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To whom it may concern,

Saga Subsea as a Norwegian registered company, have with our Agency & Vessel Support been involved and conducted MRT inspections for offshore vessels since late 2015. Supporting vessels with various technical services worldwide, with frame agreements and supplier status with most of the offshore vessel owners, our company have a wide and good understanding of the technical issues the owners have with their vessels.

Late 2019, we decided together with one of the worlds largest offshore vessels owners, that it was time to step up the MRT inspections. Their Clients, such as Oil and Energy companies started to require this to be conducted for maritime operations in certain areas. It is also found that the MRT inspections, having this as a part of the planned maintenance and inspection schedule, have resulted in a much better overview of how the state of the wire rope actually is, giving a total image rather than only at one point where a break test is conducted.

You could commence a standard pull-test, and a standard break test, but none of these will reveal weaknesses further in on the wire-rope, and for the total operational length. An MRT inspection however will give you a total view of the state, crucial for the safety of any lifting operations.

As the vessel operations now are expanding to greater depths than earlier, going further out to see and in rougher sea states, we highly recommend MRT inspections to be further institutionalized and brought in as a minimum a recommended practice for the standardization companies.

When Saga Subsea then decided to invest in a larger package of MRT machines, we checked the marked for availability and models, manufacturers and their reputation in the marked. When we decided to go for Intron Plus (even dough we found cheaper alternatives), it was due to the high quality of their products and staff, and without a doubt from our side, that Intron Plus is the leading company within this segment.

Your Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Einar Tollaksvik'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the typed name and contact information.