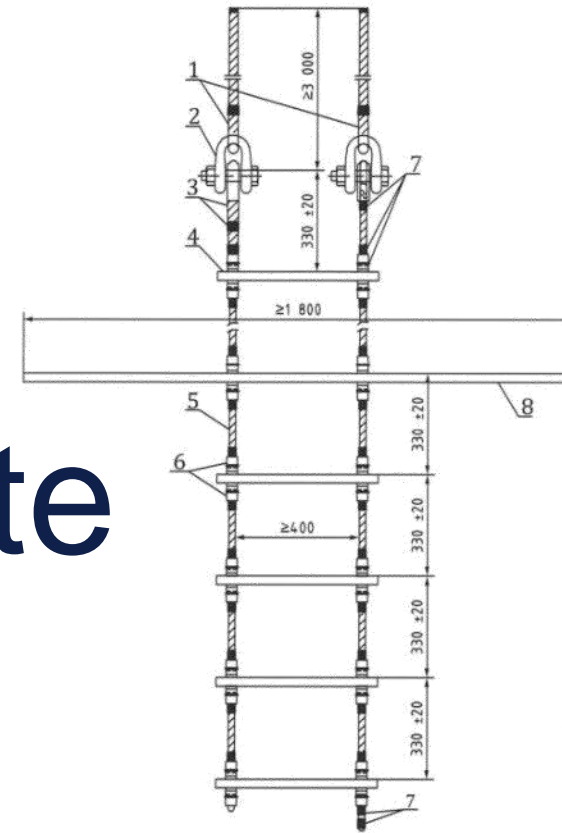
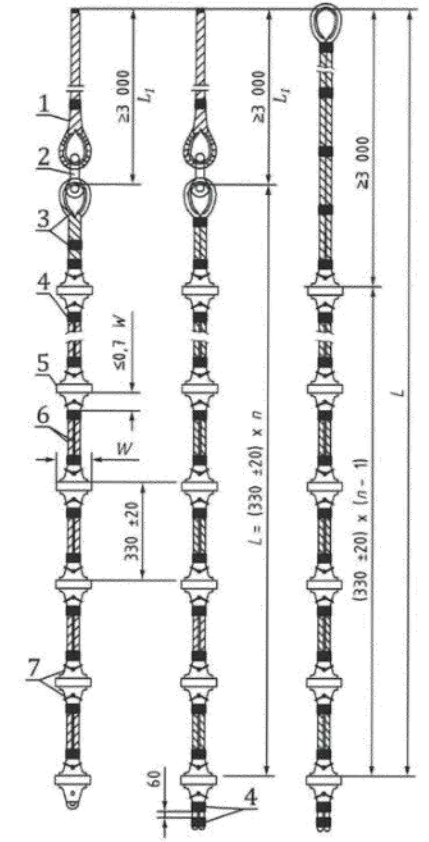


# Falsified Certificate for Pilot Ladders



**Key**

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| 1 | securing rope alternative arrangements | 5 | side rope     |
| 2 | shackle                                | 6 | step fixture  |
| 3 | splice and rope seizing                | 7 | rope seizing  |
| 4 | step                                   | 8 | spreader step |



**Key**

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|---|--|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | securing rope alternative arrangements | 7     | step fixture                  |
| 2 | shackle                                | $L_1$ | length of securing rope       |
| 3 | splice and rope seizing                | $L$   | length of ladder              |
| 4 | rope seizing                           | $W$   | width of the step             |
| 5 | step                                   | $n$   | number of steps in the ladder |
| 6 | side rope                              |       |                               |

