

TO THE MEMBERS

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Dear Sirs

HIJACK OF MT ARIS 13 BY SOMALI PIRATES

Members may be aware of the hijacking of the MT ARIS 13, a 1991 built 1188 GT bunkering tanker, IMO number 9012501, by Somali pirates on the 13/14 March 2017. This ship is not entered with the Association. Although full details are not yet known, it appears likely that the ship will be headed for the Somali coast and a sizeable ransom demand will then be made in order for the ship and crew to be released.

This is the first reported hijacking of a merchant ship by Somali pirates since 2012 although since that time, the Managers have received periodic reports of suspicious approaches and attempted hijacks of ships transiting the Gulf of Aden / Indian Ocean Additional Premium area.

Members are reminded of the importance of following the recommendations contained in BMP 4 – Best Management Practices for Protection against Somalia Based Piracy. A copy of BMP 4 can be found here:

http://www.mschoa.org/docs/public-documents/bmp4-low-res_sept_5_2011.pdf?sfvrsn=0

To assist with Members' anti-piracy efforts, discounted Additional Premium rates will continue to be offered for transits of this Additional Premium area utilising onboard security.

The Managers will be pleased to answer any questions that may arise.

Yours sincerely

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