

Xanthate shipment kicks up a stink

By Rob McKay

A SMELLY cargo of xanthate shipped from China 16 months ago is at the centre of controversy involving two Australian national transport safety bodies and the Port of Brisbane Corp.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau, the country's independent transport safety investigations arm, came in for scathing criticism from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the port after both were criticised in a report into an incident aboard the Reederei F Laeisz-managed, 2,458 teu, geared **Kota Pahlawan**, operated by Pacific International Lines.

The bureau's report covers a series of actions resulting from the reported leakage of combustible carbon disulphide gas from decomposing xanthate in a cargo of eight containers.

"The Australian Maritime Safety Authority did not appropriately assess the risks associated with the leakage of dangerous goods on board **Kota Pahlawan** until June 19, 2006, more than one day after the master had reported it and before the ship started its transit of the Great Barrier Reef Inner Route," the ATSB said in its report into the incident dated last Friday.

But an AMSA spokeswoman said it did not accept the ATSB's finding that there had indeed been a leak.

"AMSA's Rescue Co-ordination Centre officers are experienced mariners and they did assess the risk from the reported defect and correctly decided that it did not represent a danger to the ship or the crew and did not require immediate response action," AMSA said.

The odour reported by the ship's crew had come from "a few stray pellets" of the chemical used in mining that had not been part of the hermetically sealed load, but had likely been picked up during loading in

China. "The ATSB report indicates the odour threshold to detect the smell of xanthates is 0.02 parts per million, whereas the national exposure standard is 10 parts per million and the lower flammable limit is 14,000 parts per million," AMSA said.

A chemical industry source familiar with the incident backed the authority's response, describing the whole affair as "a debacle" and saying "the ship was never in any danger".

At the centre of events at the port was the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code.

The master refused to reload the xanthate due to odour still emanating from the containers after they had been purged with nitrogen gas, and despite them being declared fit for transport by AMSA and the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service.

The port was criticised in the report for not following its own safety charter.

Specifically, it highlighted:

- At 1315 hrs, unsuccessfully asking the harbour master to detain the ship;
- Subsequently, considering detaining the ship under its powers;
- At 1920 hrs, just after the master repeated his refusal to reload the containers, issuing him with its notice of intent to claim which also advised that PBC would respect the master's decision as final;
- Not respecting the master's decision by informing him that it would detain the ship to inspect all other dangerous goods on board.

The port dismissed these findings out of hand.

"The Port of Brisbane Corp Ltd is disappointed with the findings by the ATSB, which are not supported by the relevant facts," chief executive Jeff Coleman said.

"As PBC submitted to the ATSB, where there was no evidence of a breach of the xanthate's packaging, and where QFRS and AMSA endorsed in writing the continued transportation of the cargo, PBC's wish to have the relevant containers reloaded as soon as possible was wholly within its safety obligations and policies.

"PBC is committed to the highest levels of safety in its ports, and will continue to work with all relevant agencies to see that commitment realised."

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Summary of Major Cases in this week's issue of Lloyd's Casualty Week

Vessel	Type	Flag	Class	GT	DWT	Bit	Casualty
<i>AN LU-09</i>	general cargo	VNM	—	574	450	1995	Sank in lat 19 06.1N, long 107 32.3E, Nov 10. All crew rescued.
<i>BASIC ARROW</i>	bulker	PAN	NK	28,085	48,907	2001	Reported disabled in lat 21 31N, long 160 39W, Nov 9. Towed to Barbers Point Nov 13.
<i>DAINA</i>	general cargo	LTU	LR	3,893	5,820	1998	In collision with general cargo <i>Nordana Andrea</i> at Schwartenbek, Kiel Canal, Nov 9.
<i>DS BLUE WAVE</i>	container	GBR	GL	7,545	8,166	2007	Had total black-out at the Breiholz passing point, Kiel Canal Nov 8 , drifted perpendicular to the canal and stuck fast by the stern. Refloated by tugs same day and towed to Rendsburg for survey. ETA Hamburg Nov 14.
<i>D.M. SPIRIDON</i>	livestock carrier	LBN	—	1,506	1,950	1970	Sank 2 miles off Puerto Cabello Nov 8.
<i>EKFORS</i>	chem tanker	SWE	NV	8,829	13,702	2004	Grounded in rough weather at Slagentangen refinery, near Oslo, Nov 9. Towed to Horten for inspection. Diesel oil leak. Repairs effected by divers. Taken in tow for Gothenburg.
<i>EVA DANIELSEN</i>	general cargo	BHS	GL	3,113	4,279	1986	Lost all power off North Hinder, North Sea, in stormy weather, Nov 9. Towed towards Flushing by two tugs. Arrived Nov 10.
<i>INABA PRIDE</i>	general cargo	PAN	—	4,531	7,736	2000	Sank 470 km W of Amami Islands in lat 29 05N, long 124 08E, Nov 11 following water ingress into No 2 hold. Crew rescued.
<i>ISMAIL PRINCE</i>	general	GEO	—	5,120	5,340	1979	Sank in high winds about 300 km west of Kavkaz Nov 12. Two of the 17 crew rescued.
<i>JEROME H.</i>	general cargo	ATG	GL	1,297	1,525	1985	Reported in lat 53 43.1N, long 05 41.8E, Nov 11, having had engine-room explosion. Coast Guard vessel on scene. Towed to Harlingen Nov 12.
<i>JOSCO SUZHOU</i>	bulker	HKG	GL	27,162	49,416	2004	Reported Nov 14 to have struck MSC Pilar, which anchored at Lagos Port Complex, Apapa. Serious hull damage sustained.
<i>MSC PILAR</i>	container	PAN	BV	30,751	32,709	1984	Reported Nov 14 to have been struck by <i>JOSCO Suzhou</i> , while anchored at Lagos Port Complex, Apapa.
<i>NORDANA ANDREA</i>	general cargo	THA	NK	7,659	8,973	2000	In collision with general cargo <i>Daina</i> at Schwartenbek, Kiel Canal, Nov 9. Large gash in port foreship above waterline. At Sasol Quay, Brunsbuttel with three breaches. Sailed Nov 13. Arrived Hamburg same day.
<i>THEODOROS P.</i>	bulker	MLT	LR	35,650	64,650	1980	Sustained engine breakdown off Cape Verde Nov 2. Taken in tow.
<i>VERA VOLOSHINA</i>	general cargo	UKR	—	2,466	3,353	1980	Reported Nov 11 stranded in the Black Sea, off eastern Crimea, in stormy weather. Split into two parts Nov 12, crew taken off.
<i>VOLGONEFT 139</i>	product tanker	RUS	—	3,463	4,550	1978	Broke into two parts at Kavkaz, between Samara and anchorage No.451, Nov 11. 1,200 tons of petroleum spilled. Bow section retained by an anchor, aft section drifting. Two tugs on way.
<i>ZIYA KOC</i>	general cargo	TUR	TU	1,160	2,103	1987	Lost anchor, then ran aground on sandbar at anchorage off Novorossiysk Nov 11. Tug proceeded to assist. Still aground Nov 13.

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AFRICAN IMPALA (Bahamas)

Ponta Delgada, Nov 10 — Bulk carrier *African Impala* arrived at Ponta Delgada outer anchorage today, at about 03:00 local time where it is now waiting for space in the inner port. It's possible that on Nov 12 the necessary repairs can commence. — Lloyd's Agents.

Ponta Delgada, Nov 12 — Bulk carrier *African Impala* berthed alongside at Ponta Delgada at 1030, local time, today for inspection and repairs. The repairs are expected to take seven to eight days. — Lloyd's Agents.

AKTAG (Turkey)

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated today, states: Twelve children who were among a group of 275 illegal migrants were pulled from rough seas off the Greek coast today have been hospitalized with dehydration and hypothermia, according to government officials. The migrants were onboard *Aktag*, which was en route to Italy when the vessel encountered mechanical problems 11 nautical miles off the western Greek coast late yesterday, and sent out a distress signal. Rough seas and gale-force winds prevented Coast guard vessels and helicopters from carrying out an overnight sea-borne rescue. With winds diminishing early Sunday, the vessel was towed to a protected offshore point and the migrants, along with 15 crew members, were evacuated to the port of Katakolo. The twelve children showed signs of dehydration and hypothermia and were hospitalized in Pyrgos for examination, officials said. The condition of the other migrants was also being examined, while the Turkish skipper was arrested.

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated today, states: Unknown *Aktag* was foundering in heavy seas off south-west Greece late yesterday as gale-force winds prevented coast guard vessels from attempting a rescue, the Merchant Marine Ministry said. *Aktag*, a motorised vessel with 15 on board, issued a distress call after it ran into trouble about 11 nautical miles from Katakola, off the Peloponnese coast, shortly before 1800, GMT. However, small coastguard vessels could not immediately respond because of winds of up to 100 km an hour and rough seas. A larger Greek ship in the area was attempting to investigate and possibly conduct a sea rescue, the ministry said.

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: Unknown *Aktag*, with 275 illegal migrants on board was towed to safety in rough weather off south-western Greece early today. With winds diminishing overnight, the vessel was towed to a protected

offshore point, where the migrants were being evacuated in stages. The ministry said no one was killed or injured in the operation.

ALGOPORT (Canada)

London, Nov 14 — The master of bulk carrier *Algoport* (20222 gt, built 1979), bound Port Cartier, reported a leak in port side ballast tank No 1, in lat 50 01.59N, long 66 46.59W, at 1824, Nov 9. (Note — *Algoport* arrived and sailed Quebec Nov 11 and subsequently arrived Cote Ste. Catherine Nov 12.)

ALMARJAN (Comoros)

See "Somalia" under "Piracy."

ALMIRA G. (Georgia)

Busan, Nov 13 — Repairs to general cargo *Almira G.* commenced at Mokpo, Korea, on Nov 5 and are expected to be completed by the end of November. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

ALYONA (Malta)

Maassluis, Nov 15 — Roll on roll off with container capacity *Alyona* has completed repairs and is currently berthed at Antwerp. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

AMBAR (Honduras)

See "Albania" under "Political & Civil Unrest".

AMERLOQ (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 12 — Fish factory *Amerloq* (1438 gt, built 1977), 25 crew, ran aground and listed 15 deg, four cables to the southwest of Bear Island at 0900 hrs, Nov 11. The vessels *Rubin* and *Kildin*, on the high tide, managed to remove the vessel from the sandbar at 1630, and it is now en route to Tromso for inspection. — Correspondent.

AN LU-09 (Vietnam)

London, Nov 11 — Following received from Hong Kong MRCC, timed 1417, UTC: General cargo *An Lu-09* (574 gt, built 1995), with 11 crew on board was reported sunk in approximate position lat 19 06.1N, long 107 32.3E, at about 2030, UTC, Nov 10. All 11 crew were picked up by a passing Chinese fishing vessel. Three crew were then airlifted by Chinese helicopter to Hai Nan Island. The other eight crew will be discharged ashore when the fishing vessel arrives at Hai Nan Island.

ANDREA ROSE (Canada)

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated today, states Fishing *Raptor II* rescued two men after their longliner, wooden fishing *Andrea Rose* (76 gt, built 1981), caught fire off the coast of western Newfoundland early today. The Canadian Coast Guard said a fire on board *Andrea Rose* was reported before 0500 hrs. The vessel was off the coast of the Port au Port Peninsula at the time. The Coast Guard said the rescued fishermen were being taken to Bonne Bay. *Andrea Rose* was reported later this morning to be burning and adrift north-east of Red Island.

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London, Nov 14 — Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1440, UTC: Wooden fishing *Andrea Rose* is reported aground in Three Rock Cove (lat 48 38N, long 59 06W) and still on fire.

ANJA (Antigua & Barbuda)

Sandnes, Nov 8 — The attempt to refloat general cargo *Anja* at 1100, local time, today, failed. There will be a new attempt on next high tide, around midnight. The weather is good in the area. Vessel grounded in lat 66 35.27N, long 13 20.74E. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 9 — Following received from Bodo RCC, timed 1425, UTC: General cargo *Anja* is still aground. Refloating attempts with tug assistance are still in hand.

London, Nov 9 — Following received from Bodo RCC, timed 1937, UTC: General cargo *Anja* is still aground. There are no reports of pollution, and refloating operations are continuing.

Sandnes, Nov 10 — At 1200 local time today general cargo *Anja* was refloated, on the fourth attempt assisted by tug *Boa Siw*. The vessel proceeded to Mo i Rana for inspections. No pollution in the area. About 780 tonnes of containers was removed to other vessels before the vessel was refloated. — Correspondent.

Trondheim, Nov 12 — General cargo *Anja* grounded at Rangsendoy, 25 miles north of Sandnessjoen, at 0122 hrs, Nov 8. The vessel is in regular trade between Salten Verk, Sorfold and Mo i Rana with a crew of 13. None of the crew was injured. Several attempts were made to refloat the vessel without success. Taubatkompaniet, Trondheim, was engaged. They inform that the vessel was refloated at 1200 hrs, Nov 10, by their vessels *Boa Harek*, *Boa Siw*, *Tambur* and *Nautilus Mammot*, after having discharged about 650 tons of cargo on Nov 9. This cargo was taken to Mo i Rana by two local vessels. *Anja* arrived Mo i Rana at 0100 hrs, Nov 11 and is now alongside the quay discharging the remaining cargo. — Lloyd's Agents.

Trondheim, Nov 13 — Agents of general cargo *Anja* at Mo i Rana inform that discharging has been completed. Temporary repairs will probably be carried out alongside the quay at Mo i Rana. ETS uncertain at this stage. — Lloyd's Agents.

Trondheim, Nov 15 — General cargo *Anja*: The vessel's agents at Mo i Rana have advised that temporary repairs have now been completed and the Norwegian Maritime Authorities have given permission for her to sail to Szczecin at a reduced speed, weather permitting. The vessel will be drydocked for permanent repairs at Szczecin. — Lloyd's Agents.

Trondheim, Nov 15 — General cargo *Anja* is expected to sail Mo i Rana at 1500 today for Szczecin. — Lloyd's Agents.

ANNA 2005 (Comoros)

London, Nov 15 — General cargo *Anna 2005* had engine failure (before reported as grounded) at approximately 0055, Nov 3. Tug

Kurtarma 4 was sent to the place of incident by Istanbul VTS. As a result of salvage and assistance operation *Anna 2005* was anchored safely to Ahirkapi A3 anchorage area same day. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Anna 2005* was still stationary in lat 40 57N, long 28 51E, at 0410, UTC, today.)

ARKLOW RAIDER (Republic of Ireland)

London, Nov 12 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1103, UTC: General cargo *Arklow Raider* (2999 gt, built 2007) anchored in lat 53 25.2N, long 04 52.4E, at 0338, UTC, today, due to engine problems. The vessel completed repairs and proceeded at 0534, UTC, bound for Nordenham.

London, Nov 15 — General cargo *Arklow Raider* arrived at Nordenham on Nov 13 and sailed same day for Tees.

AURA (Netherlands)

London, Nov 9 — Product tanker *Deira* arrived at Szczecin on Nov 7 from Brunsbuttel.

AUTOTRANSPORTER (Madeira)

Bremen, Nov 12 — Vehicle carrier *Autotransporter* (7069 gt, built 1983) had to return to Emden as they had a wire in the propeller. The vessel berthed again at 1010, local time, Nov 10. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Autotransporter* arrived Emden 08 Nov and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 51 29.31N, long 01 4.46E, speed 13.2 knots, course 104.9 deg, at 1107, UTC, today.)

London, Nov 15 — Vehicle carrier *Autotransporter* arrived at Sheerness on Nov 13 and sailed same day for Calais.

AXEL SPIRIT (Bahamas)

London, Nov 9 — Crude oil tanker *Axel Spirit* sailed from New York on Nov 6.

AYFER KA (Turkey)

Karachi, Nov 13 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Ayfer KA* is still under repair at Karachi Shipyard Dock. Repair work will take 10 more days to finish. — Lloyd's Agents.

AZIMUT-2 (Russia)

Portsmouth, Nov 8 — Fishing (general) *Azimut-2* was taken in tow by general cargo *Apostol Pyotr* and is now en route to the port of Uglegorsk. On arrival later today it is planned that port divers will free the nets from the propeller. All 15 crew on board the *Azimut-2* are fine and the weather in the region is good, according to the Sakhalin Rescue Co-ordination Centre. — Correspondent.

BARGARA (Malta)

London, Nov 8 — Bulk carrier *Bargara* has now sailed from La Plata. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, vessel was located 21 nautical miles from Piriapolis, Uruguay, in lat 35 04 40.31S, long 55 32 45.52W, at 1407, UTC, today, course 85.2 deg, speed 12.8 knots.

BARKALD (Marshall Islands)

London, Nov 9 — A United States Coast Guard press release, dated Nov 7, states: The US Coast Guard is announcing it has concluded its investigation into the cause of an early morning collision between bulker *Barkald* and the sailing vessel *Essence* in Long Island Sound Sept. 20, 2006, that left a crew member on board the *Essence* dead. Ms. Gina Bortolotti, a cook on board the *Essence*, drowned in the aftermath of the collision. The investigation found that the primary cause of the collision was the failure of the mate of the *Essence* to properly identify the aspect of the lights of the *Barkald* and to take proper action to avoid a collision as required by the Inland Navigation Rules. Contributing factors cited in the Coast Guard investigation include the failure of both vessels to adequately determine that a risk of collision existed as well as inadequate communications between both vessels as they approached each other in a meeting situation. The investigation ruled out mechanical failure and weather as possible factors in the collision. Further, the investigation determined that each vessel's navigation lights and navigation equipment were working properly and alcohol and drug tests conducted on both crews were negative. The 623-foot coal carrier *Barkald* was transiting in Long Island Sound outbound to Halifax, Nova Scotia, from Bridgeport, Conn., and the 92-foot sailing vessel *Essence*, with three persons on board, was transiting inbound to Greenwich, Conn., from Newport R.I., when the vessels collided in New York state waters about 12 miles southeast of New Haven Harbor, Conn., shortly after 0400 hrs. Following the collision, the *Essence* sank, leaving the three crew members in the water. The pilot on board the *Barkald* immediately notified the Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound Command Center in New Haven. Upon receiving the report, the Coast Guard launched a 25-foot rescue boat from Station New Haven. The Coast Guard rescue boat crew pulled the *Essence* mate and cook from the water and transferred them to EMS personnel waiting on shore. The two were then rushed to Yale New Haven Hospital where Ms. Gina Bortolotti was pronounced dead. The mate, Mr. Nardus Bothma, was treated for hypothermia and released. Following the collision, the *Barkald* launched one of the vessel's lifeboats and was able to recover the *Essence* master, Mr. Ian Robberts.

BASIC ARROW (Panama)

London, Nov 11 — Following received from Coastguard Honolulu, timed 0100 today: Bulk carrier *Basic Arrow* (28085 gt, built 2001), Mexico for Japan, cargo salt, reported disabled in lat 21 31N, long 160 39W, about 0600, UTC, Nov 9. Presently being towed to Hawaii.