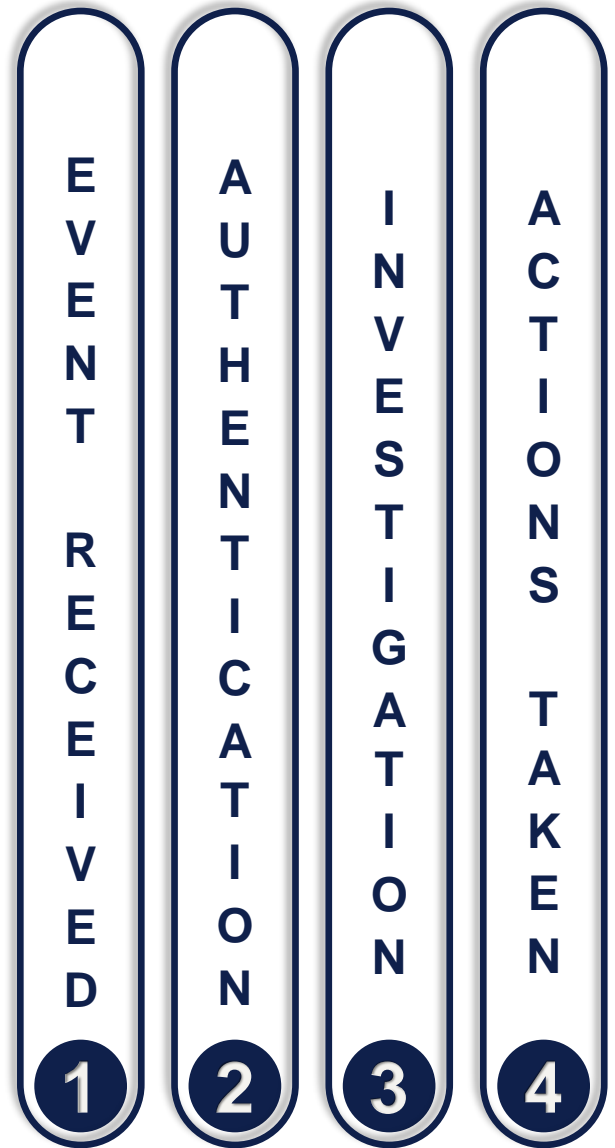
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**Handling of  
Falsified DNV  
Certificates**



**Falsified certificates** are a threat to the DNV brand and our relationship with our customers, but more importantly they may also have serious consequences for the vessel's safety.

We will present how DNV handles the reported falsified certificates.



We received enquiries from Fremantle Port Authority on the authenticity of DNV issued certificates for pilot ladders over 2 different occasions.

BW NARA – reported on 2023-11-17  
BBC DOLPHIN – reported on 2023-09-27



**Deputy Harbour Master "A"**  
Fremantle Port Authority  
2023-09-27



**Deputy Harbour Master "B"**  
Fremantle Port Authority  
2023-11-17



**FIS/CMC Manager**  
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- The suspected certificates were provided by the harbour masters.
- DNV Perth subsequently clarify the authenticity of the certificates with relevant sections/departments within DNV



**FIS/CMC Manager**  
Australia and New Zealand  
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**Country Manager**  
India, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh  
DNV



**Senior Project Manager**  
DNV Inspection India Pte Ltd








**DNV-GL**  
Certificate No. QD16P01766-316

**Test Certificate**

Germanischer Lloyd is the notified body notified by the Germany Federal Ministry of Transport, Building And urban Development Certifies that the verified product(s) is/are in conformity to the type as described in the Ec type Examination Certificate and was found to be in compliance with the requirements of the Marine Equipment Directive (MED) 96/98/EC, as amended, subject to any conditions in the schedule attached hereto.

