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| From: ANM Committee | ANM 19/output/2  16 November 2012 |
| To: e-NAV Committee |  |

Liaison Note

AIS AtoN Reference in ITU-R M.1371-4

# Background

The ANM Committee thanks the e-NAV Committee for raising the matter concerning the table 72 – *Nature and Type of AtoN identified in 32 codes* – in ITU-R M.1371-4 that uses code ‘31’ for Light Vessel / LANBY / Rigs.

# Discussion

The ANM Committee considered the matter and concluded that code ’3’ is allocated to the use of marking off shore structure while code ‘31’ is allocated to the use of major floating Aids to Navigation.

Because of its meaning, the ANM Committee agreed that Rigs should belong to code ’3’ of ‘Fixed structure off-shore, such as oil platforms, wind farms’ and so eliminate Rigs from code ‘31’ and move to code ‘3’. However the Committee also investigated whether any Competent Authorities are using Light Vessels and found that some authorities are still using them for marking important navigational points, such as the centre line of a TSS and divergence points in a navigational route.

Therefore, the ANM Committee is of the opinion that, recognizing the importance of spare bit for future use though, code ‘31’ should be retained for the use of Light Vessels and that Rigs should move from code ’31’ to code ‘3’. The term LANBY has been discontinued.

With regard to this matter, the ANM Committee will carefully monitor the use of Light Vessel and if the ANM Committee confirms that there is no Light Vessel being used by any IALA members, the ANM Committee will immediately inform the e-NAV Committee and agree to use code ‘31’ for the spare bit.

# Action requested

The e-NAV Committee is requested to note the information provided and decide as appropriate.