London, Nov 12 — Following received from Coast Guard Honolulu, timed 2035, UTC: Bulk carrier *Basic Arrow* is under tow to Barbers Point, ETA tomorrow morning.

London, Nov 13 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Basic Arrow* stationary at Barbers Point at 0421, Nov 13.

BENEGAS (Panama)

Amman, Nov 13 — Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Benegas* remains at Aqaba. — Lloyd's Agents.

BERMUDA I (Cambodia)

See "Romania" under "Port State Control."

BIRKA TRANSPORTER (Aland)

Kiel, Nov 13 — Roll On Roll Off *Birka Transporter* (6620 gt, built 1991) sustained a machine blackout off the ferry harbour of Cuxhaven at 1000 hrs, today. The vessel has dropped anchor so that repairs can be carried out. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 14 — Two hours after the black-out on Nov 13, Roll On Roll Off *Birka Transporter* raised anchor and headed for the Brunsbüttel locks, Kiel Canal, with tug assistance. — Correspondent.

BOTHNIA CARRIER (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

See *Cepheus J.*

BRIGHT RUBY (South Korea)

Piraeus, Nov 15 — Our salvage tug *Tsavliris Hellas* proceeded from its salvage station at Cape Town pm Nov 9 to assist bulk carrier *Bright Ruby* (15872 gt, built 1987), laden with about 24,000 tons of corn in bulk, disabled about 100 miles west of Cape Good Hope, due to machinery problems. *Tsavliris Hellas* arrived at scene am, Nov 10, and towed casualty to Cape Town, where arrived pm, Nov 11. — Tsavliris Salvage (International) Ltd. (Note — *Bright Ruby* subsequently sailed Cape Town Nov 14.) (Also see issues of Oct 30 and Nov 1.)

BSLE ENDURANCE (Cyprus)

Kochi, Nov 13 — General cargo *BSLE Endurance* is still lying at Mangalore anchorage. Sailing is presently uncertain reportedly due to some dispute between the master of the vessel and the repairers. — Lloyd's Agents.

BUZZARD PLATFORM

London, Nov 10 — A press report, dated Nov 9, states: Nexen Inc has temporarily its Buzzard platform in the North Sea after routine inspections found storms damaged an the upper section of one of three power generation turbine exhaust stacks. The Calgary-based company said a full inspection of the damage would take place as soon as the weather allows then a decision would be made about when production could resume. "We do not expect production to be down for an extended period of time since we are able to operate the platform at full rates with two turbines," the company said in a release.

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: Nexen Inc.'s Buzzard crude oil field, the largest

development in the U.K. North Sea for more than a decade, remained shut after it was damaged in a storm last week. The field, which was producing the equivalent of about 200,000 barrels of oil a day prior to the closure, was shut on Nov 9 after a power turbine's exhaust stack was damaged in the storm, Nexen said. "Production hasn't resumed yet," London-based Nexen spokeswoman Sucharita Sethi said today. "We're working on the damage, but obviously are dependent on the weather to carry out inspections and repairs."

CAP FORMENTOR (Canary Islands)

London, Nov 15 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRCC, timed 0609, UTC: Northumberland Fire Service have attended South Dock, Sunderland, in response to a report that general cargo *Cap Formentor* (3443 gt, built 1996) had a fire in her hold while loading scrap steel turnings. All crew understood safe and well. Fire services are still on the scene liaising with the harbourmaster. (Note — *Cap Formentor* arrived Sunderland 0448, Nov 14.)

CAPITAL QUEEN (Cyprus)

London, Nov 15 — General cargo *Capital Queen* sailed Port Klang Nov 6 for Jakarta.

CAPTAIN ALI (Syria)

Port Said, Nov 13 — General cargo *Captain Ali* was released from arrest after paying its fine and sailed at 1640 hrs, Nov 6. — Lloyd's Agents.

CAPTAIN ISMAEL (Georgia)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 13 — At 1226, Nov 11, bulk carrier *Captain Ismael* (6994 gt, built 1976) ran aground in stormy conditions, in the Cape Doob region, after raising its anchor and manoeuvring to exit Novorossiysk Bay. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 14 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Captain Ismael* stationary in lat 44 38 04.07N, long 37 54 22.03E, at 0202, Nov 14.

CAPTAIN MOUSTAFA (Bolivia)

Aleppo, Nov 14 — According to Tartous sub-agents general cargo *Captain Moustafa*, owner Fadi Ghasan Al-Abd, a Lebanese, stranded on Monday, Nov 12, on the northern shore of the waiting zone of Tartous port, due to stormy weather - 40 knot winds and high waves. No injuries to crew, mostly Syrians, only hull damage. — Lloyd's Agents.

Aleppo, Nov 15 — General cargo *Captain Moustafa* is ex Tarek, IMO No.6514950, call sign CPB 812. — Lloyd's Agents.

Aleppo, Nov 15 — General cargo *Captain Moustafa* is still aground. — Lloyd's Agents.

CELTIC VOYAGER (Bahamas)

Avonmouth, Nov 12 — General cargo *Celtic Voyager* is now in dry dock at Sharpness, undergoing repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

CEPHEUS J. (U.K.)

Kiel, Nov 12 — Fully cellular containership *Cepheus J.* (6454 gt, built 2003) was in collision with general cargo with container capacity *Bothnia Carrier* (5992 gt, built 1977) when entering the New Southern lock of the Kiel Canal in Brunsbüttel on Nov 11. The damage caused was only minor, a gangway was hit by *Cepheus J.* Both vessels had to stop for investigation. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 14 — Fully cellular containership *Cepheus J.* arrived at Hamburg on Nov 12 from Helsinki.

COS INTREPID (Hong Kong)

Le Havre, Nov 12 — Bulk carrier *COS Intrepid* is still under repair at Joannes Couvert's quay, Le Havre and is awaiting other spare parts. The repairs are expected to be completed around Nov 20. — Lloyd's Agents.

COSCO BUSAN (Hong Kong)

Oakland, Calif, Nov 8 — Fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* sustained a gash 20 ft by 80 ft in its forward port shell plating above the waterline. In addition a fuel tank was breached, resulting in the spillage of an unknown quantity of fuel oil. The shoreline of nearby islands and beaches in San Francisco have been affected. Approximately 100 ft of the bridge pylon fender system was damaged/lost. The contact with the bridge occurred during heavy fog conditions. — Nauticus LLC.

London, Nov 8 — A press report, dated today, states: In the largest oil spill in San Francisco Bay in at least a decade, fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan*, navigating through heavy fog, struck a Bay Bridge abutment yesterday, spilling 58,000 gallons of oil, according to preliminary estimates. The vessel struck the base of the second suspension tower west of Yerba Buena Island at about 0830 hrs, cutting a gash estimated to be about 80 feet long and 20 feet wide toward the front of the vessel's port side. The impact also punctured a fuel tank, allowing fuel oil to leak into the Bay. Some of the fuel evaporated into noxious fumes that wafted toward San Francisco's financial district. The incident prompted the involvement of more than a dozen local, state and federal agencies, dealing with myriad issues ranging from international shipping and harbour piloting to air quality and the welfare of the Bay's aquatic creatures. As of yesterday evening, the reason for the incident was still under investigation. The Coast Guard said the vessel had a local pilot with 26 years of experience on board. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Anderson said the agency came up with the preliminary spill estimates by taking water samples from the Bay and comparing the liquid load on the vessel before and after the crash. The collision had no effect on the bridge or anyone driving across it, and Caltrans engineers who examined the structure determined that the vessel did not make contact with the actual concrete abutment,

said Caltrans Bay Bridge spokesman Bart Ney. The only damage was to the system of heavy plastic beams that are meant to absorb the shock of such mishaps. However, the impact did damage the vessel. Once the vessel's crew and the Coast Guard had transferred fuel from the breached tank and contained the spill with absorbent foam barriers, it was moved across the Bay to Anchorage Nine, offshore from the former naval station in Alameda. Hanjin Shipping was in the process of hiring contractors to further clean the spill, which also left a three-foot-wide trail as the vessel crossed the Bay. The Coast Guard prohibited vessels from getting within 100 yards of *COSCO Busan* or 50 yards on either side of the slick, Coast Guard spokesman Kevin Neff said. The San Francisco public health department issued a statement noting that oil vapours had sickened people onshore, causing headaches and nausea, but said the fumes posed no long-term health effects. Ney said the damage to the bridge could be fixed without too much trouble, but would probably require an emergency contract.

London, Nov 8 — A press report, dated today, states: Crews were racing today to mop up 58,000 gallons of fuel that spilled after fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* bumped into the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Spread by the tides, the fuel slick from Wednesday's (Nov 7) collision shut down several beaches and threatened shorebirds, seals and other marine mammals that make a home in the bay. By midmorning, nearly two dozen oil-covered birds had been recovered by wildlife crews, but hundreds more had been caught in the spreading slick, said Steve Edinger, assistant chief for the California Department of Fish and Game. Melissa Hauck of the U.S. Coast Guard said eight oil-skimming vessels were working to clean up the slick, which had begun to spread beyond the Golden Gate. Hauck said 8,000 gallons had been collected so far. Authorities also laid more than 18,000 feet of log booms around *Cosco Busan*, which was towed to an anchorage off Candlestick Point, in San Francisco. No more fuel was leaking from the vessel, Hauck said. The fuel slick had hit eight beaches and parks: Muir Beach, Kirby Cove, Rodeo Beach, Black Sand Beach, Baker Beach, Crissy Field, China Beach and Fort Point. Thirteen state and federal agencies set up a command centre at Fort Mason in San Francisco and were meeting to discuss how best to tackle the mop-up.

London, Nov 9 — About 58,000 gallons of oil spilled from fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* when it struck a tower supporting the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on Nov 7. Tides carried a plume of heavy fuel beneath the Golden Gate Bridge and into the Pacific Ocean. Yesterday afternoon, oil had been sighted as far north as Stinson Beach, about 15 miles north of the city, and at least eight beaches in San Francisco and Marin County were closed. A film of oil

surrounded Alcatraz Island and the plume extended north and south of the Golden Gate Bridge. In an aerial search birds were seen coated in oil and state officials estimated dozens of birds were injured. At least six were found dead, the Department of Fish and Game said. The coast north of San Francisco ranges from sandy beaches to barren cliffs to sensitive marshes. Environmentalists fear the impact on shorebirds, fish and marine mammals could be felt for months, even years. City officials said Coast Guard initially underreported the size of the spill. Damage to the ship, as well as limited visibility from the fog, contributed to the pace of the assessment, officials said. About 9,500 gallons of fuel has been recovered and 18,000 feet of booms were in place by yesterday afternoon, the Coast Guard said. Crews on board two helicopters surveyed the damage as 11 skimmers sucked up the oil on the bay and ocean. Teams also walked the shoreline assessing and scooping up the oil. Authorities are still investigating the cause of the collision.

Oakland, Calif, Nov 9 — Understand that fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* spilled approximately 58,000 gallons of heavy fuel into San Francisco Bay. Strong ebb tides have carried some of this fuel out of the Golden Gate and fuel has been noted along the coast as far as 40 miles north of the Golden Gate. — Nauticus, LLC.

London, Nov 9 — Following received from Coast Guard San Francisco, timed 1726, UTC: Fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* is currently at Anchorage No 9, San Francisco Bay.

London, Nov 10 — A press report, dated Nov 9, states: The Berkeley Marina was closed to incoming and outgoing boat traffic today after the incoming tide brought more oil globules and sick birds into its beaches and surrounding parks. State and local agencies are working to rescue the oiled birds at the Marina and all along the East Bay shoreline after fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* crashed into the Bay Bridge and spilled bunker fuel in the bay Wednesday (Nov 7). The city's Environmental Health Division has warned that people and pets should be kept away from the contaminated shoreline. The Berkeley Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Team brought booms and other absorbent materials to the Marina to help clean up the water and shore. The Berkeley Animal Care Center reported that 25 sick birds were spotted along the shoreline from Berkeley through Albany today. East Bay Regional Park District has closed off water access to a number of parks in the East Bay including Point Isabel Regional Shoreline in Richmond. Contractors had been hired to clean up the spills. Trained staff from the California State Department of Fish and Game and other local and state agencies were also involved in the rescue mission. Dead birds have been spotted at the Berkeley Marina and the Albany Bulb.

London, Nov 11 — A press release, dated San Francisco, Nov 10, states: Although Regal Stone, owners of fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan*, has been named the responsible party by the state of California, this designation has no connection with "responsibility" for the accident, said Darrell Wilson, spokesman for the shipping company. "That responsibility will be clearly determined by the official investigation, which the United States Coast Guard is undertaking and in which we as owners are fully participating." The designation responsible party is a term of law which means the party initially responsible for the clean-up and response. "This is a responsibility Regal Stone has embraced since the start of this very regrettable accident. We will meet all of our responsibilities to the full extent of the law," said Wilson. "We are committed to a robust and professional response. We want to thank every person, company and government official for their enormous effort. We are sorry the incident has taken place but wish to assure the community we take our responsibilities with the clean-up very seriously," said Wilson. "We also take the investigation seriously and look forward to a resolution which will contribute to a safer Bay and safer shipping," said Wilson.

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated today, states: Coast Guard investigators today were trying to determine whether the speed and possible communication problems led to fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* contacting a bridge that resulted in San Francisco Bay's worst oil spill in nearly two decades. A preliminary Coast Guard investigation found that human error, not mechanical failure, caused the ship to sideswipe a support on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. "One of the things we are looking at, as with any investigation with the weather conditions we saw, specifically heavy fog, would be what speed was the ship travelling and was that appropriate given the visibility at the time?" Coast Guard Cmdr. Brendan McPherson said today. The spill has killed dozens of sea birds and spurred the closure of nearly two dozen beaches and piers. Investigators were focusing on possible communication problems between the ship's crew, the pilot guiding the vessel and the Vessel Traffic Service, the Coast Guard station that monitors the bay's shipping traffic. The National Transportation Safety Board was slated to take over the investigation of the crash. U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., have both called for swift and thorough investigations of the spill and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has declared a state of emergency. Feinstein met with Coast Guard officials today and said the system for responding to spills needed to be improved, especially communication with communities where toxic sludge began washing up on beaches shortly after the crash. Bone defended the

Coast Guard's response, blaming dense fog for delays that hampered efforts to launch helicopters and deploy cleanup equipment after the spill. Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thad Allen was scheduled to arrive from Washington, D.C., later today to take an aerial tour of the damage. Efforts to clean up the mess intensified over the weekend. The Coast Guard increased the number of ships to 20 from 11 to work on skimming the oil from the bay, said Petty Officer Sherri Eng. Nearly 20,000 gallons of oily liquid had been sucked up by yesterday morning, and about 770 workers have taken part in cleanup efforts on the water and along beaches to mop up the damage, a job that is expected to last weeks or possibly months. Rescue teams raced to save hundreds of seabirds tarred with black shipping fuel. At least 60 birds were found dead while 200 live birds were recovered and sent to a rehabilitation center in Solano County.

London, Nov 12 — A press report, dated Nov 11, states: Various beaches, parks and marinas throughout the Bay Area remain closed yesterday following the spill of 58,000 gallons of oil into the water from fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* that clipped a San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge tower Wednesday (Nov 7). Aquatic Park, the San Francisco Municipal Pier, Fort Point, Baker Beach, China Beach, Fort Baker, Mile Rock Beach, Kirby Cove, Rodeo Beach, Tennessee Valley in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Muir Beach, Angel Island State Park, Keller Beach, Steep Ravine Beach at Mount Tamalpais, Red Rock Beach, Stinson Beach, Baxter Creek to the Lucritia W. Edwards Shoreline Park, and Crissy Field Beach are closed Saturday, according to U.S. Coast Guard spokeswoman Sherri Eng. An advisory for Ocean Beach and for various marinas is also in effect, according to the Coast Guard. Advisories were put in place for areas that are not officially closed but should be avoided by visitors and their pets until Tuesday due to possibly dangerous contaminants, according to Mayor Gavin Newsom's office. The San Francisco Marina, Hyde Street Harbor, PIER 39 Marina, South Beach Marina, Mission Creek Harbor, and the Clipper Cove Marina are open, but an advisory has been issued asking boaters to avoid coming in or out of the marinas, Treasure Island Marina spokesman Roger Ladwig said. Boaters should beware of the possibility of oil being sucked into boating apparatuses or being dragged to other marinas, he said. Other areas that in the East Bay are also being affected by the spill, East Bay Regional Parks spokeswoman Shelly Lewis said. In Richmond, Keller Beach and Ferry Point at Miller Knox Regional Shoreline as well as water access at Point Isabel Regional Shoreline are closed. Crown Beach in Alameda, and beach access at Middle Harbor Shoreline Park in Oakland, and the Berkeley Marina are also closed today, Lewis said. Brooks Island Regional Preserve off the Richmond

Inner Harbor is also closed. Eastshore State Park, which extends from Richmond to Emeryville and Oakland, is also closed today and may be closed Sunday, Lewis said.

London, Nov 12 — A press report, dated Nov 11, states: A federal criminal investigation has been opened into an oil spill in San Francisco Bay that began when fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* hit the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge last week, the US Coast Guard said today. The US attorney's office has opened a criminal investigation, Coast Guard Lt Anya Hunter told reporters. A National Transportation Safety Board team was on its way to California yesterday to investigate the cause of the accident, which spilled 58,000 gallons of oil into the water. The oil — heavy-duty bunker fuel — has spread along the San Francisco city waterfront and out of San Francisco Bay, beneath the Golden Gate Bridge towards Marin County. Authorities closed several beaches and shorelines to the public because of health concerns. They also banned fishing in key locations on Port of San Francisco property. We're going to learn from this case, we're going to prevent the next one, if at all possible, and if there are people responsible or accountable, they'll be held accountable, the Coast Guard's Rear Adm Craig Bone said during a news conference yesterday.

London, Nov 12 — Following received from Coast Guard San Francisco, timed 2040, UTC: Fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* remains at anchor and detained by the local authorities. Cargo discharge is continuing.

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: At 0830 hrs, Wednesday (Nov 7), Capt. John J. Cota, the bar pilot in charge of navigating fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan*, radioed the Coast Guard vessel traffic service on Yerba Buena Island. "I touched the delta tower," he told the traffic service, which monitors ship movements in and out of the bay. Cota was reporting that the 902-foot-long container ship had run into the wooden fender surrounding one of the towers that hold up the Bay Bridge. The ship was travelling at about 11 knots, senior Coast Guard officials said. The "touch" caused a tear in the side of the ship - a gash 160 feet long and four feet deep - rupturing the fuel tanks. Approximately 58,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled into the bay. "The cause of this accident," said Adm. Thad Allen, commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, "was human error." Allen was careful not to fix blame on any individual. Cota's lawyer, John Meadows, told the Associated Press that his client thought the impact was minor. "He told me that you could hardly feel anything on the ship," the lawyer said. This version of events, however, was disputed by Coast Guard officers. They said a man of Cota's experience should have known that a ship travelling at that speed would do a lot of damage.