Certificate No.	QD16P01766-316
Manufacturer	QINGDAO GOOD BROTHER MARINE LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCE CO.,LTD East of Busan Road, Jiangnan Industrial Park, Jiangshan Town, Laixi City, Qingdao
Purchaser	Suez Marine Supplies
Product Name	Pilot Ladder A Type
Trade Name	Pilot Ladder A Type
EC Type Examination Certificate No.	QD16P01766-316
Regulation- Standards	SOLAS 1974 as amended, Reg. V/23 and Reg.X/3 IMO Res.A.1045(27) 773 ISO 799-1 (2019)
Related Directive	2021/32/EU
Equipment Section Annex A.1 Item No.	Navigation equipment A.1/4.49
Schedule of Approval Remarks	Hardwood Pilot Ladder X Length 9 MTR With 27 Steps ( 20 Wooden Steps+ 3 Spreader + 4 Rubber Steps )
Wooden Step	525x115x28mm
Spreader	180x115x28mm
Rubber Step	530x120x60mm
Rope Type	Manila
Diameter	22 mm



**PRAVIN WADEKAR**  
For Germanischer Lloyd  
Industrial services GmbH

Date: 20-05-2023

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DNV GL Hedquarters, Veritasveien 1, P.O Box 300, 1322 Hovik Norway Tel +47679900 www.dnvgl.com

Several spelling mistakes.

Manufacturer's name and address are not matching the approved vendor's records in our system.

SOLAS Reg.X/3 is for High Speed Craft.

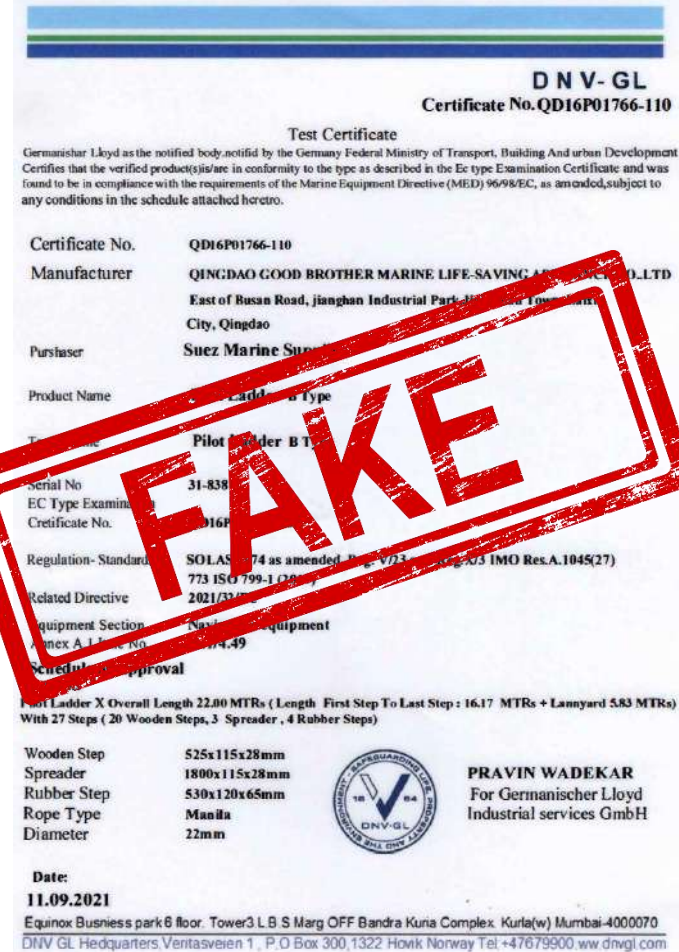
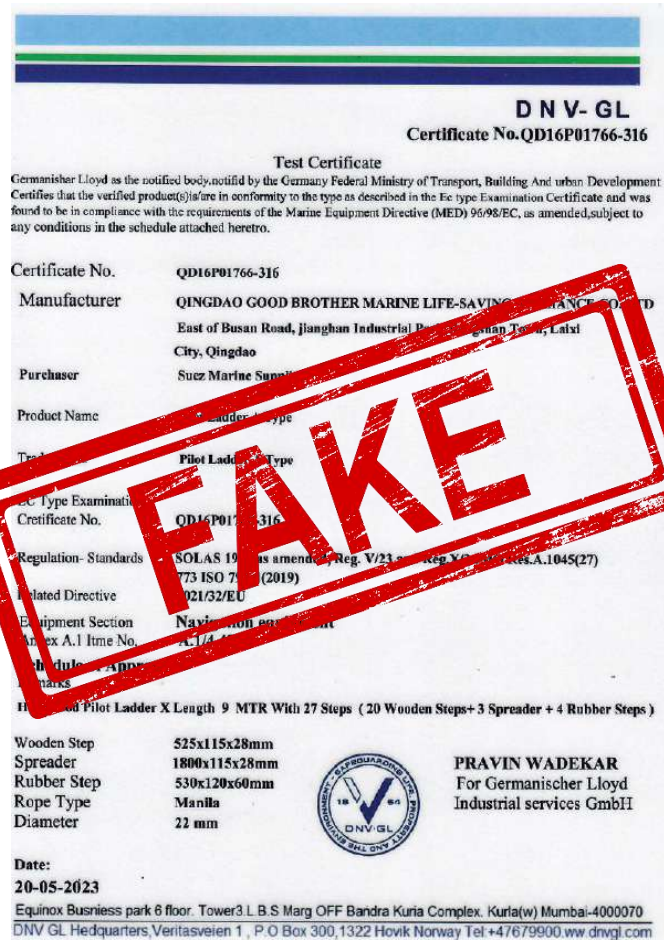
If the certificate was issued in 2023, the referred ISO standard revision should be 2022.

