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Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000

Thank you for your email of 11 September 2015, following up your request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (ref EIR2014-00480) regarding a survey undertaken on behalf of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) by System Design Evaluation (SDE). You requested the following information:

*Although the information relates to groups of Royal Navy vessels I would be very pleased if you would advise me if I could have a report relating to HMS Dasher 1943?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the MOD holds information that falls within the scope of your request, and I have attached a copy of the data sheets on HMS Dasher produced in the course of a survey, undertaken in 2014.

It may be helpful if I explain that I have interpreted your request for a report relating to HMS Dasher 1943 to mean the information contained in the data sets on the Avenger Class Escort Carrier, the class to which Dasher belonged. The MOD has commissioned two surveys of the wreck of Dasher. The first, in 2008, was a side-scan sonar survey carried out to determine the footage of the wreck and its environs. No report was produced after this survey, as its purpose was to establish the location of the wreck site, in preparation for any other investigations. The second non-intrusive survey was undertaken in March 2014, and involved using a Remotely Operated Vehicle to obtain video and sonar footage of the wreck.

Under Section 16(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance to requesters, therefore, for your information, I attach copies of the side-scan images taken from the survey undertaken in 2008, although you may find that the quality of the images is not that good, as they are of a low resolution.

If you are not satisfied with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the

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handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of regulation 18 of the EIR. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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