Neither the Coast Guard nor the National Transportation Safety Board has released a transcript of the incident, but using information from ship pilots, captains, mariners who monitored the conversations between the ship and the Coast Guard vessel traffic service (VTS), and electronic tracks of the ship's course, it is possible to recreate the chain of events. The track of the ship shows the *COSCO Busan* making a wide turn to the southwest, then swinging on a sharp right turn that took it into the bridge tower. The ship subsequently docked at Berth 55 on the Oakland Estuary. It was chartered to Hanjin Shipping of Seoul. The vessel had just changed ownership, and the 21 officers and crew were making their first voyage with the ship. The officers and crew were all Chinese. Though the navigating officers and the helmsmen were required to speak English, it is not clear how fluent they were. Their fluency is an issue, because the accident's cause may include what mariners call "bridge resource management," or how the pilots and crew interact. Cota, the bar pilot, came aboard about an hour before sailing. Cota, 59, is a graduate of the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo and holds a license to command any ship in any waters. Additionally, he holds an endorsement on his license as a pilot on San Francisco Bay and its approaches. But the ultimate responsibility of the ship is borne by the master, or captain, whose name has not been released. The pilot gives advice to the captain on navigating the ship. It is rare to disregard this advice, and captains seldom do. When the ship departed, the weather was foggy, visibility less than a mile. Cota checked with the vessel traffic service, using VHF radio channel 14. All commercial vessels monitor this channel, and all are required to check in with the vessel traffic service. According to those familiar with the transmissions, Cota told the Coast Guard traffic service that the fog had lifted a bit, and he was prepared to get underway for sea. His intention, he said, was to go through the Delta-Echo span on the San Francisco side of the Bay Bridge. That passage is between the two towers closest to Yerba Buena Island. *COSCO Busan* was accompanied by a 78-foot tug *Revolution*. The tug did not appear to have played any role in what followed. First, Cota had to get his ship around the dredge *Njord*, which was anchored in the estuary. Once in the bay, the approach to the Delta-Echo span is fairly straightforward in clear weather, according to several pilots, but Cota was in dense fog. He had to rely on his electronic devices and the bridge team. At some point, according to the automatic identification system, the ship steered left, away from the course that would take it to the channel between the two bridge towers. It is not clear why this happened. Not long afterward, the vessel traffic service called *COSCO Busan* to tell Cota that he was on the wrong course. The ship

was heading parallel to the Bay Bridge, instead of on a course that would take it under the bridge. Cota at first disputed the vessel traffic service message, saying, "That's not what I see here." After hitting the bridge, Cota proceeded to an anchorage off Treasure Island and stopped. He then reported the accident in more detail and said the ship was leaking oil.

San Francisco, Nov 13 — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger suspended all fishing in and around the San Francisco Bay today. The crabbing season was scheduled to open on Thursday (Nov 15), but now fishing for human consumption has been cancelled until at least Dec 1. "Our priority must be getting the oil (spilled by fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan*) cleaned up as quickly as possible, rescuing all marine life and most importantly protecting the public health," Schwarzenegger said in a statement. Since the Nov 7 spillage, many San Francisco beaches have been closed and more than 500 birds have been found dead. According to the Coast Guard, workers have cleaned up 12,745 gallons of oil and another 4,060 gallons have evaporated. Officials are now concentrating on shoreline areas for the clean-up. An investigation into the cause of the accident continues. — Reuters.

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated today, states: Although clean-up work continues on Marin's shoreline, particularly in Bolinas and Stinson Beach, the worst may be over with regards to last Wednesday's (Nov 7) oil spill from fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan*, county officials said. "We're starting to get a handle on it," said Bruce Stahley, a spokesman for the county sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, which closed its operations centre Monday night. Of the 58,000 gallons spilled by the *Cosco Busan* in San Francisco Bay, skimmers and cleaners had recovered 12,745 gallons and accounted for 17,385, the Coast Guard reported. While contractors continue to collect oil-soaked birds and globs of tar on Marin's beaches, work by clean-up crews could lead to the re-opening of some closed areas soon, Coast Guard officials said. About 25% of the oily residue has been removed from Agate and RCA beaches, while Rodeo and Muir beaches are 60% clean and Stinson Beach is 80% clean, the Coast Guard reported yesterday. All fishing for human consumption in the spill area has been suspended until Dec 1, according to an order signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger yesterday. The vessel may be moved from the middle of San Francisco Bay to an Oakland shipyard, according to a spokesman for owner Regal Stone Ltd. The US attorney general and other agencies are investigating the incident, in which human error has been cited as a factor.

CROWN OPAL (Panama)

Guayaquil, Nov 12 — Reefer *Crown Opal* is anchored in the quarantine area at Guayaquil Port Terminal. At

the present moment, all the holes are being repaired with metal shields, in order that the vessel can proceed to Talcahuano, Chile, for major repairs. About 80 tons of metal shield are being used to cover the holes. According to information provided by an independent surveyor, the extent of damage is approximately USD \$800,000.00. The vessel will be ready in approximately one week. — Lloyd's Agents.

D.M.SPIRIDON (Lebanon)

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated Nov 10, states: At approximately 2115 Thursday (Nov 8), livestock carrier *D.M.Spiridon* (1506 gt, built 1970) sank two miles off Puerto Cabello. The vessel which arrived Puerto Cabello last Sunday began to sink Monday night at Puerto Cabello. Official sources indicated that at around noon Thursday the level of the water already reached the "ceiling" of the ship, which remained loaded with approximately 1,660 dead head of cattle of a total of 1,750 which it originally brought from Brazil. For sanitary reasons the ship had to weigh anchor and with two tugs and the escort of a frigate it left from wharf 8, Puerto Cabello, 0630 Thursday and was towed for two miles when, in spite of efforts, the ship began to sink. The vessel sank in a depth of between 30 and 40 metres. (Note — *D.M.Spiridon* had arrived Puerto Cabello from Belem.)

DAINA (Lithuania)

See *Nordana Andrea*.

DARNETTE (Republic of Ireland)

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated today, states: Six fishermen were rescued from a sinking trawler off the Wexford coast last night. The fishermen were forced to abandon their vessel, trawler (all types) *Darnette* (86 gt, built 1974), 75km off Tuscar Rock. The *Darnette* issued a Mayday call at 2120 hrs, last night to say it was taking in large quantities of water. An Irish Naval vessel *LE Eithne* responded to the call, as did a Coastguard helicopter, another Irish fishing vessel, *Suzannah G* and a French trawler. *Suzannah G* was the first vessel on the scene and took the six men onboard as the Coastguard helicopter watched. It then sailed back to Dunmore East to bring the men ashore. The *LE Eithne* stayed on the scene through the night to monitor its submersion as the *Darnette* posed a hazard to other vessels while partially submerged.

London, Nov 14 — Following received from Coastguard Dublin MRCC, timed 0920, UTC: *LE Eithne* reported that trawler *Darnette* sank at approximately 0100 hrs, this morning, in lat 51 25.5N, long 06 21.8W.

DCI DREDGE AQUARIUS (India)

Kochi, Nov 10 — Cutter suction dredger *DCI Dredge Aquarius* has just completed drydocking, however, she has to undergo some more repairs and sailing date has not yet been fixed. — Lloyd's Agents.

DD LEADER

(St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Kolkatta, Nov 14 — Haldia Marine Department informs bulk carrier *DD Leader* sailed Haldia on the night of Nov 11. Local agent of the vessel, M/s.Chowgule Brothers, said that they negotiated with the crew and settled the dispute immediately. Thereafter on obtaining the requisite permission from the Haldia Marine Department, the vessel sailed from Haldia. — Lloyd's Agents.

DENDEN (Eritrea)

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: The Netherlands-based salvage team, Svitzer, which has been entrusted with the task of removing oil from the sunken general cargo *Denden*, has completed the preliminary survey of the ship. The team will be using the services of the offshore supply vessel *Al Haml* for removing oil from the sunken ship. Work on removing oil from the ship is likely to begin soon. The Deputy Conservator of the New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT), Capt K.V. Vaswani, said that preliminary survey for removing oil from *Denden* has been completed. Oil from the sunken ship *Al Haml* will be transferred using the "hot tap" method. This method involves making a connection through the ship's hull by puncturing it to extract liquids by means of pipes from the board of the ship. As many as 15 locations have been identified on the sunken ship to make connections. Three oil tankers have been placed on board *Al Haml* to collect oil from the sunken ship, he added.

DS BLUE WAVE (U.K.)

Kiel, Nov 8 — Fully cellular containership *DS Blue Wave* (7545 gt, built 2007) experienced a total black-out at the Breiholz passing point, Kiel Canal, at 1800, Nov 8. The vessel drifted perpendicular to the canal and stuck fast by the stern, Tugs *Bugsier 12* and *Bugsier 14* were called to refloat the vessel and tow it to the Rendsburg communal harbour for investigation and damage survey. Tug *Nordmark* also came to assist. The vessel was refloated and under tow at 2000 hrs. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 12 — Fully cellular containership *DS Blue Wave* is currently berthed at Rendsburg. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 13 — At 1000 hrs, today, tugs *Bugsier 2* and *Wulf* entered the Kiel Canal via Brunsbuttel locks to take the damaged fully cellular containership *DS Blue Wave*, which had been berthed in Rendsburg since its grounding in the Kiel Canal at Breiholz on Nov 8, in tow to a repair facility. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 14 — Fully cellular containership *DS Blue Wave* is expected at Hamburg at 1800 hrs, today. — Correspondent

DUNCAN ISLAND (Bahamas)

Kiel, Nov 9 — Dutch authorities are at present in talks with reefer *Duncan Island's* insurance company on what to

do with bananas having been washed ashore on the beaches of Ameland and Terschelling. It looks like they will be given to a zoo in Trente. At present it is being analysed whether the oil which polluted beaches in Norderney and other Frisian islands is identical with that of *Duncan Island* or whether other ships used the opportunity to clean their tanks. As long as the investigations last, the ship is not allowed to leave its berth at the O'swald-quay in Hamburg. Police meanwhile found out that the lost containers were improperly lashed. The prosecutors in Stade fined the master from Poland and the 1st officer from Litva with a 15,820 Euro safety fine. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 12 — Reefer *Duncan Island* sailed Hamburg Nov 11.

EAGLE CARINA (Singapore)

London, Nov 14 — Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1456, UTC: Crude oil tanker *Eagle Carina* (52504 gt, built 1993) grounded at Mile 191, Mississippi River, in the vicinity of Baton Rouge, at 2200, UTC, Nov 13. The vessel was refloated at 1239, UTC, Nov 14, with the assistance of four tugs. No damage or pollution reported. The vessel is currently at anchor, pending a Class survey.

London, Nov 15 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, crude oil tanker *Eagle Carina* stationary in lat 30 28 47.34N, long 91 11 39.36W, at 2341, Nov 14.

EKFORS (Sweden)

London, Nov 15 — Understand chemical tanker *Ekfors* (8829 gt, built 2004) was leaking diesel oil as a result of a grounding, which occurred in rough weather at the Slagentangen refinery (near Oslo) last Friday (Nov 9). *Ekfors* was at anchor waiting to load a 10,000 tonne cargo, when the accident happened. The vessel called for assistance and tug *John* was in attendance. The tug towed *Ekfors* to Horten for divers inspection. The diesel oil leak was only discovered yesterday and divers had to effect repairs.

London, Nov 15 — Following received from Oslo VTS timed 0915, UTC: Following its grounding last Friday *Ekfors*, in ballast, left yesterday in tow of tug *Bison* for Gothenburg. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Ekfors* was not under command in lat 57 37 51N, long 11 28 07E, at 0636, UTC, today, speed 2.8 knots, course 147 degrees, bound Gothenburg.)

ELIZABETH M.

London, Nov 9 — A press report, dated Nov 8, states: A towboat master had his licence suspended for 18 months after tug *Elizabeth M.* was swept over a dam in 2005, killing four crew members, but no further penalties will be sought in the case, a US Coast Guard official said Thursday (Nov 8). The Coast Guard released a long-awaited report on the accident Thursday. The investigation revealed that a number of factors contributed to

the *Elizabeth M.*'s plunge over the Montgomery Lock and Dam in Industry, about 25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, said Coast Guard Cmdr. Steve Wischmann. Among them were human error, material deficiencies, procedural violations and limitations in regulatory requirements at the time, he said. "I regret that the report was not released sooner," Wischmann said. "However, as with all investigations, the Coast Guard ensures that all information is investigated objectively, thoroughly and diligently. This takes time." Any delay in releasing the report, he said, "did not delay action to facilitate improved safety on the rivers." The rain-swollen Ohio River swept the towboat over the dam on Jan 9, 2005, killing the four men. Three crew members survived, including the vessel's master, George "Toby" Zappone. The Coast Guard did not identify Zappone, but said the licence of the *Elizabeth M.*'s master already had been suspended for 18 months, and that he was due to complete an additional 18-month probation period in January.

EROS (Norway)

Kiel, Nov 9 — Fishing (general) *Eros* (2148 gt, built 1997) ran aground in the Tjeld Sound at 2100 hrs, Nov 8. The vessel stuck fast at Kobbstein ground, south of Rodskjaer. Other ships on scene, *Vestfart* and *Sjoglans*, should lighten the fish. There was no danger to the crew and the ship was stable. The rescue boat *Kaptein Skaugen* was to undertake attempts to refloat the casualty. — Correspondent.

ESPIRITO SANTO (Brazil)

London, Nov 14 — Following notice to mariners issued today: Tug towing bulk carrier *Espirito Santo* departs Nagoya 0001, UTC, Nov 15 for Zhoushan where eta 0830, UTC, Nov 21. Speed six knots, line length about 510 to 1130 metres.

EVA DANIELSEN (Bahamas)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 10 — General cargo *Eva Danielsen* (3113 gt, built 1986) lost all power off North Hinder, in the North Sea, yesterday morning. There was a storm force 10 gale in the region, so the owners contacted the rescue firm Multraship Salvage B.V. and the Belgian URS Salvage & Maritime Contracting. They immediately sent rescue vessels *Multratug 7* and *Brugge* from Flushing and Zeebrugge respectively. At 1616 hrs, *Multratug 7* reached the emergency zone and began to tow *Eva Danielsen* into Flushing. — Correspondent. (Note — According to LMIU AIS, at 0823 hrs, today, *Eva Danielsen* was stationary in lat 51 28 37.86N, long 03 42 19.32E, 2.8 nautical miles from Flushing.)

London, Nov 14 — General cargo *Eva Danielsen* arrived at Flushing on Nov 10.

FALCON CAPE (Liberia)

Maassluis, Nov 13 — Bulk carrier *Falcon Cape* sailed from Maassluis Nov 13 bound for Tubarao. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

FLINTERBALTICA (Netherlands)

London, Nov 9 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 1056, UTC: General cargo *Flinterbaltica* (2474 gt, built 2004), Grangemouth for Rauma, part deck cargo, 25 cubic metres of 2.5 metre long logs, washed overboard in force eight to nine winds (gale/strong gale), and high seas, in lat 55 16.7N, 01 50.5E, approximately 100 nautical miles north east of Flamborough Head, at about 1000, UTC, today. Vessel continuing on passage. (Note — *Flinterbaltica* sailed Grangemouth 1325, UTC, Nov 8, for Rauma.)

London, Nov 14 — General cargo *Flinterbaltica* arrived at Rauma on Nov 13 from Grangemouth.

GEULBORG (Netherlands Antilles)

London, Nov 11 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 0940, UTC: General cargo *Geulborg* (2769 gt, built 1994) lost 50 cubic metres of deck cargo logs in lat 52 52N, long 04 17.1E earlier today. The vessel has proceeded towards the Kiel Canal.

London, Nov 13 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Geulborg* stopped at Holtenua between 1826 and 2042, Nov 12, and approaching Kiel at 2120, Nov 12.

London, Nov 15 — General cargo *Geulborg* arrived at Kiel on Nov 12.

GEZA HOPE (Syria)

Alexandria, Nov 8 — General cargo *Geza Hope* is still under repair at Alexandria Shipyard. Understood vessel has been arrested. — Lloyd's Agents.

GHT-02

St Petersburg, Nov 14 — Barge *GHT-02*: Salvage operations have been completed and the vessel arrived at Vytegor'sk Nov 9. Clean-up operations have also been completed. As a result, 74 tonnes of soil with signs of oil were collected. Approximately 2000 metres of lake shore and 0.4 hectares of polluted water were cleaned. — Lloyd's Agents.

GOLDEN NORI (Panama)

See "Somalia" under "Piracy."

GRACE (Slovakia)

Piraeus, Nov 13 — General cargo *Grace* (999 gt, built 1990), Trieste for Amfilochia, ran aground in shallow waters off Preveza on Nov 12. All seven crewmembers were reportedly healthy and no pollution was reported. The operations for refloating the vessel are still in hand. The estimated time for repairs is unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Nov 13 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1310, UTC: General cargo *Grace*, Trieste for Amfilochia, grounded in lat 38 56.4N, long 20 44.1E, about 1400, Nov 12. Vessel refloated by own means this morning and is now anchored at Amfilochia.

GREAT ZHEJIANG (Panama)

Buenos Aires, Nov 9 — Understand that bulk carrier *Great Zhejiang*

(39633 gt, built 1984) grounded at 0530, local time, today, at km 234 of the Parana River, while she was proceeding downstream from the port of San Lorenzo, where she had loaded 31,000 tonnes of soya beans. At this moment she is not obstructing navigation. — Lloyd's Agents.

Buenos Aires, Nov 12 — Bulk carrier *Great Zhejiang* refloated by her own means at 0000, Nov 10. Vessel is now anchored at Km 239 of the River Parana, awaiting Coast Guard inspection. — Lloyd's Agents.

HAVSAND (Faroe Islands)

Sandnes, Nov 11 — Hopper Dredger *Havsand* (429 gt, built 1967) under way from Karmoy to Averoy, grounded in lat 61 55 8N, long 05 07 29E, at 1927 local time, today, near Maaloy. No injuries to the crew of four. Rescue vessels *Eigun* and *Platou* are in the area. — Correspondent.

Sandnes, Nov 12 — Hopper dredger *Havsand* was refloated, on high tide at 2200, local time, yesterday. The vessel is now alongside the quay in Maaloy, for inspection. — Correspondent.

HYAK (U.S.A.)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 13 — Mechanical problems forced the cancellation yesterday afternoon of three round-trip ferry runs between Seattle and Bremerton. Ferry workers are scrambling to make repairs before the end of Monday's Seahawks game. The rudder on Roll On Roll Off *Hyak* (2704 gt, built 1967), a four-engine ferry that can carry 144 cars and 2,500 passengers, wasn't working, Washington State Ferries spokeswoman Marta Coursey said. Roll On Roll Off *Chelan*, a two-engine vessel that can hold 1,076 passengers and 124 cars, was the only boat on the route starting at 1500 hrs. Monday. The routes cancelled from Seattle were scheduled for 1620, 1845 and 2105 hrs. The routes scheduled to leave Bremerton at 1500, 1730, and 1955 hrs, also were cancelled. "We have located the parts, and we're waiting for the repair crew," Coursey said about 1545 hrs. "We are still hoping to have it back in service tonight." — Correspondent.