Schedule of Approval was not stated at all.

DNV is no longer associated with the name of DNV-GL or Germanischer Lloyd since 2021

The width of the rudder step is 120mm while the width of the wooden step and spreader are 115mm

The relevant sections confirmed to DNV Perth that the certificate was falsified.

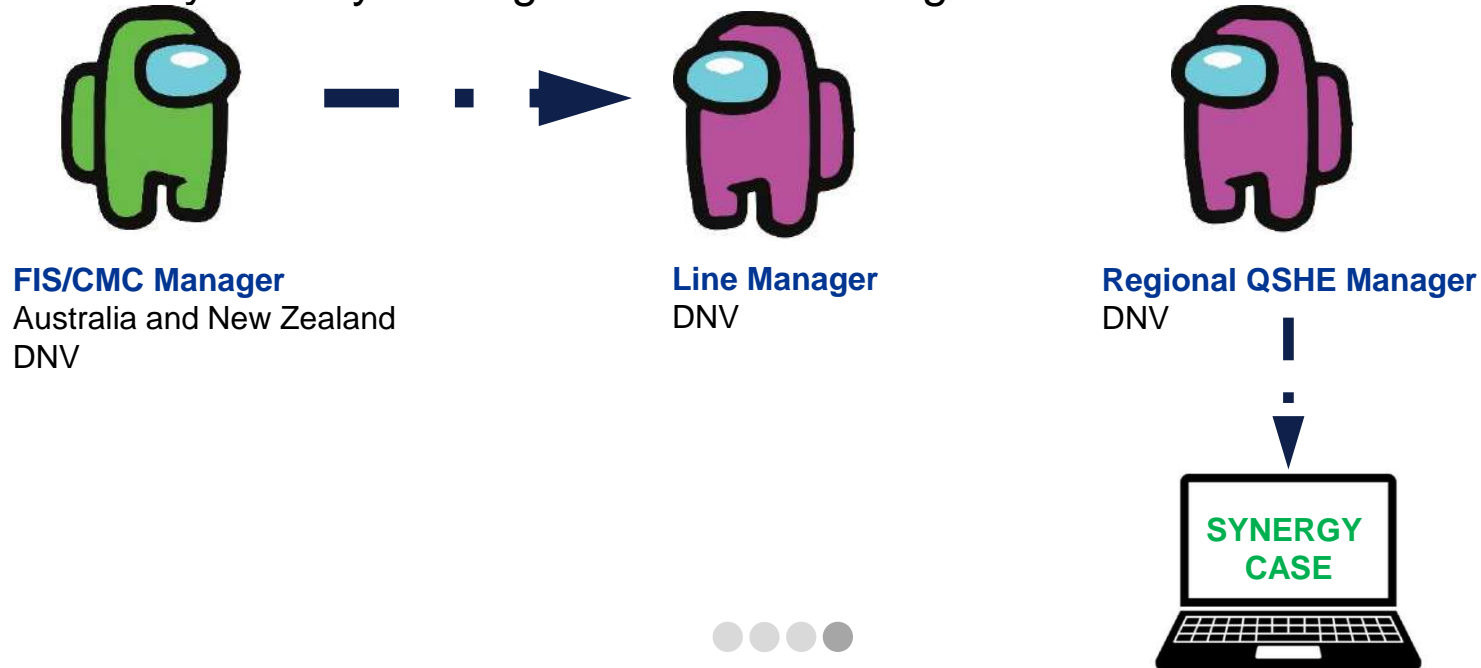


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4 ACTIONS TAKEN

- Upon confirming the certificate was falsified one, DNV Perth proceeded to inform the line manager and the regional QSHE manager.
- Synergy case was registered for the handling of falsified certificate in our system by the regional QSHE Manager.





- The suspects were narrowed down to the manufacturer and the sub-contracted inspector.



**Manufacturer in China.**



**ex. Sub-contracted Inspector**  
DNV Inspection India Pte Ltd



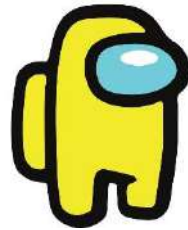
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- Our colleague in China station was asked to check on the manufacturer and discuss the matter with them. The manufacturer confirmed that they do not have this series of pilot ladder in the product lines. This was subsequently reported back to the QSHE manager



Colleague in China  
DNV



Manufacturer in China.

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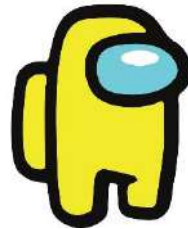
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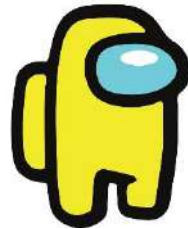
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Our colleagues in India were tasked to call up the previously hired sub-contractor for clarification and discussion. DNV India confirmed that after Covid, March 2020 he had stopped representing DNV in any inspection activities. He did not issue any certificate from 2020. He is readily available for any further clarification if required. The same was reported back to the QSHE manager



