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Liz/Rose -

Attached is a copy of a Third Person Note received today from Matthew Maurer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), granting the R/V Melville permission to undertake swath bathymetric data collection. A copy of the Note was faxed by DFAT to the R/V Melville and Neville Exon (Geoscience Australia) at the same time it was faxed to us. I will be following up on this later today with an email to all.

Kind regards,

*Miriam (x.d)*

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The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the discussions held between the Department, the Embassy, Geosciences Australia and the crew and scientific personnel of the R/V Melville on the possibility of that vessel collecting swath bathymetric data on its upcoming voyage from the Gulf of Papua to Cairns and again from Cairns to Brisbane.

The Department has the honour to inform the Embassy, that the Australian Government, in accordance with the *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea* approves this additional marine scientific research by the vessel subject to the Embassy and the vessel crew and scientific officers reaching agreement to conduct the research requested by Geosciences Australia.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.



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