INABA PRIDE (Panama)

Yokohama, Nov 12 — General cargo *Inaba Pride* (4531 gt, built 2000), with 7,000 tonnes of lumber, sank 470km west of Amami Islands at 0430 hrs, Nov 11, due to water ingress into her No.2 hold. All crew have been safely rescued by Chinese fishing vessels in operation nearby. Oil spill and drift lumber from the wreck over seven kilometres length is reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Nov 12 — Following navigation warning dated today, states: Sunken general cargo *Inaba Pride* exists in vicinity of lat 29 05N, long 124 08E.

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated Nov 11, states: Twenty Indonesian sailors were rescued by a Chinese fishing vessel after their ship (? general cargo *Inaba Pride*), Papua

New Guinea for Taizhou, fully loaded with wood, sank off east China, Chinese rescuers said today. The ship with 20 crewmen sank around 0700 today off the coast of east China's Zhejiang province, according to Zhejiang provincial maritime rescue centre. The centre immediately organized rescue ships and helicopters to the sinking site as instructed by the China Maritime Search and Rescue Centre who received an emergency report from the vessel. All the 20 sailors were rescued by a Zhejiang fishing vessel this morning and were sent to Xiangshan in Ningbo this evening.

ISMAIL PRINCE (Georgia)

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: Understand general cargo *Ismail Prince* (5120 gt, built 1979) sank in high winds, about 300 kilometres west of Kavkaz, Nov 11-12. Two crew members were rescued and 15 crew reported missing. (Note — *Ismail Prince* passed Dardanelles east Nov 9, Annaba for Gebze.)

JEROME H. (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Nov 11 — Following received from Den Helder RCC timed 0925, UTC: General cargo *Jerome H.* (1297 gt, built 1985) is currently in lat 53 43.1N, long 05 41.8E, out of the main shipping lane, having sustained an engine-room explosion earlier today. A coast guard vessel is on the scene and tug *Hunter* is due at the site in about 3.5 hours.

London, Nov 11 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Jerome H.* stationary in lat 53 22 20.66N, long 04 58 29.92E, Texel 13.6 nautical miles, at 2300, UTC, Nov 11.

London, Nov 12 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1109, UTC: General cargo *Jerome H.* has been towed to Harlingen.

JOSCO SUZHOU (Hong Kong)

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated today, states: Bulk carrier *JOSCO Suzhou* (27162 gt, built 2004) on its way to Tin Can Island struck fully cellular containership *MSC Pilar* (30751 gt, built 1984) anchored at Lagos Port Complex, Apapa. *JOSCO Suzhou*, laden with 6,524 tonnes of bulk gypsum was discharging at Berth 19 of Lagos Port Complex inside the terminal owned by Green View Development Nigeria Limited when the accident occurred. *MSC Pilar* was being piloted by one of the marine pilots of the Nigerian Ports Authority when it suddenly lost control and in order to avoid running into an on-coming ship it decided to run into *JOSCO Suzhou* which was at berth. *Josco Suzhou* sustained serious hull damage while the fenders at the quayside were also badly damaged. The harbour-master of the Lagos Pilotage District, Effiong Uw, said *MSC Pilar* lost control as a result of "steering failure". Managing Director of Greenview Development Nigeria Ltd, Olugbemiga Abidoye, on his part urged caution in discussing the accident since the Minister of

Transportation will likely set up a board of inquiry. The shipping agent n Bluestar Shipping and the Protective Agent n Supermaritime, of *JOSCO Suzhou* are already discussing with the Protection and Indemnity Clubs of both ships to arrange compensation and repairs. Abidoye was however optimistic that the ship will be able to complete the discharge of its cargo before going for repairs. (Note — *JOSCO Suzhou* arrived Apapa-Lagos 0724, Nov 6 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was moored in lat 06 26 14N, long 03 22 59E, at 0959, UTC, today. *MSC Pilar* arrived Apapa-Lagos at 0654, Nov 12 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was moored in lat 06 25 56N, long 03 20 56E, at 1022, UTC, today.)

KAPITAN KAZANTSEV (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 14 — The Sakhalin rescue co-ordination subcentre have reported that the Russian fishing (general) *Kapitan Kazantsev* (783 gt, built 1995) was towed into Nevelsk after an engine breakdown left her drifting Saturday Nov 11/ Sunday Nov 12 in the Tatarskiy Strait. The breakdown occurred on Saturday evening and the vessel drifted for 24 hours before being taken in tow on Sunday evening by the rescue vessel *Svetlovodnyy* and towed into Nevelsk. She will undergo repairs in Nevelsk. — Correspondent.

KOYO MARU NO.7 (Japan)

Yokohama, Nov 13 — Vehicle carrier *Koyo Maru No.7* completed repairs, arrived Amagasaki port at 0900, Nov 11 and sailed 1200 hrs, same day for Sakaide port. — Lloyd's Agents.

LADY NURSEN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Nov 9 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Lady Nursen* was located stationary at Selvi Burnu, in lat 41 09 20.88N, long 29 03 09.54E, at 0001, UTC, today.

LAHORE EXPRESS (Hong Kong)

London, Nov 13 — Reported that fully cellular containership *Lahore Express* (39941 gt, built 2006) lost some cargo over board in the Atlantic Ocean after Oct 24 due bad weather. (Note — *Lahore Express* passed Tarifa west Oct 22 and subsequently arrived New York Oct 28. Vessel sailed New York Oct 30.)

LAKSHADWEEP (India)

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: All six crew members of the missing Lakshadweep-bound general cargo *Lakshadweep* were traced after five days yesterday. The six crew members, who were found exhausted, are undergoing treatment at the Calicut Medical College now. Coast Guard officials at Cochin said that Kavaratti port officer A. Hamza had received information that the crew was traced to Beypore port in Calicut district early yesterday. The vessel capsized 90 nautical miles south west of New Mangalore port at about 1100, Nov 8. Local fishermen, who had put out to sea in the area spotted the crew members and rescued them. They were

taken to Bepore and from there to the Calicut Medical College hospital. The vessel with 140 tons of groceries and other cargo was reported missing on Nov 5.

London, Nov 14 — Following notice to mariners issued 1401, UTC, Nov 11: General cargo *Lakshadweep* sank in approximately lat 12 20.2N, long 73 20.9E. Mariners to exercise caution.

LENA (Slovakia)

See "Portugal" under "Port State Control."

LIA JAN (Netherlands)

Kiel, Nov 14 — Fishing (general) *Ouddorp 5* ran aground on the beach of Renesse on Nov 13 while trying to refloat fishing (general) *Lia Jan* (106 gt, built 1987) which had run aground before. *Lia Jan* had grounded at 0400, Nov 12, and *Ouddorp 5*, which has a crew of four, had tried to connect a towing line. Now both vessels are stuck fast on sandy, even bottom and are high and dry at low tide. The reasons why the vessels grounded are not yet clear, it is also not clear when the vessels can be refloated. — Correspondent.

LISA (Cyprus)

Gravesend, Nov 9 — Product tanker *Lisa* arrived Jurgens Jetty, Purfleet, 0035 today from Rotterdam. — Port of London Authority.

LONGSANDS

London, Nov 12 — Following received from Coastguard Portland MRSC, timed 1542, UTC: Barge *Longsands* is still aground. The owner has submitted a salvage plan, which has been approved. Salvage operations have not yet commenced.

LORENS (Netherlands)

Piraeus, Nov 12 — A fire broke on board fully cellular containership *Lorens* (13769 gt, built 1985) while she was docked at Neos Molos, Drapetzone, Nov 11. The fire brigade arrived and immediately extinguished the fire. All 21 crew members were reportedly healthy. No pollution was reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

M.TOKYO (Cambodia)

Yokohama, Nov 13 — General cargo *M.Tokyo* (1582 gt, built 1983) deviated to Omaezaki port, Shizuoka Prefecture, at 1745, Nov 8, due water ingress into bottom of her engine-room through a crack of one cm in lat 34 41.1N, long 139 33.9E. Temporary repairs to crack reportedly completed on Nov 9 and vessel resumed original course for Korea. — Lloyd's Agents.

MADRISA (Marshall Islands)

Portsmouth UK, Nov 10 — Chemical tanker *Team Anemonia* was inspected in Rotterdam today. It's has heavy damage to its bow which was bent and cracked open with a 1 meter wide gap from port to starboard. — Correspondent.

MAERSK DIADEMA (Germany)

Taipei, Nov 15 — Fully cellular containership *Maersk Diadema* is still

drydocked at the shipyard of CSBC, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, repairing. Reported by the shipyard's engineer that it will take at least 15-30 days to complete the repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

MANILA BAY 1 (Philippines)

Manila, Nov 13 — Repairs to passenger ro/ro *Manila Bay 1* are still in progress at the Gothong Wharf, Cebu. Shipowners reported that all navigational equipment and engine spare parts ordered from Japan have finally arrived and are currently being installed. The vessel's pilot-house has also been completely rehabilitated. The vessel is scheduled to undergo sea trials by the last week of December. — Correspondent.

MASTER ENDEAVOUR (Panama)

See "Hurricane 'Dean'" under "Weather & Navigation."

MEKHANIK KHACHEPURIDZE (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 9 — Product tanker *Mekhanik Khachepuridze* remains aground at the 1924 km mark on the River Volga, where it ran aground on Nov 6. At 0700 hrs, today, work began to remove the tanker. — Correspondent.

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 10 — Product tanker *Mekhanik Khachepuridze* was removed from the sandbar at the 1924km mark on the River Volga at 1510 hrs, Nov 9 and towed out to the fairway as planned. — Correspondent.

Moscow, Nov 13 — Product tanker *Mekhanik Khachepuridze*, Syzran for Istanbul, with 3,799 tonnes of diesel oil, grounded at Km 1924, Volga River, on Nov 6. The reason for the grounding was a navigation fault. The vessel was inspected by the divers and representatives of the Russian Register of Shipping. No damages were noted and no spillage was ascertained. The vessel has been refloated and is continuing the voyage to Istanbul. — Lloyd's Agents.

MEUGANG I (Panama)

Bilbao, Nov 14 — The agents of general cargo with container capacity *Ganga ex Meugang I* inform the vessel is still carrying out repairs. Repairs are expected to be completed in less than fifteen days. — Lloyd's Agents.

MOL DISCOVERY (Panama)

London, Nov 14 — Following received from the Jeddah agents of fully cellular containership *MOL Discovery* (42812 gt, built 1991) timed 1115, UTC, today: The master of *MOL Discovery* reported yesterday that the vessel was aground in the Gulf of Suez and that the vessel had sustained no damage. The vessel is believed to be still aground. (Note — *MOL Discovery* sailed Gioia Tauro Nov 9 and was due Jeddah today.)

London, Nov 15 — Following received from the Tokyo owners of fully cellular containership *MOL Discovery* timed 0855, UTC, today: *MOL Discovery* is still aground. No injuries or pollution.

Damage to vessel, if any, cannot be assessed at the moment due very strong winds.

MSC PILAR (Panama)

See *JOSCO Suzhou*.

NAKHCHIVAN (Malta)

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Nakhchivan* (5684 gt, built 2005), loaded with sulphur, sank during a storm today at the port of Kavkaz in the Sea of Azov, with the crew unhurt in the incident. *Nakhchivan* sank in the Kerch Strait while its crew boarded a rescue raft, the regional emergencies centre said, citing preliminary information.

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Nakhchivan*, with 11 crew on board, is sinking in the Strait of Kerch, the emergency headquarters at the Port of Kavkaz stated. "She has sunk partially at the anchorage in the port," a spokesman for the headquarters said.

NAKHCHIVAN (Russia)

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: Rescuers today recovered the bodies of three sailors from river vessel *Nakhchivan*, which was one of two freighters that broke up as 18-foot waves battered vessels throughout the region surrounding the Strait of Kerch, a narrow strait linking the Black Sea and the smaller Sea of Azov. The dead sailors wearing life vests washed up near Tuzla on the western side of the strait, said Emergency Situations spokesman Sergei Kozhemyaka, and rescuers were looking for five others. As many as 10 vessels sank or ran aground in the strait and the northern Black Sea region during the fierce storm. *Nakhchivan* and the other freighter together were carrying about 6,500 metric tons of sulphur. Experts were trying to determine if there could be any long-term damage. Alexei Zhukovin, an expert with the Emergency Situations Ministry's branch in southern Russia, said sulphur was not dangerous to the region's habitat. Maxim Stepanenko, a regional prosecutor, told Vesti 24 that captains had been warned Saturday (Nov 10) about the stormy conditions.

NANDU ARROW (Bahamas)

London, Nov 13 — Following received from Victoria BCC, RCC, timed 2120, UTC: General cargo *Nandu Arrow* (25063 gt, built 1979) drifting without power, about four miles off Victoria at about 1627, Nov 12. Repairs effected same day.

London, Nov 14 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Nandu Arrow* stopped 1.1 nautical miles from Fraser River Port between 1730, Nov 12, and 1915, Nov 13.

NAVA RATNA 3 (Singapore)

Manila, Nov 9 — The Philippine Coast Guard reported that barge *Nava Ratna 3* (3649 gt) ran aground at 2130 hrs, on Nov 6, off San Fernando town, in La Union province, in the northern

part of Luzon island. The barge towed by the Singapore-flagged tug *Surya Ratna 3* (265 gt) had originated from Banjar Masin in Indonesia and was on its way to the Holcim Phils. Inc. cement plant in Baconotan, La Union, to deliver a cargo of 9,706 tonnes of Indonesian steam coal. While passing through San Fernando Bay, the two vessels were caught by typhoon "Peipah". Strong winds and waves drove the barge towards the shoreline of San Fernando forcing the tug to cut the tow lines to prevent it from being dragged ashore as well. *Nava Ratna 3* drifted and eventually ran aground on coral and rock off San Fernando town. The Coast Guard reported that a large amount of its cargo of coal had been washed out by the high waves into the bay. The barge was travelling uncovered. Refloating is being undertaken by Manila-based Malayan Towing and Salvage. Two Malayan Towing tugs, *Stanford* and *Mangyan* attempted to pull the barge free from its grounded position yesterday but failed. Another attempt will be made Friday night with the onset of the high tide. An underwater inspection by Philippine Coast Guard divers is scheduled to be conducted Saturday (Nov 10) morning to determine if the vessel sustained bottom hull damage. *Nava Ratna 3* and *Surya Ratna 3* are both operated by Singapore-based SMC Marine Service Pte Ltd, but are on charter to Holcim Phils. Inc. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 9 — A press report, dated today, states: The Philippine Coast Guard will inspect the damage caused to coral reefs by an Indonesian barge, which ran aground some 200 metres off the shore of Lingsat, in San Fernando City, in La Union, Wednesday (Nov 7). Lieutenant Commander Fran Eden, operations officer of the Coast Guard Northern Luzon, said the agency's marine environment protection unit would determine the damage to the corals under the barge after it was pulled by a tugboat on Friday. Barge *Nava Ratna 3* was carrying 1,095 tons of coal and was on its way to Poro Point, in La Union when strong waves caused it to drift near the shore. The barge, which has a gross tonnage of 3,649, was about four nautical miles from the Poro Point when it ran aground, Eden said. The barge has 12 crewmembers, all of them Indonesians, he said. Nestor Domenden, regional director of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), said the area where the barge ran aground is a coral reef and that there should be an assessment on the extent of damage. The coal that spilled into the water also has a pollutive effect because it is oily, he said. The area is also near the Kasay marine protected area (MPA) of San Fernando City. "For sure, it will have a damaging effect," he said.

London, Nov 10 — A press report, dated today, states: Barge *Nava Ratna 3* has destroyed at least one hectare of pristine corals but authorities are checking if the extent of damage was actually more severe. GMA News

reported that government experts are studying the waters of San Fernando Bay to see if the coal that spilled from the barge has spoiled an even bigger section of the marine ecosystem. It earlier said that the barge ran aground at a marine protected area there. Fishes naturally inhabit and lay eggs along 70 hectares of corals in the area, including the one that was damaged by the barge. Personnel from the Water Management Bureau have already taken water samples from the site, the report said. The M/V Samar Star was on a collision course with an oncoming vessel at that time, prompting the ferry captain to take a responding maneuver. The Samar Star encountered strong currents, causing it to hit the seabed. The passengers and crew were all reported safe.

Manila, Nov 12 — Attempts to free the grounded barge *Nava Ratna 3* over the weekend were unsuccessful as the barge and its cargo, 9,706 metric tons of coal, proved to be heavy to move. Salvors are now looking to offload part of its cargo to lighten the vessel. This would require another barge to come alongside the casualty, but this could also prove difficult because of the large waves in the area. Heavy seas have also prevented divers from conducting an underwater inspection of the barge's bottom hull which was supposed to have taken place on Saturday. — Correspondent.

Manila, Nov 15 — Salvors began offloading part of the 9,706 tonnes of coal cargo from barge *Nava Ratna 3* yesterday following the arrival of a salvage barge with a 30-metre reach crane. Initial efforts to unload the barge were unsuccessful as cargo barges were unable to anchor alongside because of the danger of collision as large waves buffeted the vessels. The arrival of the salvage barge with its long-reach crane has enabled salvors to transfer the coal safely to other barges. Once offloading is completed, salvors will attempt to again refloat her next week. Refloating is being undertaken by Manila-based Malayan Towing and Salvage. — Correspondent.

NEPTUNIA MEDITERRANEO (Brazil)

Buenos Aires, Nov 8 — Fully cellular containership *Neptunia Mediterraneo*: Repairs have not been started yet and vessel remains anchored north of Ushuaia North Roads. — Lloyd's Agents.

NOLA (Netherlands)

London, Nov 9 — General cargo *Nola* arrived at Antwerp Nov 8 from Puurs.

NORDANA ANDREA (Thailand)

Kiel, Nov 9 — General cargo with container capacity *Nordana Andrea* (7659 gt, built 2000) entered the Kiel Canal locks of Brunsbützel, today, with a large gash in the port foreship, above the waterline. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 9 — It has now been ascertained that general cargo with container capacity *Nordana Andrea*

sustained the damage as a result of a collision today with general cargo *Daina* (3893 gt, built 1998) at the Schwartenbek passing point, in the eastern part of the Kiel Canal. The *Nordana Andrea* has experienced three leaks. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 9 — General cargo with container capacity *Nordana Andrea* is presently at the Sasol quay, Brunsbützel, with three breaches in its hull. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 12 — The collision damaged general cargo with container capacity *Nordana Andrea* remains at Brunsbützel. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 13 — General cargo with container capacity *Nordana Andrea* will remain berthed in Brunsbützel until the damaged tank is pumped out and cleaned. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 14 — General cargo with container capacity *Nordana Andrea* sailed from Brunsbützel at 1800 hrs, Nov 13. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 14 — General cargo with container capacity *Nordana Andrea* is currently berthed at warehouse 71, Hamburg. — Correspondent.

