



INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Note No. 123/08

The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority has the honour, to notify the Member States of the Authority, in accordance with regulation 20, Paragraph 1 (c) of the Regulations on Prospecting and Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules in the Area, of the receipt by the Secretary-General of the following applications for approval of a Plan of Work for Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules with respect to reserved areas:

1. An application, received on 10 April 2008, from Tonga Offshore Mining Limited for Approval of a Plan of Work for Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules, with respect to a reserved area, sponsored by the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga.
2. An application, received on 10 April 2008, from Nauru Ocean Resources Inc., for Approval of a Plan of Work for Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules, with respect to a reserved area, sponsored by the Government of the Republic of Nauru.

The Secretary-General has the further honour to inform the Member States that brief details of the applications are contained in documents: [ISBA/14/LTC/L.2](#) and [ISBA/14/LTC/L.3](#) which are available on the Authority's website at www.isa.org.jm

The members of the Legal and Technical Commission have been duly notified of the applications in accordance with regulation 21 of the Regulations on Prospecting and Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules in the Area, and the applications have been placed on the Commission's agenda for discussion at its meeting from 19 – 30 May 2008. The applications have also been placed on the agenda of the Council for consideration at the fourteenth session of the Authority which will take place from 26 May – 6 June 2008.

The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Member States of the Authority the assurances of his highest consideration.

28 April 2008



The Member States of the
International Seabed Authority