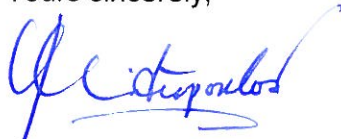
I write to congratulate you and Royal Caribbean Cruises on the successful delivery of the **Oasis of the Seas**. I have followed the development of this ground breaking project since its inception and have been most impressed by the way it has been managed and executed. I have also appreciated the regular updates on progress I and my colleagues at IMO have received from Royal Caribbean staff, headed by Mr. Kulovaara and the ship's master; as well as the information provided by the flag State, the US Coast Guard and the classification society involved.

The **Oasis of the Seas** is a truly wonderful demonstration of the ability of the professionals in the maritime industry, in all their various guises, to bring from conception to completion a beautiful, technically advanced and efficient ship that is a credit to all involved and which encapsulates the very best ideals that IMO promotes. I admire the attention to detail and the painstaking efforts of the designers, builders and your supervising staff, who must have worked hard together to address, in a pioneering manner, all the safety and environmental protection concerns of a ship of the '**Oasis**' size and overcome the many hurdles that must surely have arisen in bringing such a large project to fruition.

I very much hope that the new addition to your fleet responds to the high expectations you have set for her and wish the Captain and crew every success for the future and happy voyaging and calm seas to all who sail in her.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



E.E. Mitropoulos
Secretary-General

cc: Mr. H. Kulovaara
Executive Vice-President,
Maritime



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