NORRONA (Faroe Islands)

Kiel, Nov 12 — Passenger ro/ro *Norrona* (35966 gt, built 2003) sustained a total machine blackout between Norway and the Shetlands on Nov 12. The stabilisers were damaged as a result of the blackout and the ship started rolling in severe seas. Trailers and cars were damaged thus. It is not yet clear whether *Norrona* will head to the Shetlands or reach the Faroes. The 284 passengers and 80 crew on board are safe and well. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 12 — Passenger ro/ro *Norrona* is now heading for Scotland. The vessel developed a list of up to 40 degrees following the machinery failure. Power was restored after 20 minutes. A number of cars were damaged, and some of the 244 passengers were slightly injured. One of the vessel's stabilisation fins has broken off. The black-out was caused by propeller overspeed. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 13 — Repairs were underway during the night of Nov 12 to stop water entering passenger ro/ro *Norrona*, after one of her stabilizers punched a 20 cm hole below the water line on her port side during a violent storm. The 163 metre vessel limped into Lerwick Harbour on at 1800 hrs, Nov 12, after sustaining a blackout and engine failure en route from Bergen to Torshavn at 12320 hrs, on Nov 11. One of her stabilizers punctured the hull of the vessel. The heavy motion and hard manoeuvres also resulted in about 60 cars being damaged on the car deck. None of the 325 people on board were injured. Engineers on board the vessel were able to activate a back-up system and restart the main engine. Then then set their course for Lerwick, the nearest port. The stabilizer on the port side had come loose and split. It is intended to attempt to press the split back together again and weld it up. The split is about two metres below water

level. It's a dent that has actually split the hull itself and it was letting in a fair amount of water, but the divers were going down to block it off so it could be welded up. The vessel with 244 passengers and 81 crew on board is expected to remain berthed at Lerwick until at least lunchtime Nov 13. A specialist diver from Faroe was due to arrive in the morning. Also last night, passengers were for the first time allowed to enter the car deck to see the damage to their vehicles for themselves. There are about 210 cars on board. There is also one trailer that had turned over and damaged around 12 cars. The other cars were damaged because they moved as the vessel listed. The ferry only re-entered service in the north-east Atlantic on Nov 10 after being in dry dock in Hamburg at Blohm & Voss for the previous two weeks. She was on her way from Bergen to Torshavn when she lost all power half way between Norway and Shetland. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated Nov 13, states: Hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage has been caused to cars and lorries on board a ferry which got caught in storms near Shetland. Eighty cars were damaged when the Faroese passenger ro/ro *Norrøna* began to roll after losing power in high winds yesterday when sailing from Norway. The ferry was forced to call into Lerwick for repairs to its stabilisers, which were badly damaged. Divers worked on the ferry and it resumed its journey this evening.

NYK ANTARES (Panama)

Kiel, Nov 9 — Fully cellular containership *NYK Antares* (75637 gt, built 1997), Hamburg for Le Havre, lost 45 empty containers overboard during the night of Nov 8, in bad weather in the North Sea. The position of the containers is presently being monitored. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 9 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1954, UTC: Fully cellular containership *NYK Antares* lost 45 containers overboard in lat 53 44.8N, long 05 50.7E. None of the containers have yet been recovered. The vessel is proceeding to Le Havre.

London, Nov 10 — NYK Shipmanagement, managers of fully cellular containership *NYK Antares*, report that at 0312, GMT, on Nov 9, the vessel was hit by a wave which caused approximately 45 containers to be lost overboard. All crew members are safe and there is no reported environmental damage. The wind was gusting Force 12 at the time with up to 10m high waves. At the time of the incident the vessel was on passage from Hamburg to Le Havre, but will now call at Zeebrugge, Belgium for inspection prior to continuing with her schedule. ETA Zeebrugge is midday Nov 10. As with all safety related incidents at sea, NYK takes this matter very seriously and an incident investigation is underway and a full damage assessment will be

undertaken. It is understood that the containers lost overboard are empty. An operation to recover the missing containers is being coordinated by the German and Dutch Coast Guard Authorities with whom NYK Shipmanagement is co-operating fully.

London, Nov 10 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1130, UTC: Fully cellular containership *NYK Antares* lost 51 containers in total. The vessel has now gone to anchorage at St Brieuc, as she was denied access to Le Havre.

Kiel, Nov 14 — Fully cellular containership *NYK Antares* has been discharged in Rotterdam. It was the only harbour which was able to handle the damaged containers which had not been lost but were partially hanging over board. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 14 — Fully cellular containership *NYK Antares* arrived at Rotterdam at 1715, Nov 11 and sailed at 1620 hrs, Nov 13, reportedly bound for Le Havre.

OCEAN SUN (Norway)

Trondheim, Nov 12 — General cargo *Ocean Sun* completed repairs and left the yard the night between Nov 7 and Nov 8, scheduled for Namsos. — Lloyd's Agents.

ONEGO TRAVELLER (Netherlands)

Buenos Aires, Nov 9 — General cargo *Onego Traveller* is still under repair at Buenos Aires, ETC approximately 10 days. — Lloyd's Agents.

OUDDORP 5 (Netherlands)

See *Lia Jan*.

OUR HAZEL (U.K.)

London, Nov 11 — Following received from Aberdeen Coastguard MRCC: About 0328, UTC, fishing (general) *Our Hazel* (157 gt, built 1994) reported problems with engine overheating one mile north of Fraserburgh. Fraserburgh lifeboat towed her into Fraserburgh, where arrived 0435, UTC.

PEARL (North Korea)

Kochi, Nov 12 — After obtaining clearance from the Mercantile Marine Department, general cargo *Pearl* sailed from Tuticorin anchorage on Nov 8 for Colombo. — Lloyd's Agents.

PRIDE OF BRUGES (Netherlands)

See *Ursine*.

PRIDE OF HAWAII (U.S.A.)

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated Nov 10, states: State health officials said they were contacted to run laboratory tests for Norwegian Cruise Lines to determine what sickened more than 400 of the 2,500 passengers on board passenger (cruise) *Pride of Hawaii* (93558 gt, built 2006). The tests would confirm if the ill passengers were suffering from the Norwalk virus or some other disease, the officials said yesterday. The afflicted passengers on the interisland cruise ship fell ill after the vessel left Honolulu Harbour on Monday (Nov 5).

The ship arrived Maui yesterday and was expected to continue on to Kauai. Passengers suffering from nausea, vomiting and diarrhea and their cabinmates were asked to remain quarantined in their rooms for 24 hours. NCL said it was giving those passengers a \$200 on-ship credit. Passengers booked on the next cruise were informed of the outbreak to give them the option not sailing, NCL said.

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: State health officials have identified the highly contagious Norwalk virus in an outbreak that affected about 220 passengers on board passenger (cruise) *Pride of Hawaii*. Laboratory tests confirmed the presence of the virus, which causes nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea, said Janice Okubo, spokeswoman for the Hawaii Department of Health. The virus infected about nine per cent of the ship's 2,500 passengers, according to NCL. The ship returned to Honolulu yesterday morning after its weekly seven-day cruise around the islands. The Health Department has notified NCL of the test results, she said. But a statement from the company sent today makes no mention of the Norwalk virus. "*Pride of Hawaii* has been carrying out an extensive range of preventive measures on board and does not expect this issue to carry forward into the next cruise," the statement said. Passengers on the next cruise will be told before boarding that some people had suffered stomach flu symptoms, according to the statement. They will be given the opportunity not to sail if they are uncomfortable after being told about the illness. Investigators from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will handle the outbreak, Okubo said.

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated Nov 13, states: Passengers on board passenger (cruise) *Pride of Hawaii* on its Nov 5 interisland tour were stricken by the Norwalk virus, Hawaii health officials say. The ship docked in Honolulu yesterday and underwent an extensive cleaning and disinfection. Norwegian Cruise Lines said it told passengers boarding the next cruise on *Pride of Hawaii*, which departed yesterday as scheduled, were told that previous passengers had experienced stomach flu-like symptoms and then given the choice to board. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is "aware of the situation" but could not provide details until an investigation is finished, according to an FDA spokeswoman.

London, Nov 15 — Passenger (cruise) *Pride of Hawaii* sailed from Honolulu on Nov 12.

QING ZI HAO (Taiwan)

See "Somalia" under "Piracy".

RACHEL MARIE (U.S.A.)

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated Nov 10, states: Passenger (cruise) *Rachel Marie* (60 gt, built 1988) will likely be out of service for three weeks or more while a faulty engine is replaced, officials said. She

was taken out of service Thursday (Nov 8). City Transportation Director Melvin Kaku said mechanics found that the crankshaft in one of the vessel's two diesel engines was damaged. Hornblower Marine Services, which operates the ferries, will pay for a new engine it has ordered from the Mainland, he said. The engine should arrive here sometime next week. It was not immediately clear how long final repairs would take, but the vessel will probably be out of service until at least December, Kaku said. The problems mean the 0600 hrs sailings from Kalaeloa and 1720 hrs departures from Aloha Tower will be replaced by shuttle buses. The 0705 hrs departures from Aloha Tower and 1600 hrs trips from Kalaeloa have also been cancelled.

REPUBBLICA DEL BRASILE (Italy)

Maassluis, Nov 14 — Roll On Roll Off *Repubblica del Brasile* (51925 gt, built 1998) has hit the quay wall, while it was sailing into the Boudewijnlock. The vessel was coming from berth DDM6. The vessel is damaged under the waterline, holed and is too heavily damaged to shift to Kallosluis. *Repubblica del Brasile* will go back inside to berth M12. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

REPUBBLICA DI GENOVA (Italy)

Zeebrugge, Nov 12 — Operations on passenger ro/ro *Repubblica di Genova* are continuing. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

RIGA SAILOR (Malta)

London, Nov 12 — Following received from Coastguard Solent MRSC, timed 1349, UTC: Bulk carrier *Riga Sailor* (10133 gt, built 1975), Rahja for Alexandria with timber, reported deck cargo shifted off St. Catherines, in lat 50 18.7N, long 01 09.5W, and vessel listing 1.5 deg to starboard. The vessel's crew re-secured the cargo but a spotter aircraft overflew the vessel and reported the securing to be haphazard.

London, Nov 12 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Riga Sailor* reported in lat 49 41 34.28N, long 03 38 55.8W, speed 11.3 knots, course 240.3 degrees at 2113, today.

RIKA (Estonia)

Kiel, Nov 13 — General cargo *Sormovskiy 45* is still under repair at the South Quay in Brunsbuttel. — Correspondent.

RONGA (Cambodia)

Mumbai, Nov 12 — Bulk carrier *Ronga* is still aground off the Gujarat coast and there is no change in its position. — Lloyd's Agents.

ROYAL RAY (Malta)

Las Palmas, Nov 9 — Vehicle carrier *Royal Ray*: We have been informed by vessel's agents that it is still carrying out repairs at Astican shipyard, with completion not expected for at least one more week. — Lloyd's Agents.

RUILOBA (Canary Islands)

Kiel, Nov 8 — The Kiel Canal lock gate at Holtenau which was damaged

after being struck by fully cellular containership *Ruiloba* was reopened this evening. The damage was not as severe as had initially been feared, which meant temporary repairs could be effected. Vessels had queued up off Kiel and Brunsbuttel, and had to wait up to four hours for passage. In addition, the stormy weather led to more traffic through the canal, so the quick reopening reduced the high traffic pressure significantly. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 9 — Fully cellular containership *Ruiloba* arrived Bremerhaven at 0310 today.

SAMUBERA PACIFIC NO.18 (Indonesia)

Taipei, Nov 12 — Understand that fishing (general) *Samubera Pacific No.18* has completed repairs and returned to service. — Lloyd's Agents.

SAO GABRIEL (South Africa)

London, Nov 14 — Following navigation warning, dated yesterday, states: Vessel *Tomren* is towing fishing (general) *Sao Gabriel*, 19 metres, (built 1962) to Cape Town, in lat 33 18S, long 17 30E.

SARAH (Philippines)

Manila, Nov 9 — Repairs had been completed on landing craft *Sarah* but the vessel and its crew remained suspended, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) reported today. MARINA Safety Enforcement Chief Arnie Santiago said that the vessel would remain grounded until its crew submitted their statements regarding the vessel's collision on Sep 4. — Correspondent.

SC BALTIC (DIS)

Kiel, Nov 9 — General cargo *SC Baltic* berthed at Fredericia Vaerft, on Nov 7, for repairs of the grounding damage. — Correspondent.

SCF VALDAI (Liberia)

Piraeus, Nov 12 — Crude oil tanker *SCF Valdai* arrived at Piraeus for repairs on Nov 5 and is still in port. The estimated time for repairs is unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

SEA DIAMOND (Greece)

London, Nov 9 — Nicosia-based cruise and hotels group Louis has confirmed that insurers have paid out \$55m for the loss of its cruiseship *Sea Diamond*, which sank off Santorini island last April. In a brief announcement to the Cyprus Stock Exchange, Louis confirmed that the amount has been handed over to the bank that financed the acquisition and refurbishment. *Sea Diamond*, which was bought by Louis for \$35m in early 2006 and then put through a \$10m upgrade before starting service for its new owners. A Louis executive said the hull and machinery claim for the vessel was ipaid in full and that the policy had been placed in the London market. The vessel was entered with the West of England club for P&I coverage. It is understood that the mortgage bank to which the insurance

proceeds were assigned is German-based transport bank DVB. The executive said that part of the reason for announcing payment of the claim had been to counter various scenarios and rumours, mainly circulating in Greece, that the company had directly profited from the sinking. In fact we have lost money in the course of this year because of the many invisible costs that are incurred when something like this happens, he said. There has been disruption, it has led to increased costs that will not be covered out of insurance. The source was unable to quantify the overall financial impact of the accident, in which two passengers were reported lost, although bodies have not so far been recovered. However, losses were in the course of being assessed, he said. Louis claimed last week that incorrect official charts were the primary cause of the accident on Apr 5, when the *Sea Diamond* hit a reef, causing the vessel to sink in the early hours of the next morning.

SEA PARK (Panama)

Durres, Nov 13 — General cargo *Green Flower*, ex *Sea Park* departed from Durres on Oct 16 bound for Koper, Slovenia. — Lloyd's Agents.

SHINCHANG (South Korea)

Yokohama, Nov 12 — General cargo *Shinchang* (4944 gt, built 1992) en route from Gwangyang, Korea to Sakata, Yamagata Prefecture, dropped an anchor 3.3km north-east of Tottori Prefecture at 0930 hrs, Nov 12, in order to avoid drifting due to malfunction of her generator. Understand that the shipowners have arranged for ocean tugs to proceed to the site. — Lloyd's Agents.

SICHEM MALAGA (Malta)

Piraeus, Nov 13 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Sichem Malaga* has commenced repairs at Neos Molos, Drapetzona. There is no estimation regarding the time for the completion of repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

SILVIA ANA L. (Bahamas)

Kiel, Nov 14 — While repairs of the collision damage to Roll On Roll Off *Silvia Ana L.* and various overhaul works are still being finished in Frederikshavn, Color Line have sold the *Silvia Ana L.* to Argentine interests. The vessel will operate a service between Buenos Aires and Montevideo and will start on Dec 20. — Correspondent.

SPAR CANIS (NIS)

London, Nov 8 — Bulk carrier *Spar Canis* arrived Haldia Oct 31 and sailed Nov 5.

SPAR CETUS (NIS)

London, Nov 14 — Following received from Coast Guard Portsmouth, VA, timed 1508, UTC: Bulk carrier *Spar Cetus* (25982 gt, built 1998) is presently in port at Philadelphia, reporting a hull breach in the vicinity of the forward ballast tank, measuring three to five metres in length.

SPIRIT OF NANTUCKET (U.S.A.)

London, Nov 8 — A Coast Guard Portsmouth, Va, press release, dated today, states: The Coast Guard is responding to passenger (cruise) *Spirit of Nantucket* (1471 gt, built 1984) that ran aground this morning after taking on water in the Intercoastal Waterway near the Pungo region of Virginia Beach, Va. The vessel, with 66 people on board, notified the Coast Guard after the vessel began taking on water. The captain of the vessel purposely ran it aground to prevent the vessel from sinking. An MH-60 Jayhawk Rescue Helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, N.C., is en route with dewatering pumps. Two 25-foot rescue crews and a 41-foot utility boat from Coast Guard Station's Elizabeth City and Portsmouth, Virginia Beach Police Department, Virginia State Police Department and a Chesapeake, Va., marine unit are also responding. Passengers have donned personal flotation devices for their safety. There are no reports on injuries.

London, Nov 8 — Following received from Coast Guard Portsmouth, Va, timed 1615, UTC: Passenger (cruise) *Spirit of Nantucket*, 66 persons on board, began taking water from a split seam aft of the starboard rudder post and was intentionally run aground in nine feet of water in lat 36 39.9N, long 76 03.7W at 1116, UTC, this morning. The passengers are now being taken off. The vessel has a twelve inch by two inch split three feet aft of the rudder post. Five pumps are on board coping with the flooding, which at present is 20 gallons per minute. There is a light sheen of hydraulic fluid. Marine inspectors are on scene.

London, Nov 8 — A press report, dated today, states: The US Coast Guard has removed all the passengers from passenger (cruise) *Spirit of Nantucket*, which ran aground in Virginia Beach this morning. The vessel's master, after alerting the Coast Guard that his vessel was taking on water around 0600 hrs, intentionally ran it aground about three miles south of the Pungo River Bridge in order to avoid sinking. The vessel was passing through the Intercoastal Waterway on a 10-day cruise from Northern Virginia to Charleston. Virginia Beach police spokeswoman Margie Long said none of the 61 passengers or five crew members was injured. Around 1045 hrs, the Coast Guard began moving the passengers from *Spirit of Nantucket* onto a pair of 41-foot utility boats, which then took them to the Pungo Ferry Marina. They were placed on charter buses and transported from the scene. The five crew members stayed on board the vessel. A Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk Rescue helicopter delivered a pump that was being used to remove water from the vessel's hull. Coast Guard spokesman Petty Officer Christopher Evanson said the rescue crews were being aided by the state police, Virginia Beach police and a marine unit out of Chesapeake. The vessel's bow was aground on the

eastern shore of the Intercoastal Waterway, tied to a tree to prevent drifting.

London, Nov 9 — Following received from Coast Guard Portsmouth, Va, timed 1240, UTC: Passenger (cruise) *Spirit of Nantucket* remains aground. Vessel has a hole in its starboard side which is being investigated by divers. The hole will have to be patched prior to refloating efforts.

