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Dear Professor Turichin:

On behalf of the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and the College of Engineering of the University of Michigan, we are writing to congratulate the St. Petersburg State Marine Technical University (SMTU), the former Leningrad Shipbuilding Institute (LSI), on their 90th Anniversary. LSI-SMTU is Russia's leading institute in shipbuilding and marine engineering. It has graduated many world-class naval architects and marine engineers. Over the years, our department has worked closely with researchers at LSI-SMTU, the interactions have led to scholarship and friendship that we all treasure. In particular, three prominent faculty members from LSI-SMTU, Professor Mikhail Alexandrov, Professor Dmitry Rostovtsev, and most recently, Kirill Rozhdestvensky, had been visiting professors at our department. Those visits created long-lasting synergy and professional bonds between our two institutions. These scholars made a remarkable career back in Russia, as we know. Professors Robert Beck, Kevin Maki, and Jing Sun of our department had the fond memory of being in St. Petersburg for the 8th International Conference on Fast Sea Transportation, FAST 2005, hosted by LSI-SMTU. We were utterly impressed by the stunning beauty of the city and the well-organized conference technical program.

On the occasion of SMTU's 90th birthday, we wish you continued success in pursuing your research and education missions. We also look forward to future cooperation with your institution as we tackle the most challenging and common problems in shipbuilding and marine engineering.

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