**Country Manager**  
India, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh  
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**Senior Project Manager**  
DNV Inspection India Pte Ltd



ex. Sub-contracted Inspector  
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**Australian Government**  
**Australian Maritime Safety Authority**

We were informed during the investigation that AMSA had faced the similar falsified certificate. However, the certificate was issued by CCS.

An advisory note from AMSA dated 2024-01-02 stated that AMSA has been advised that as a result of this recent investigation, 'the **Manufacturer**' has taken legal action against the '**Trading Company.**' for producing fake copies of their products.

[https://www.amsa.gov.au/safety-navigation/navigating-coastal-waters/counterfeit-pilot-ladders-and-certificates-advisory?utm\\_source=linkedin&utm\\_medium=socials&utm\\_campaign=general](https://www.amsa.gov.au/safety-navigation/navigating-coastal-waters/counterfeit-pilot-ladders-and-certificates-advisory?utm_source=linkedin&utm_medium=socials&utm_campaign=general)

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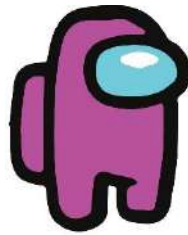
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Since DNV has not commercial interaction with 'Trading Company.', no further action is needed..

The case was discussed with the Regional QSHE manager. The registered case in SYNERGY was agreed to be closed. The case was notified to Quality Task Force team for reference.



Regional QSHE Manager  
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**For reaching  
out to us on  
this case !**



Thank  
you! 😊