London, Nov 9 — A press report, dated today, states: The 66 passengers and crew from passenger (cruise) *Spirit of Nantucket*, which ran aground yesterday near Virginia Beach, VA, can either go home with a refund or continue their trip on buses, officials said, leaving the Coast Guard and the vessel's owner to figure out what to do about the leaky vessel. The vessel's master deliberately grounded it in the Intercoastal Waterway when crew members noticed it was taking on water, but neither the Coast Guard nor the owner, Cruise West, knows yet what caused the leaks. Nor do they know whether the vessel can be temporarily patched and sail to a repair yard on its own, or whether it will have to be towed, said Coast Guard spokesman Public Affairs Specialist 2nd Class Christopher Evanson. Local news reports said the passengers thought they felt the vessel hit something, possibly a dock. The channel in the Intercoastal Waterway is closed to vessels with a draught of more than six feet while officials plan their next move for *Spirit of Nantucket*. "When you have a 200-foot ship stuck in the water, you don't want to clog the area with traffic going through it," Evanson said. Evanson said the vessel posed no environmental risks; it is not leaking fuel or bilge. A Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter yesterday landed a rescue swimmer with dewatering pumps on board the vessel, but when they did not help with the sinking, the Coast Guard evacuated the vessel. The passengers and crew, all safe, spent the night in Virginia Beach, Evanson said, and Cruise West planned to take them by bus to their original destination of Charleston, SC, or offer to send them home.

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated Nov 10, states: Passenger (cruise) *Spirit of Nantucket* was refloated this morning and is being escorted by the Coast Guard and the Virginia Beach Police Department to the Colonna's Shipyard in Norfolk, Va. The Army Corps of Engineers located a submerged object approximately eight-feet below surface. The object is marked and will be removed today. The Coast Guard is enforcing safety zone between the Great Bridge Albemarle Sound Light 25 (LLNR 37330) and the Great Bridge Albemarle Sound Light 27 (LLNR 37335). This area of the ICW is closed to all commercial vessel traffic. The area is also closed to recreational boats that have a draft of more than six-feet. There is no additional pollution associated with the grounding of the vessel. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

London, Nov 12 — A press report, dated Nov 11, states: Passenger (cruise) *Spirit of Nantucket* refloated and is in a Norfolk shipyard. The Army Corps of Engineers used side scan sonar to detect debris in the water near the area where she took on water. Crews finally moved her yesterday morning. The Coast Guard led the way as *Spirit of Nantucket* slowly proceeded through the great bridge, bridge, with a tug pushing from the rear. The Coast Guard escorted her to Colonna's Shipyard in Norfolk for repairs. Meanwhile, the Army Corps of Engineers worked on a \$50,000 contract to have Crofting Diving of Portsmouth remove the debris from the water.

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: The Intracoastal Waterway is clear today and officials have begun probing how a huge piece of debris ended up in the channel and damaged passenger (cruise) *Spirit of Nantucket*. The debris is believed to have gashed the hull of *Spirit of Nantucket*, forcing its master to beach the vessel to keep it from sinking in the incident. The Coast Guard had restricted usage of the busy waterway, which runs for more than 1,000 miles from Norfolk, Virginia, to Miami, until the debris was hauled out on the weekend. Terry A. McCann, a Corps of Engineers spokesman, said the debris is about 40 ft long and 14 ft wide and is "believed to be either a bulkhead or part of a barge." It's unclear how long the debris had been in the waterway. The ship has been moved to a Norfolk shipyard for repair of the foot-long, two-inch-wide gash in its hull.

SPRING BREEZE I (Panama)

Buenos Aires, Nov 12 — Bulk carrier *Spring Breeze I* (16829 gt, built 1984) grounded at km 7.400 of the access channel to the port of La Plata at 0133, Nov 10. Several refloating operations have been carried out with tugs, but none of them were successful. — Lloyd's Agents.

STENA PIONEER (Bermuda)

London, Nov 12 — A press report, dated today, states: Ferry passengers suffered a five-hour delay after passenger ro/ro *Stena Pioneer* (14426 gt, built 1975), ran aground on the way into the River Wyre, Lancashire, yesterday. The vessel became stuck on sand banks at around 1525 hrs. The vessel was unable to refloat until 2100 hrs, three hours before high water.

London, Nov 13 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, passenger ro/ro *Stena Pioneer* was located 12.8 nautical miles from Bangor, Co Down, in lat 54 42 10.2N, long 05 27 21W, at 1249, UTC, today, course 325 deg, speed 14.6 knots.

STRATIS II (Panama)

London, Nov 12 — Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 1049, UTC: General cargo *Stratis II* (1789 gt, built 1973), Greece for Spain, reported listing about 10 miles south of Sardinia at 1640, local time, Nov 11, due to water ingress in ballast tanks.

The vessel proceeded to Cagliari and is presently berthed, undergoing an inspection.

TEAM ANEMONIA (Cyprus)

Maassluis, Nov 15 — Chemical tanker *Team Anemonia* is currently in dry dock at Damen Shipyard where it is being repaired. Repairs are expected to finish around Dec 6. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

TEATRALNY BRIDGE (Liberia)

London, Nov 14 — Following received from Coast Guard Boston, timed 1441, UTC: Product tanker *Teatralny Bridge* (27725 gt, built 2006) was struck by its anchor at Portland, ME, at 1245, local time, Nov 13, while raising anchor at Portland, ME. The vessel sustained a three-inch by seven-inch hole, six inches above the waterline.

London, Nov 15 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, product tanker *Teatralny Bridge* was reportedly stationary in lat 43 39 27N, long 70 13 05W, between 0430, Nov 13, and 0410, Nov 14. It was subsequently reported under way at 16.8 knots, 26.7 nautical miles from Clarks Harbour, in lat 43 08 37.08N, long 65 57 07.8W, at 2207, Nov 14.

TEOS (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Nov 13 — Salvage services were rendered to general cargo *Teos* (8205 gt, built 1979) by Les Abeilles International Limited under LOF 2000, after an engine breakdown in the English Channel, Nov 12. Vessel was towed to Le Havre.

THEODOROS P. (Malta)

London, Nov 13 — Bulk carrier *Theodoros P.* (35650 gt, built 1980), Santos for Barcelona, sustained engine breakdown off Cape Verde Nov 2. Understand vessel was taken in tow. (Note — *Theodoros P.* according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, in lat 17 8 13.26N, long 25 54 23.76W at 1916, Nov 11, speed three knots.)

THOR AMALIE (Panama)

Yokohama, Nov 12 — General cargo *Thor Amalie* moved from Suehiro Pier to public berth of No.1 Tenpoku Pier at the beginning of November. Vessel is still in the port of Wakkanai and further schedule has not been unfixed yet. — Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Oct 19.)

THOR HAWK (DIS)

Kochi, Nov 12 — After completion of all repairs, fully cellular containership *Thor Hawk* sailed from Tuticorin on Nov 5 for Dubai. — Lloyd's Agents.

TOBAGO (Belize)

London, Nov 14 — Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 1910, UTC: Bulk carrier *Tobago* (10771 gt, built 1986), Theodosia for Castellon, ran aground in lat 40 58.9N, long 28 54.8E, today. Vessel remains aground.

London, Nov 15 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Tobago* stationary in lat 40 58 56.57N, long 28 54 47.23E, at 0011, Nov 15.

London, Nov 15 — Bulk carrier *Tobago* ran aground at Ahirkapi anchorage area B at approximately 0345, Nov 14. Tug *Sonduren 5* and rescue vessel *Kiyi Emniyeti 7* were immediately sent to the vicinity of incident by Istanbul VTS: No pollution and loss of life reported. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Tobago* was still in in lat 40 58 56.57N, long 28 54 47.23E, at 0802, UTC, today.)

URSINE (Belgium)

London, Nov 14 — Understand the Marine Accident Investigation Branch is investigating the contact of Roll On Roll Off *Ursine* (16947 gt, built 1979) with passenger ro/ro *Pride of Bruges* (31598 gt, built 1987) at Hull yesterday. Material damage was sustained to the stern door of *Ursine*. (Note — *Ursine*, which operates between Hull and Rotterdam, arrived Hull 1105, Nov 13 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 53 42 57N, long 00 14 38W, at 0203, UTC, today, course 154 degrees, speed 13.1 knots. *Pride of Bruges*, which operates between Hull and Zeebrugge, arrived Hull 0515, yesterday and sailed 1957 same day and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was at Rotterdam at 1145, UTC, today.)

Hull, Nov 15 — Roll on roll off *Ursine* is presently under repair at Rotterdam. Passenger ro/ro *Pride of Bruges* is operating normally. Repairs have been deferred to the vessel's next drydocking. — Lloyd's Agents.

VERA VOLOSHINA (Ukraine)

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Vera Voloshina* (2466 gt, built 1980), carrying farming machines from Romania to Russia was stranded in the Black Sea near Ukraine's eastern Crimea. Fifteen of its crew have been evacuated but four others stayed on the vessel doing reparative works. Ukrainian President Victor Yushchenko ordered the government officials to take emergency measures to deal with the storm impacts.

Odessa, Nov 12 — Understand that general cargo *Vera Voloshina* has now split up into two parts in gale force winds. All crew safely removed. — Lloyd's Agents.

VIEN DONG 2 (Vietnam)

Singapore, Nov 12 — General cargo *Vien Dong 2* is still aground. The salvage team is continuing to discharge the cargo. — SMIT Salvage.

VLIELAND (Netherlands)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 10 — Passenger ro/ro *Vlieland* (2726 gt, built 2005) sustained engine problems in the Harlingen region, during bad weather at 1754 hrs, Nov 9. The vessel was assisted by tugs *Theo* and *Anita*. — Correspondent.

VOLGO-BALT 227 (Russia)

Helsinki, Nov 12 — General cargo *Volgo-Balt 227* (2516 gt, built 1980) has been repaired and is expected to sail today or tomorrow. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Nov 15 — General cargo *Volgo-Balt 227* sailed from Kotka on Nov 12.

VOLGONEFT 139 (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 11 — At 0445 hrs, today, product tanker *Volgoneft 139* (3463 gt, built 1978), en route from Samara to anchorage No.451, with a cargo of 4,077 tons of petroleum residue, has broken into two parts in the region of holds No. 5 and 6 and spilled 1,200 tons of petroleum. The bow section is retained by an anchor and the aft section is drifting. The crew of 13 is in the aft section. Two tugs from Kavkaz are en route to the emergency, *Poseidon* and *Kapitan Zadorozhnyy*. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated today, states: Product tanker *Volgoneft 139*, cargo 4,000 tonnes of fuel oil, has broken into two parts in the Strait of Kerch at Kavkaz Port in Krasnodar territory. She was wrecked at 0445, Moscow time, today, the Russian Transport Ministry told Interfax early today. Radio contact is being maintained with all 13 crew members, the Regional Emergency Situations Center told Interfax. According to the Southern Transport Prosecutor's Office, the broken tanker leaked 2,000 tonnes of fuel oil. A storm and gale-force winds have been obstructing the rescue effort. Tugs *Poseidon* and *Kapitan Zadorozhnyy* and a helicopter are in standby readiness. The stern part of the tanker, where the crew are, has been stopped two miles from Tuzla Spit. The tanker's engine compartment remains in operation. The bridge structure was not damaged.

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated today, states: Russian environmental authorities said the spill from product tanker *Volgoneft 139*, which was carrying more than 4,000 tonnes of fuel oil, was an ecological disaster and could take years to clean up. Russia yesterday set up a joint crisis centre with the Ukraine to handle the massive slick, which was heading to the Ukrainian coast. Clean-up crews placed floating spill control fences around the slick and an oil spill clean-up vessel based in the Russian port of Rostov-na-Donu was en route to the scene. But wild weather was hampering efforts to control the spill, which occurred in the Kerch Strait that separates the Black Sea from the Sea of Azov. As many as 10 ships sank or ran aground in waves higher than 8m, with at least two sailors dead.

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated today, states: More than 30,000 birds have been killed by the thousands of tonnes of oil that leaked after a heavy storm broke product tanker *Volgoneft 139* apart south of Ukraine, near the Black Sea. Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov to fly to the region to assess the disaster and clean-up efforts. About half its load had leaked out already, maritime officials estimated. The vessel's 13 crew were rescued. The oil spill, in the strait connecting the Black and Azov

seas, was potentially the worst environmental disaster in the region in recent years. A regional coast guard officer, Anatoly Yanhuck, said maritime workers would begin pumping oil from the tanker when the weather improved, and would then tow the ship to port.

VOSTOK-I (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 14 — A coil of fishing nets became wound around the propeller shaft of fishing (general) *Vostok-I* (716 gt, built 1997) at 1715 hrs, Nov 10. The emergency vessel *Predanny* is en route to the scene. ETA 1600 hrs, Nov 15. Weather conditions are favourable. — Correspondent.

XIANG DA (Cambodia)

London, Nov 9 — General cargo *Xiang Da* sailed from Kashima on Nov 7 bound for Dalian.

YAKIMA (U.S.A.)

Seattle, Nov 13 — Roll On Roll Off *Yakima* returned to full power for the start of service Nov 11. Repairs were accomplished using vessel's crew. — Lloyd's Agents.

YASA AYSEN (Marshall Islands)

Manila, Nov 9 — Bulk carrier *Yasa Aysen* was successfully refloated by on Nov 8 by the salvage consortium Malayan Towing and Salvage and Smit Singapore. The vessel is now anchored off Surigao del Norte province in southern Philippines and is currently undergoing a bottom hull survey. Salvors suspect that the vessel may have sustained hull fractures as a result of its running aground on Oct 23. The vessel was refloated after about a third of its cargo of 17,000 tons of nickel ore was offloaded onto five barges. The five barges are also anchored off Surigao del Norte. — Correspondent.

Manila, Nov 13 — Bulk carrier *Yasa Aysen* has been towed to a sheltered area off Surigao del Norte province in southern Philippines to allow the resumption of a bottom hull survey. Divers had a difficult time inspecting the bottom of the vessel because of rough seas in the area where she was refloated. Survey operations are now taking place at the new location. — Correspondent.

Manila, Nov 14 — Salvors are now patching up several holes in the bulk carrier *Yasa Aysen's* hull. Work is being carried out to seal fractures in the bulk carrier's ballast tanks No. 1, 2 and 3 where seawater has entered. The vessel's cargo compartments have not been breached and its cargo of nickel ore is intact, however. The vessel is anchored in a sheltered area off Surigao del Norte province. — Correspondent.

YU SUNG (South Korea)

Yokohama, Nov 9 — General cargo *Yu Sung* (2562 gt, built 1982), shifting from A pier of Rinkou West Wharf in Niigata, to South Wharf, in same port, hit the E pier of Rinkou West Wharf at 0700, Nov 7, causing water ingress

into her No.1 and No.2 cargo holds. Subsequently, she berthed at the South Wharf, however, her bow touched bottom due to water ingress. No oil spill or personal injury reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

YUAN YU 822 (China)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 15 — Fishing (general) *Yuan Yu 822* (507 gt, built 1992) has reportedly disappeared in the Bay of Bengal. Its last communication was on Nov 3, when it was located near the coast of India and Sri Lanka. — Correspondent.

ZIYA KOC (Turkey)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 12 — At 1130 hrs, Nov 11, in the region of anchorage 415, off Novorossiysk, general cargo *Ziya Koc* (1160 gt, built 1987) lost an anchor and before the crew could start the main engine the vessel ran aground on a sandbar. The Novorossiysk based tug *Maslovoz-2* was directed to assist the vessel. — Correspondent. (Note — According to LMIU AIS at 1118 hrs, Nov 12, *Ziya Koc* was in lat 44 39 27.74N, long 37 55 12.44E, 9.1 nautical miles off Novorossiysk.)

London, Nov 13 — According to LMIU AIS, general cargo *Ziya Koc* still stationary in lat 44 39 27.76N, long 37 55 12.52E, 9.1 nautical miles off Novorossiysk, at 0158, Nov 13.



SOMALIA

London, Nov 9 — Somali pirates, who hijacked Combined chemical and oil tank *Golden Nori* on Oct 28 off the Horn of Africa, have sent demands to the Japanese government, a maritime official said yesterday. The demands were made in secret to Japan's government. There were 12 sailors from Myanmar, nine from the Philippines and two South Koreans. Their conditions were not known.

London, Nov 9 — A press report, dated Nov 7, states: General cargo *Almarjan* is still being held by Somali pirates. The United States Navy said it was monitoring the vessel's situation.

Nairobi, Nov 14 — A Taiwanese fishing vessel that was freed last week by Somali pirates who held it for five months arrived safely in Kenya today, an official said. Fishing *Ching Fong Hwa No.168* (previously reported as *Qing Zi Hao*) and its 12 crew were seized in May off Somalia in one of the world's most dangerous waterways. "I understand it has already docked at the harbour. I am on my way there," Andrew Mwangura of the East African Seafarers' Assistance programme told Reuters. The vessel was said to be carrying eight Chinese sailors and four Taiwanese, but Mwangura said there could be more on board. — Reuters.



BELGIUM

Zeebrugge, Nov 13 — The departure of general cargo *Smolyan* (7366 gt, built 1993) from Antwerp was suspended at 1344 hrs, Nov 8, due to deficiencies. — Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note — *Smolyan* arrived at Antwerp at 0259 hrs, Nov 7.)

PORTUGAL

Ponta Delgada, Nov 8 — General cargo *Lena* (1860 gt, built 1984) is presently under detention by local Port State Control and is presently unable to sail until it can fulfil all PSC recommendations for deficiencies found by them on board. At present it the expected time for its departure from this port is unknown. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Lena* arrived St.Michael's Nov 5.)

ROMANIA

Bucharest, Nov 15 — General cargo *Bermuda I* was sold at auction to Tomini Trading SRL, Constantza, on Sep 14, who bought the vessel for demolition. Understand that Tomini Trading SRL had recently finalised all formalities and documentation related to the transfer of ownership. Demolition has not proceeded yet, *Bermuda I* being still at Constantza. Court proceedings have been discontinued. — Lloyd's Agents.



AL ESRAA (Egypt)

Zeebrugge, Nov 13 — General cargo *Al Esraa* (12233 gt, built 1996) was arrested at Antwerp on Nov 8. At 1758, Nov 12, her departure was authorised. — Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note — *Al Esraa* arrived at 0301 hrs, Nov 4.)

ANNIE SIERRA (Cyprus)

Karachi, Nov 15 — Bulk carrier *Annie Sierra* (renamed *SHC Pioneer*) sailed from Port Qasim on Sep 4. — Lloyd's Agents.

C.H.M.T. (Egypt)

Alexandria, Nov 8 — General cargo *C.H.M.T.*, ex *Salem Two*, is still under arrest at Alexandria. — Lloyd's Agents.

DURUMATA (Panama)

Zeebrugge, Nov 15 — Bulk carrier *Durumata* sailed from Antwerp on Nov 3. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

FIESTA CASINO (Belize)

Veracruz, Nov 13 — Roll On Roll Off *Fiesta Casino* is still at TN's shipyard in Veracruz. — Lloyd's Agents.

GAS AMAZON (Marshall Islands)

London, Nov 12 — A press report, dated today, states: Loading of liquefied petroleum gas resumed on Friday (Nov 9) at the Apapa depot, after three weeks of inactivity. This followed the release of Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Gas Amazon* (6322 gt, built 1992), owned by Hyson Nigeria Limited, a subsidiary of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation. The vessel, which was laden with cooking gas, was seized by the officials of Nigerian Customs Services on account of improper documentation. There were also doubts about the quality of the product, which was declared off-specification by the Department of Petroleum Resources. The release followed the intervention of the Comptroller ĀGeneral of Customs and other top officials. However, the vessel was not allowed to discharge the product until the documentation and quality issues had been sorted out. The development led to the scarcity of the product and shut up its prices to N3,000 for a 12.5 kilogramme cylinder, up from N2,200 prior to the scarcity.

