



Inquiry No 11-204 *Rena*

7 June 2012

Valery Pimenov

Totem Plus Ltd.

Dear Valery,

On 5 October 2011 the containership *Rena* ran aground on Astrolabe Reef off the coast of New Zealand. The Transport Accident Investigation Commission of New Zealand launched an inquiry into the grounding.

The *Rena* was equipped with a Totem SVDR (Simplified Voyage Data Recorder). The SVDR captured navigational information, bridge audio recordings, and radar screenshots. The information yielded by the SVDR has been particularly valuable to the progression of the investigation.

Although unwieldy to use the SVDR replay software was proven to be reliable. The quality of the data was verified by inspection and also correlation with other data sources. I found no evidence of corrupt or missing data, and the information has proven itself to be reliable.

Please contact me if you have any further questions regarding the SVDR.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Thompson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Thompson

Investigator in Charge