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SEACOR SMIT INC.

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By Email

Dr. Martha Carter
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Re: SEACOR SMIT Inc.

Dear Dr. Carter:

In connection with the 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of SEACOR SMIT Inc. (the "Company"), scheduled to occur on May 14, 2003 (the "SEACOR Annual Meeting"), the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") has proposed adoption of the SEACOR SMIT Inc. 2003 Share Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Institutional Shareholder Services, in its Proxy Analysis of matters to be voted upon at the SEACOR Annual Meeting has recommended, among other things, that SEACOR stockholders vote against adoption of the Plan because the Plan contains, in Section 22 thereof ("Section 22"), language expressly permitting option repricing. For your convenience, Section 22 is attached hereto as Annex A.

This letter is to confirm that:

1. Without the prior approval of the Company's stockholders, options issued under the Plan will not be repriced, replaced, or regranted through cancellation, or by lowering the option exercise price of a previously granted award, and that,

2. The Plan will be submitted to the SEACOR Board of Directors for amendment at its next meeting to reflect this clarification and a copy of the plan as so amended will be sent to ISS.

In connection with these undertakings on my part, please accept my request that ISS amend its Proxy Analysis to recommend approval by stockholders of the Plan.

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Please do not hesitate to contact our legal counsel, David Zeltner, of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP (212-310-8360) in the event that you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charles Fabrikant

Charles Fabrikant
Chairman of the Board, President and
Chief Executive Officer

cc: David E. Zeltner, Esq.

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ANNEX A

22. CANCELLATION AND NEW GRANT OF OPTIONS, ETC. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to effect, at any time and from time to time, with the consent of the affected optionees, (i) the cancellation of any or all outstanding Stock Options under the Plan and the grant in substitution therefor of new Stock Options under the Plan covering the same or different numbers of shares of Common Stock and having an option exercise price per share which may be lower or higher than the exercise price per share of the cancelled Stock Options or (ii) the amendment of the terms of any and all outstanding Stock Options under the Plan to provide an option exercise price per share which is higher or lower than the then current exercise price per share of such outstanding Stock Options.