MAUNDO (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 14 — Fishing (general) *Maundo* (734 gt, built 1988), (home port Vladivostok), was allegedly engaged in illegal fishing in the region catching excess amounts of pollack and plaice, according to reports by inspectors onboard a boundary patrol vessel. The vessel was detained today and escorted into Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka by patrol vessel *PS-818* and placed under arrest to undergo court proceedings. — Correspondent.

PLAVA (Albania)

Bari, Nov 1 — General cargo *Plava* is still under arrest at Bari. — Lloyd's Agents.

RIKA (Estonia)

Tallinn, Nov 9 — General cargo *Rika* is still under arrest at Tallinn. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Rika* was arrested at Tallinn due to unpaid wages in September 2003.)

SUNGAI JULAN 1 (Malaysia)

Manila, Nov 13 — Philippine Finance Secretary Margarito Teves has overturned a decision by the Bureau of Customs Commissioner to release tug *Sungai Julan 1* and has instead ordered the forfeiture of the vessel in favour of the Philippine government. The decision was released today. Earlier, Bureau of Customs Commissioner Napoleon Morales had recommended to the Secretary of Finance that the ship be released upon payment of a fine of P10,000. The recommendation was actually a reversal of a decision by one of the Bureau's district collectors who had wanted to forfeit the vessel. She is still at Poro Point Port in La Union province in northern Luzon. — Correspondent.

TIBER (Albania)

Bari, Nov 1 — General cargo *Tiber* is still under arrest at Bari. — Lloyd's Agents.

Pipeline Accidents**BEMIDJI AREA, MINNESOTA, UNITED STATES**

London, Nov 14 — A small oil spill in a pipeline north-west of Bemidji, Minn., forced two large crude oil pipelines to close for several hours, a spokesman for the pipeline company said today. One line operated by Enbridge Inc. of Calgary, Alberta, which pumps 450,000 barrels of oil a day from Alberta to its hub in Superiors, Wis., was stilled for about 18 hours after the spill from a ipinhole leak was detected yesterday morning by one of its workers, said company spokesman Larry Springer. The spill, about three miles south-east of Clearbrook and amounting to no more than two barrels, also prompted the closure of another pipeline nearby for a shorter period as the company worked to determine which of the two lines had leaked, Springer said. Repairs were made and both lines are now operating, he said. All contaminated soil near a county road in the sparsely populated area was cleaned up and hauled to a disposal site, he said. Springer said investigators are trying to determine how the leak occurred.

CLARKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 12 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Dixie Pipeline Company today announced that operations have resumed on the portion of its 12-inch diameter propane line that was impacted by a Nov 1 rupture in Clarke County, Mississippi near the Alabama border. Product began flowing at approximately 0730, CST, this morning and propane is now available at all eight company-owned terminals along the pipeline. Over the weekend field crews successfully completed a hydrostatic test of the pipeline, which involved injecting water into the pipeline at pressures in excess of normal operating levels, to ensure its integrity. The company's start-up plan was approved by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and Dixie personnel continue to work with the appropriate federal regulatory authorities investigating the cause of the incident.

MCFADDIN BEACH AREA, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 8 — A press report, dated today, states: No environmental damage has been noted from an oil spill a few miles from McFaddin Beach, a US Fish and Wildlife official said yesterday, and crews were ready to start repairing one of two pipeline leaks today. "We haven't found any places where we found evidence that the oil actually washed up on the McFaddin Wildlife Refuge," said Tim

Cooper, a project leader with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. A light sheen spotted Tuesday (Nov 6) about 2.5 miles west of the Sabine Pass Jetty and east of Sea Rim State Park had dissipated naturally, a US Coast Guard press release said. A Tammany Oil and Gas pipeline ruptured Monday morning, spilling about 2,000 gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico about four miles from McFaddin Beach, US Coast Guard Petty Officer Mario Romero said. Cooper, who works out of Anahuac at the Texas Chenier Plain Complex National Wildlife Refuge, the office that oversees the McFaddin refuge, said his office was promptly notified of the spill. Ever since, officials have been scanning the coastline, looking for sheen and/or marooned animals. In preparation for repairs, crews placed a pollution dome around the ruptured pipeline, according to a Coast Guard press release. "The pollution dome is a hollowed pyramid that is lowered from the dive boat with a hose attached to the top of the cone," the press release stated. "The oil collects near the top of the pyramid and is drawn into a collection tank on the dive through the hose." There were two leaks on the pipeline, Romero said. One leak had stopped, making it difficult to locate, according to the release. To stop the other leak, a three-inch thick covering of concrete must be cut away. After that, a pipe clamp will be lowered from the dive boat and placed around the ruptured area of the pipe, according to the release. The Railroad Commission, which regulates all pipelines in the state, had to be consulted before repairs began. A commission representative decided the best course of action was to stop the southern leak, then find the one farther north by pushing air through the line to create bubbles. The Coast Guard is working with the Texas General Land Office and The O'Brien's Group to secure the rupture, the release stated.

London, Nov 9 — A press report, dated today, states: Repairs are continuing to the Tammany Oil & Gas pipeline that ruptured on Nov 5 off McFaddin Beach, Texas. Yesterday, divers removed a three-inch thick covering of concrete around the southern leak area of the pipeline. The area must still be prepared for the installation of a pipe clamp that will be placed around the ruptured area. The pollution dome remains at the repair site to collect any released oil. After completing repairs at the southern leak, the divers will begin similar repairs on the northern leak. The US Coast Guard reported supply *Grand* was on the scene, along with two Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur personnel, dive support and repair materials. Two other vessels were also on the scene, picking up oil with absorbent pads, skimmers and booms, as weather permits. Oil Mop is on standby and ready for potential oil cleanup on the beach. The Texas General Land Office and MSU Port Arthur continued to conduct helicopter overflights to direct skimming

operations and to monitor any movement of the discharged oil. Shoreline beach assessment patrols were expected to resume today. A safety zone around the site remained in effect.



BANGLADESH

Dhaka, Nov 13 — Hundreds of ships and fishing boats headed back to port today as a severe storm approached the Bangladeshi coast from the Bay of Bengal. Meteorologists said the storm, packing winds of around 185 km per hour was some 1,100 km off Chittagong and could be heading for shore. “The storm is likely to intensify further and move in a north or northwesterly direction to hit the Bangladesh coast in a couple of days,” the Bangladesh Meteorological Department said in a bulletin today. Wind speeds could increase to 250 km per hour or more before the storm makes landfall, a meteorologist said. British storm tracking system Tropical Storm Risk described it as a Category 4 storm. Thousands of coastguards, army, police and volunteers have been deployed along the Bangladeshi coast to move people to safety. “We are ready to deploy some 40,000 volunteers in all the 11 coastal districts to evacuate people when the storm comes dangerously close to the shores,” an administrative official said. Nearly 10 million people live in vulnerable points along the coast, but there are storm shelters for only half a million people, a disaster management official said. Bangladesh’s ports took measures to protect merchant ships. Fishing vessels were instructed by radio to return to shore. — Reuters.

Chittagong, Nov 14 — As per Meteorological Department, Chittagong, cautionary signal No.4 hoisted from 1500, Nov 13, due to a cyclone with hurricane power at the south-east Bay of Bengal with adjacent area of 74 km, called “CIDO” situated south-south-west 1030 km from Chittagong port and 1090 km from Mongla port and moving with steep pressure in the sea accompanied by continuous gusty and squally wind velocity of 165 - 185 mph. As per Chittagong Port Authority, discharging/lightening operations from mother vessels at Chittagong outer anchorage including ship’s movement at Chittagong port suspended while loading and unloading operation at Chittagong port berth continuing. — Lloyd’s Agents.

Chittagong, Nov 14 — The local Meteorological Office have advised that for the remainder of today and tonight weather conditions are expected to remain unchanged and cautionary signal number 4 will remain in force. Only one inland lighter tanker has shifted to the

roadstead today. All inland lighter vessels/coaster vessels, fishing boats & trawlers have been requested to remain near to coastal areas until further notice. — Lloyd’s Agents.

Chittagong, Nov 15 — The local Meteorological Office have advised that weather conditions deteriorated since last night and as a result of the great danger, signal No.10 for Mongla port hoisted and signal No.9 for Chittagong port and Cox’s Bazar hoisted. A severe storm in the Bay of Bengal is expected to hit today. — Lloyd’s Agents.

Chittagong, Nov 15 — Weather conditions remained unchanged. The Chittagong Port Authority have advised that most of the foreign flag vessels in port were shifted to the roadstead today, for their safety. In addition, all receiving & delivery operations, related to import and export cargo, have been suspended until further notice. — Lloyd’s Agents.

CANADA

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: An overnight storm in southwestern B.C. cancelled ferry sailings, knocked down trees, closed roads and dumped snow on Whistler. B.C. Ferries cancelled a number of morning sailings between the mainland and Vancouver Island. As of noon, sailings between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay were still cancelled, while sailings between West Vancouver and Nanaimo had resumed at 1030 hrs.

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: BC Ferries service will resume at the Tsawwassen ferry terminal this afternoon after a day full of delays and cancellations due to the stormy weather. Sailings of the from Tsawwassen terminal will resume with the 1430 hrs ferry to Swartz Bay, followed by the 1500 and 1515 hrs sailing to Swartz Bay and Duke Point. Sailings from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo resumed earlier today after early morning cancellations. Deborah Marshall from BC Ferries says holiday volume is on their radar, and they will consider adding more sailings later on in the day.

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: Due stormy weather in BC, this morning’s sea-plane flight schedules from Vancouver Harbour and Richmond’s South Terminal have been affected. Harbour Air cancelled their first three flights of the day in each direction between Vancouver and Victoria. Afternoon flights will depend on the weather.

London, Nov 13 — High winds battered southern B.C. yesterday, leaving more than 200,000 people without power and stranding thousands of airplane and ferry passengers. BC Hydro crews struggled to repair more than 400 separate power outages that darkened many of Vancouver’s suburbs, the Sunshine Coast and parts of Vancouver Island. The season’s worst storm to date made it highly dangerous for electrical crews to assess damage and carry out repairs until mid-afternoon. But even then, as

homes began to get power back, BC Hydro warned it will still be a day or two before all customers have their lights and heat back on. The storm wreaked havoc on ferry sailings between Vancouver Island, the mainland and the Gulf Islands, as winds bashed waves onto the coast. Harbour Air cancelled all morning float plane flights between Vancouver and Victoria. All flights from Vancouver International Airport to Campbell River and Comox were delayed.

CHINA

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated today, states: More than 300 cargo vessels have been held up at a section of a river in southern China due to thick silt and a dropping water level, local navigation authorities said today. The ships have been waiting since Nov 2 to enter Guangdong Province via the Changzhou ship lock in Wuzhou City in neighbouring Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, according to the Wuzhou Channel Administration. The vessels were sailing on the Xijiang River, a major tributary of the Pearl River, bringing coal, carbon, cement, grains and other products to Guangdong and other domestic and overseas markets. However, thick sediment has made the river route shallow and delayed many large vessels. In addition, the water level in that section of the river dropped to about 1.8 metres in the dry season, well below the normal range of 2.2 metres to 2.8 metres. On the worst day, up to 700 vessels were forced to wait. At present, about 100 to 200 small and mid-sized vessels are allowed to pass the lock daily. More than 300 vessels are waiting at a designated zone about 2 km from the ship gate. Workers and dredgers are clearing the channel, but the process could take as long as 10 days.

EUROPE

London, Nov 10 — A press report, dated Nov 9, states: A brewing storm yesterday in the North Sea forced the closure of oil platforms off the Norwegian coast as well as Europe’s largest port as British forecasters warned of the worst swells in 20 years. The impending storm prompted authorities in the port of Rotterdam to say they would lower a giant storm surge barrier for the first time since its construction in the 1990s. No boat would be allowed to enter or leave between 2000, GMT, yesterday, and 0500, GMT, today, the authorities said, predicting the measure would affect some 60 passenger and freight ships. The Netherlands also stepped up surveillance of seawalls along its coast for the first time since 1976. One third of the Dutch land mass is below sea level. Britain’s Met Office warned of gusts of up to 90 miles per hour for the Orkney and Shetland islands off northern Scotland, and said the combination of high tides and strong winds could play havoc in the south. There were also flood warnings in Germany, particularly around the Elbe and Ems rivers. Norwegian oil

production was expected to be cut by 10%, or 220,000 barrels per day, after Britain's BP closed its Valhall platform and US firm ConocoPhillips planned to shut down five platforms in the Ekofisk oilfield. Forecasters and oil company officials said they expected the situation to improve quickly after the main impact of the storm overnight, but a BP spokesman said he expected the Valhall platform to be down "for a few days." BP has already evacuated a group of its workers from the Valhall platform, which has totally suspended its 80,000 bpd production.

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated Nov 10, states: Oil production on the Norwegian Shelf is back to normal, after seven platforms were closed down before a storm hit the North Sea Thursday (Nov 8), according to reports today. More than 700 oil workers were evacuated from the most exposed platforms as a precaution Wednesday and Thursday. However, there are no reports of serious damage or injuries after the storm, according to Norwegian broadcaster NRK. With today's oil price, this could mean a loss of 6.5 million Norwegian kroner in income for the company, according to StatoilHydro.

GULF OF MEXICO

London, Nov 11 — PEMEX Bulletin No.154, dated Nov 9, states: Specialists Petroleos Mexicanos continue to make efforts to control the leakage of hydrocarbons from the well Kab-121, located on the platform Kab-101, which have been hampered by adverse weather conditions, as well as the work of containment, recovery and cleanup hydrocarbons in the sea and beaches. Weather Conditions: The weather conditions prevailing in the area were hardly conducive to the work of controlling pit. During the first days after the accident, came up with the cold front entrance of the No.5 which forced several days to withdraw the technicians and boats in the area. Later, during the past few days, little or no wind blowing in the probe has prevented the sour gas (toxic) scattering, and hence is mitigate the risk of explosion or poisoning. Control pit: They are stationed in the area of the platform Usumacinta boats contraincendio. Technical staff from PEMEX sheds water jets to form a curtain to enable specialists to perform the exercises control of the well. These exercises consist of the installation of connections that allow inject fluid control, and then pumping cement in order to plug up the hole KAB-121. The work will be carried out more slowly as desired by the danger represented by the presence of sour gas on the platform affected. Spill/shares of containment and recovery: They remain six fronts of work for the containment of oil at sea, by placing booms, which had six boats and four boats scattering. En estas tareas participan 155 trabajadores. It is estimated to be dumped approximately 422 barrels per day of light crude of 37 degrees API that, for consistency,

facilitating their dispersion. The oil spilled when making contact with the environment, an estimated 40% evaporates, also known as emulsifies, and the remaining 20% part is cleaned with the actions that are carried out from the boat and another solidifies. The total volume of oil recovered to date is 644 barrels. We have implemented five thousand 800 liters of absorbent oleofilicos that facilitate the recovery of hydrocarbon. Spill/shares monitoring. Tours are conducted daily by helicopter to inspect the affected area and assess the situation of the spill. Officials of the Federal Attorney General for Environmental Protection (PROFEPA), the government of Campeche and PEMEX have participated in these overflights inspection. The overflights have been able to observe oily stains, in the form of lines, low thickness. It was also noted the presence of some skins of crude oil have arrived near the mouth of the Usumacinta River, which immediately sent crews of workers to the area PEMEX for containment and recovery. It should be noted that, so far, the Usumacinta River is the only place near the coast, where he has recorded the presence of hydrocarbons derived from this accident. Cleaning beaches: A few days ago, staff at the Autonomous Metropolitan University (UAM) conducted a tour of the beaches of New Campechito, Campeche, recording a minimal presence of small lumps distributed in isolation. So far, according to the daily monitoring performed PEMEX, there is no physical evidence of damage to fauna, flora, birds, agencies or damages to the fisheries sector. It should be noted that in this area, also will be the authorities of the Environment to determine the situation and, if necessary, to establish the appropriate compensation. Until yesterday had collected 21,476 kilograms of sand impregnated with hydrocarbons at various beaches. Of the total collected, it is estimated that the proportion of oil is five per cent and the rest is sand and miscellaneous items (conchuelas, sticks and vegetation, and so on). The cleaning work are met through six fronts: a Dos Bocas Sanchez Magallanes, Dos Bocas Rio Grijalva; Border to San Pedro, San Pedro to Atasta; of Atasta to Punta Discipline, North Beach and Port Royal.

London, Nov 15 — Pemex press releases state: Timed 1857, Nov 13: Petroleos Mexicanos reported that today, at approximately 1700 hrs, there was a fire at the platform *Kab-101*, which, since last Oct 23 introduced leak gas and oil. The fire was caused by a spark generated during the work to control the gas leak that was being made in the platform and consisting of the injection of mud. At this time four vessels are conducting manoeuvres to extinguish the fire by applying water. There was no injuries. Once the fire is extinguished, we will continue to work to control the leak.

Timed 1707, Nov 14: Petroleos Mexicanos reports that as a result of

intensive work carried out throughout the night, at 1150 today, workers and technicians of Petroleos Mexicanos extinguished the fire in the well Kab-121 in the Campeche Sound. At this time, the area remains at risk, so that six vessels have intensified their manoeuvres using water jets to cool the facility. Once the security conditions permit, specialized personnel will board the platform to inspect the general condition of the well.

HURRICANE "DEAN"

Martinique, Nov 13 — General cargo *Master Endeavor* was refloated on Oct 12, and is moored at the French Navy buoy, as she still under arrest. — Lloyd's Agents.

HURRICANE "NOEL"

Santo Domingo, Nov 8 — Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *SCP Tomsk* has been checked for damages yesterday, no details available at this stage, and was expected to be moored for discharge at the Coastal Petroleum Terminal at SPdeM, which is to be confirmed later today. At this moment it is still not known to which repair facility the vessel will proceed for repairs, after discharge, the dry dock at Las Calderas is too small. — Lloyd's Agents.

MEXICO

London, Nov 9 — A press report, dated today, states: Officials say massive floods and landslides in southern Mexico have killed at least nine people, with more than 20 still missing, and caused a health emergency that will last for month. Health Secretary Jose Cordoba says three people were killed in Tabasco state by the floods that started 11 days ago, while six people died in mudslides earlier this week in neighbouring Chiapas state, where "more than 20 people are still missing." Much of Tabasco was still under water, including its capital Villahermosa, where levels have dropped by one to two metres, exposing hundreds of rotting carcasses of cattle and other animals. Mr Cordoba said the decaying bodies and materials in the water, as well as the broken sewage system and lack of drinking water, are a major health risk and that a health emergency in the flooded areas will likely continue for a long time. Villahermosa officials said a huge trench, 50 square metres and eight metres deep, was being dug in the city to dump and bury some 2,000 dead cattle and pets found in the area. Mr Cordoba said some 10,000 people in more than half of Tabasco's twomillion inhabitants have been affected by the floods, with nearly 100,000 evacuated from their homes. Local media estimate flooding damage to property in the state at around \$US1 billion.

