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TO THE MEMBERS

Dear Sirs

DEFENCES AGAINST PIRACY

Before transiting the Gulf of Aden and/or Indian Ocean, owners should register with Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSC-HOA). They should also register the ship's position, speed and course with UK Maritime Trade Office Dubai (UKMTO.) Contact details for registering are set out below.

MSC-HOA

Via Website for reporting
Telephone
Fax
Email

www.mschoa.org
+44 (0) 1923 958545
+44 (0) 1923 958520
postmaster@mschoa.org

UKMTO

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UKMTO@eim.ae
+971 50 552 3215
+971 4 306 5710
(51) 210473

The Association strongly encourages Members to register with both MSC-HOA and UKMTO.

Owners should also refer to a **Best Management Practices** document that has been produced to assist companies and ships in avoiding piracy attacks, deterring attacks and delaying successful attacks in the Gulf of Aden and off the Coast of Somalia. This document complements guidance provided by the International Maritime Organisation. It includes sections on:

- typical attack profiles and lessons learnt;
- general pre-transit planning;
- voyage planning;
- defensive measures;
- in transit operations; and
- steps to take if the ship is attacked.

The Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy in the Gulf of Aden and off the Coast of Somalia are supported by the Association and by eleven industry organisations. The organisations consulted in its preparation represent the vast majority of ship owners and operators transiting the region. The document, which can be downloaded from the Association's website at www.ukwarrisks.com, should be read by all ship owners intending to transit the Gulf of Aden and/or Indian Ocean, regardless of distance from the Coast of Somalia. The Association **strongly recommends** that the Best Management Practices be adopted.

Yours faithfully

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Managers

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