IODP RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION EXPEDITION 360 – SRI LANKA/MAURITIUS

Ship arrives: COLOMBO, SRI LANKA - 30 NOVEMBER 2015 -/*Five day portcall.

OFFICIAL PORT ARRIVAL AND SHIP BOARDING DATES IN COLOMBO:

<u>Science Party</u> - Arrival date into Colombo: No later than – 30 November 2015 Board ship on - *01 December 2015

<u>Co-Chiefs</u> - Arrival date into Colombo:

No later than – 29 November 2015 Board ship on – 30 November 2015

*All members of the science party are expected to board the ship on the above date. A later arrival date must be cleared with the *JOIDES Resolution* Science Operator (JRSO) Project Manager, as the ship sails when ready.

PORT AGENT: COLOMBO Aitken Spence Shipping LTD. Level 1, Tower 2/315/ Vauxhall St./Colombo 2/ Sri Lanka. Mob: +94 72 2272481/Tel: +94 11 2308170 CONTACT: Igram Cuttilan

DO NOT SHIP FREIGHT TO PORT AGENT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! FOR ASSISTANCE WITH SHIPPING, PLEASE CONTACT MR. SANDY DILLARD - PH: +1 979-845-5780 OR EMAIL: dillard@iodp.tamu.edu

Local Contact: Robert Mitchell – IODP Marine Logistics Coordinator, (PH: +1 979-777-9301)

<u> 30 JANUARY 2016 – DISEMBARK IN MAURITIUS</u>

Ship arrives Port Louis, Mauritius: 30 January 2016

Disembarking staff/science party should not schedule return flights before 0600 on 31 January.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION: Unless instructed otherwise, taxis should be used to get from the airport to the hotel before and after the expedition. Buses or vans will be used between the hotel and ship as the Port Agent must escort all personnel from the ship to the hotel.

VISAS:

Sri Lanka: Electronic Travel Authorization or visa. Please visit the following website to determine which document you will require. <u>http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/</u>. Although you may be planning to leave the country within 48 hours, there could be unforeseen delays and you should not apply for a transit visa.

Mauritius: Entry documents will be arranged through the Port Agent. IODP will be responsible for providing the Agent with Passport Information pages and flight itineraries. For this purpose, it is mandatory to submit a copy of your flight itinerary to <u>kebass@tamu.edu</u> prior to the expedition. Your passport information should already be in our records. Please verify if any special visa is required by individual countries at <u>http://passport.govmu.org</u>.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Failure to meet each country's visa requirements may prohibit the boarding or disembarking of shipboard personnel, and violators may be taken into immigration detention.

PASSPORTS: Passports are required for all participants.

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL WARNINGS: http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html