RUSSIA

London, Nov 12 — All Novorossiysk oil & products terminals have been closed since the evening of Saturday (Nov 10) due to heavy swell of three-

four metres and a strong southerly wind. Tankers were unmoored from both CPC-R and Sheskhari's Oil Terminals and shifted on outer roads. Although the wind and swell at Novorossiysk had eased a little by this morning, heavy swell at roads persist and both Sheskhari's Oil Terminal and CPC-R Marine terminal remain idle. This evening an increase of the southerly wind is expected, up to 15-20 m/s with gusts up to 25 m/sec and the swell up to three-four metres again.

Moscow, Nov 13 — Russia's largest Black Sea port, Novorossiysk, has reopened after shutting due to stormy weather, the port's spokeswoman said today. "The storm warning was lifted at 0930, GMT and Novorossiysk port is now fully operating," Kristina Senko told Reuters. She added that there was no damage to the port's infrastructure from the storm. A port official earlier said seven tankers were anchored at sea, four of which would sail this evening, but he did not know if they contained oil or fuel. Despite the port re-opening, traders said all tankers sailing to and from the Turkish straits were expecting delays of 5-6 days due to bad weather. — Reuters.

NEW ZEALAND

London, Nov 14 — A press report, dated today, states: Sea swells of up to six metres on Cook Strait have caused delays for ferry services. An Interislander spokesperson says travellers can expect delays of at least an hour and a half today due to rough seas caused by strong winds.

NORTHERN EUROPE

London, Nov 9 — A press report, dated today, states: A powerful storm in the North Sea triggered tidal surges and violent winds that forced Britain and the Netherlands to activate flood defences, and hundreds of people were evacuated in low-lying areas of eastern England. In the Netherlands, Rotterdam Port was halting all ship traffic until Friday evening (Nov 9). The new Maeslant Barrier protecting the mouth of Europe's largest port was closed Thursday for the first time under storm conditions since its construction in 1997. The Thames River barrier, downstream from London, was also closed as a precaution. Waves up to six metres high were rolling up against sea defences in Lowestoft, England, the most easterly point of Britain. Wind gusts of up to 110 kph whipped northern France during overnight storms, blowing off rooftops and uprooting trees, according to the regional emergency services. No injuries were reported. Hundreds of people in the highest risk areas in England have been evacuated from their homes. Great Yarmouth, just north of Lowestoft, was also closed to traffic as the River Yare rose nearly to the surface of bridges. Police in Norfolk said rising water had breached the flood defences in the town centre. The storm did not hit Germany as hard as expected Thursday night but meteorologists were expecting a storm

surge along the North Sea coast Friday afternoon, and the port of Hamburg was closed. The Dutch weather service KNMI predicted expected wind gusts of up to 100 kph along the coast to last throughout the afternoon, and Amsterdam's Schiphol airport warned passengers of possible delays and cancellations. Some ferries to islands located off the northwest Dutch coast were halted, and state broadcaster NOS reported minor flooding in areas outside protective dykes. Sea levels were expected to reach heights of four metres above normal in the far northern city of Delftzijl by early afternoon, the agency said. The storm also hit the Faeroe Islands forcing the main international airport at Vagar to close, and ferry and bus companies to suspend their services. A few ferry crossings between Sweden and Norway and Denmark, have been cancelled, according to the Danish Road Directorate. Britain's Environment Agency posted severe flood warnings for the coast from Lowestoft to Aldeburgh, and for the lower reaches of the River Bure and the River Yare.

TROPICAL CYCLONE "GUBA"

London, Nov 15 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical cyclone "Guba" located near lat 10.7S, long 145.9E at 0001, UTC, today. Movement past six hours 180 deg at two deg. Position accurate to within 60 nautical miles, position based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 35 knots with gusts to 45 knots. Forecast position for 0001, UTC, Nov 16, near lat 11.4S, long 145.6E with maximum sustained winds of 45 knots and gusts to 55 knots. Radius of 34-knot winds: 50 nautical miles.

TROPICAL CYCLONE "LEE"

London, Nov 15 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical cyclone "Lee" located near lat 10.8S, long 90.4E at 0600, UTC, today. Movement past six hours 205 deg at eight knots, position accurate to within 40 nautical miles, position based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 55 knots with gusts to 70 knots. Radius of 50-knot winds: 20 nautical miles. Radius of 34-knot winds: 50 nautical miles north semicircle, 55 south semicircle. Forecast position for 0600, UTC, Nov 16, near lat 11.9S, 88.1E with maximum sustained winds of 65 knots and gusts to 80 knots. Radius of 50 knots winds: 30 nautical miles. Radius of 34-knot winds: 65 nautical miles.

TROPICAL CYCLONE "SIDR"

London, Nov 12 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical cyclone 06b "Sidr" located near lat 10.8N, long 90.4E at 0600, UTC, today. Movement past six hours, 315 deg at six knots, position accurate to within 40 nautical miles, position based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 55 knots with gusts to 70 knots. Radius of 50-knot winds: 40 nautical miles north semicircle and 35 nautical miles south

semicircle. Radius of 34-knot winds: 70 nautical miles north semicircle and 65 nautical miles south semicircle. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Oct 13: Position located near lat 12.4N, long 89.3E with maximum sustained winds of 75 knots and gusts to 90 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds: 25 nautical miles. Radius of 50-knot winds: 55 nautical miles east semicircle and 50 nautical miles west semicircle. Radius of 34-knot winds: 105 nautical miles east semicircle and 100 nautical miles west semicircle.

London, Nov 14 — A cyclone packing high winds and heavy rains could slam into Bangladesh as early as tomorrow and India a day later, forecasters said. Bangladesh went on alert today as weather officials said Tropical Cyclone "Sidr", hovering over the Bay of Bengal, could hit the southeastern coast of the disaster-prone country within 24 hours. "The cyclone is approaching the coastal area of Bangladesh. It may hit Cox's Bazar and Chittagong districts by tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon," said Sanaul Haque, a weather department official. Indian weather officials also warned of a "very severe cyclonic storm" hovering 850 kilometres from the eastern Indian city of Kolkata.

London, Nov 15 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical cyclone "Sidr" located near lat 19.3N, long 89.3E at 0600, UTC, today. Movement past six hours, five deg at 15 knots, position accurate to within 25 nautical miles, position based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 135 knots with gusts to 165 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds: 60 nautical miles east semicircle, 50 nautical miles southwest quadrant, 55 nautical miles northwest quadrant. Radius of 50-knot winds: 85 nautical miles east semicircle and 75 nautical miles west semicircle. Radius of 34-knot winds: 140 nautical miles east semicircle and 125 nautical miles west semicircle. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Nov 16: Position located near lat 23.9N, long 89.7E with maximum sustained winds of 90 knots and gusts to 110 knots. Dissipating as a significant tropical cyclone over land.

TROPICAL STORM "TAPAH"

London, Nov 12 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical storm 22w "Tapah" located near lat 23.1N, long 142.8E at 0600, UTC, today. Movement past six hours 55 deg at 17 knots, position accurate to within 60 nautical miles. Position based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 35 knots with gusts to 45 knots. Forecast position at 0600, UTC, Nov 13, near lat 28.1N, long 151.9E with maximum sustained winds of 25 knots and gusts to 35 knots. Tropical storm "Tapah", located approximately 125 nautical miles southeast of Iwo To, has tracked northeastward at 17 knots over the past six hours. Maximum significant wave height at 0600, UTC, today, is 10 feet.

TURKEY

London, Nov 12 — Severe weather conditions have halted all bunkering services at the Turkish port of Istanbul since Friday (Nov 9) and the situation is not expected to ease anytime today. Almost all Turkish maritime services and port services at Istanbul have been disrupted as stormy seas have stopped the movement of ships and barges completely. Energy Petrol Shipping Trade and Industry Inc. director Mustafa Muhtaroglu said that “no bunkering is possible today.” “Since Istanbul accounts for almost 100% of all bunkering in Turkey, it is safe to say that all Turkish bunkering services have been temporarily suspended,” said Muhtaroglu. According to Muhtaroglu, up to 200 ships were stuck at Istanbul’s anchorage this Monday due to the weather conditions which are not expected to ease today.

TYPHOON “PEIPAH”

London, Nov 9 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical depression “Peipah” located near lat 12.7N, long 111.0E at 0600, UTC, today. Movement past six hours 210 deg at 12 knots. Position accurate to within 60 nautical miles, position located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 25 knots with gusts to 35 knots. Forecast position for 0600, UTC, Nov 10, near lat 11.3N, long 108.0E with maximum sustained winds of 20 knots and gusts to 30 knots.

UNITED KINGDOM

London, Nov 8 — A press report, dated today, states: Winds of up to 90 mph hit parts of Scotland today, causing major transport disruption. Roads were closed and ferry services cancelled as storm-force gales swept across the north of the country. The strongest gusts were recorded on Fair Isle, between Orkney and Shetland, where they hit 93 mph. Drivers experienced problems across the country, with the Skye, Kessock, Tay and Forth Road bridges all closed to high-sided vehicles. The Erskine Bridge in central Scotland was shut to all traffic, and a flood watch was issued for the Firth of Clyde coast. Ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne had to cancel six of its crossings, with almost a dozen more disrupted by the weather. Services affected included the Ullapool to Stornoway and Mallaig to Canna sailings. Forecaster Michael Dukes of MeteoGroup said the high winds were the first of the season and would therefore cause a lot of damage. He said: “These are storm force winds up in the north. Although we’ve seen worse in Scotland, it’s the first of the season, and there will be a lot of debris being blown about.”

Natural Disasters**CHILE**

Santiago, Nov 14 — A powerful earthquake hit northern Chile today,

killing at least two people, injuring more than 100 and halting output at some of the world’s largest copper mines. Two people were confirmed dead and 117 were injured in the magnitude 7.7 quake, which caused massive dust clouds in Chile’s mountainous north and shook buildings in isolated cities up and down the Pacific coast. Dozens of road workers were reported trapped in and around a coastal highway tunnel that collapsed in the hardest-hit area and government spokesman Ricardo Lagos Weber said rescuers would try to reach them early tomorrow. “They will be evacuated by the Navy via the ocean tomorrow ... As far as we know there are no injured or dead (among them),” Lagos said. The worst damage occurred in Tocopilla, 75 miles north of the coastal mining city Antofagasta, where people were caught under rubble from crumbling rooftops and balconies. Tocopilla’s mayor, Luis Moyano, said at least 1,200 houses had been flattened, leaving 4,000 residents homeless. Among the injured in Tocopilla were 19 men, 89 women and seven children. Television images showed cars crushed under the concrete awning of a hotel in Antofagasta, where the quake knocked out power and phone services. The Chilean government planned to send 14 tons of aid to the hardest hit area on Thursday, including food, kitchen utensils and emergency beds. Some 500 emergency shelters were also being shipped to Tocopilla, where relief workers were handing out drinking water to residents after regular service was cut off. The United States Geological Service said the quake, 36.7 miles deep, was centered 66 miles west of the town of Calama and struck at 1240 hrs, (1540 UTC). The quake was initially reported at 7.8 magnitude by the U.S. agency and later verified at 7.7. Just two hours later, a second quake of 5.7 magnitude struck in the same northern region. The quakes hit an area of many large copper mines. Chile is the world’s biggest copper producer, providing more than a third of annual supplies. Copper prices jumped by as much as 6.29 percent to \$3.3040 a pound on the New York Mercantile Exchange’s COMEX division as huge copper mines reported they were without power. Stock in copper companies also rose. BHP Billiton said work was paralyzed after power was cut off at its Escondida, Spence and Cerro Colorado copper mines. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold said it later resumed operations at its Candelaria mine in Chile, but its El Abra mine was still down without power. Chilean state copper miner Codelco said it resumed operations at its largest division, Codelco Norte, two hours after the quake left it temporarily without electricity. Mines in the south of Peru, also a major global metals producer, said operations were not affected. — Reuters.

INDONESIA

London, Nov 8 — A press report, dated today, states: Indonesia lowered the alert status of the Kelud volcano today, meaning that thousands of people who fled its slopes for government shelters can return home. Mount Kelud on the densely populated island of Java had been on top alert for several weeks. “The volcano no longer has the energy needed for an explosive eruption that would threaten the lives of people living nearby,” Surono, the chief vulcanologist at the government’s volcano agency, said on the decision to downgrade Kelud’s status. Thousands of people from villages close to Kelud’s crater lake had earlier heeded evacuation orders and moved to tent camps or government buildings, though many ignored the warnings and remained in the danger zone. The government volcano agency said Kelud remained on the second-highest alert level and told villagers to remain vigilant because the mountain was very unpredictable. It said that villagers could return home, but should not venture close to the crater, which was still emitting smoke. Two more of Indonesia’s approximately 100 active volcanoes have also been emitting smoke recently, with one, Anak Krakatau, firing out red-hot stones and lava.

Political & Civil Unrest**ALBANIA**

Bari, Nov 1 — Product tanker *Ambar* is still under arrest at Bari. — Lloyd’s Agents.

IRAQ

London, Nov 11 — A press report, dated Nov 10, states: Iraqi insurgents blew up a roadside bomb under an oil pipeline in the central province of Salahudin today, setting up a huge fire, a provincial police source said. The pipeline, which carries oil from the northern oil fields of Kirkuk to Beiji refinery, went into flames before midday in the Fatha area near the town of Beiji, 200 km north of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua. Fire engines rushed to scene to put out the fire and prevented an escalation of the damage. Thick black smoke billowed high into the sky, as intense heat from the fire prevented fire fighters from approaching the blaze, he said.

NIGERIA

Abuja, Nov 15 — Unknown attackers blew up a Nigerian crude oil pipeline operated by Royal Dutch Shell at the Forcados export terminal on Thursday (Nov 15), industry sources said. The dynamite attack forced Shell to reduce output of crude oil by less than 50,000 barrels per day, they added. — Reuters.

Labour Disputes



BOLIVIA

London, Nov 14 — A one-day stoppage by workers demanding back pay forced authorities to cancel all flights at Bolivia's busiest airport today. Employees at Viru Viru International Airport in the eastern city of Santa Cruz called a 24-hour strike to demand two months' of back pay frozen by the government. President Evo Morales' administration has placed a hold on the funds while investigating allegations of corruption at Viru Viru. Service at the airport, however, was expected to return to normal tomorrow.

GERMANY

Berlin, Nov 14 — German train drivers began a 62-hour nationwide strike on freight routes today and planned to escalate the strike tomorrow in their long-running wage dispute with rail operator Deutsche Bahn. The strike, which economists say is already affecting Europe's biggest economy, will be extended to passenger services at 0100 tomorrow, causing misery to millions of travellers. The freight stoppages started at 1100 hrs. The train drivers' union (GDL) stoppage is the biggest in Deutsche Bahn's history and coincides with a nationwide strike by transport workers in neighbouring France over pension reform. Economists say the strike on freight routes is costing the economy 50 million euros (35.6 million pounds) a day, rising to about 500 million euros if the strikes last more than a week. Deutsche Bahn said goods services in eastern Germany had ground to a halt, and it was drafting in 1,000 workers to help provide replacement services and try to keep international and high speed, long-distance passenger trains running. — Reuters.

RUSSIA

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated today, states: St. Petersburg dockers went on an unlimited strike today. They have demand a 30-percent rise in tariffs and guaranteed wages, Itar-Tass has learnt from chairman of the port dockers committee Alexander Moiseyenko. According to Mr Moiseyenko, around 150 people worked one hour at the start of today's shift, from 0800 to 0900. All work has now stopped and it will be resumed for another hour at the end of the shift. In total, 360 people will participate in the action today. According to Mr Moiseyenko, daily production figures will drop by 40 percent. The union leader stated that employers now refuse to hold talks, insisting on an end to the protest action. The strike action was triggered by the fact that representatives of trade unions of

stevedore companies, merged into the Marine Port Corporation, failed to reach agreement with the employers. In Mr Moiseyenko's words, the management of the Marine Port Corporation will possibly appeal against legitimacy of the strike in court. In this case, he did not rule out a situation where no overtime will be worked.

St Petersburg, Nov 13 — Steel, metals and coal shipments from St Petersburg will be disrupted from today after dock workers in Russia's second-largest city launched an indefinite strike over a pay dispute. The strike will affect loading at the Sea Port of St Petersburg, owned by Russian billionaire Vladimir Lisin. The port shipped 11.7 million tonnes in cargo last year, or about a fifth of the total loaded by the bigger Port of St Petersburg. The strike will not affect refined oil-product shipments by the Port of St Petersburg, a separate company. It is, however, likely to disrupt exports of steel from Severstal, aluminium from United Company RUSAL and coal mined in western Siberia. Copper, zinc and nickel exports through the port will also be affected. Alexander Moiseyenko, head of the Sea Port's trade union, told Reuters workers had gone on strike after their demand for a 30 percent wage increase was rejected. "Work has stopped due to terms and conditions," he said. "Dockers and workers are working for an hour at the beginning of each shift and the same at the end of each shift." Moiseyenko said workers would continue the strike until their wage demands were accepted. — Reuters.

Fires & Explosions



OIL REFINERY, OPORTO, PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Nov 12 — A fire broke out today at Galp's oil refinery in Oporto and the company has activated an emergency plan, a spokeswoman said. The fire broke out at the refinery's water treatment plant. The spokeswoman did not know whether production at the refinery, which has a capacity of 90,000 bpd, had stopped. "A fire broke out at the Porto refinery, at the water treatment plant of the refinery," the spokeswoman said. "Galp activated its emergency plan." No further details were immediately available. — Reuters.

REFINERY, PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 10 — A press report, dated Nov 8, states: A diesel hydrotreater at Valero Energy Corp's 325,000-barrel-per-day refinery in Port Arthur, Texas, will likely remain shut for two to four weeks for repairs after a fire this morning fire, said sources

familiar with refinery operations. A Valero spokesman said the company was still attempting to determine the extent of damage to the hydrotreater after a fire broke out in a heater on the unit. "We are still evaluating the damage and the impact on production at the refinery, and there are no firm estimates yet," said Valero spokesman Bill Day. A power failure on the north side of the refinery caused heated feedstocks to stop moving through tubes in the heater. One of the tubes ruptured due to the heat build-up, the sources said. The fire was extinguished in about an hour. Most of the damage was thought to be confined to the heater, the sources said, and did not extend to the entire hydrotreater. Evaluation of the damage could last into the weekend. If the damage was contained primarily to the heater, repairs would probably take between two and four weeks. Also affected by the power outage were a platformer and alkylation unit. "Power was out in some areas of the plant, but most process units are in operation," Day said. According to the Port Arthur Fire Department, it received a call for assistance from Valero at 0726 hrs. After initial news of the fire, prices for ultra-low sulfur diesel and gasoline moved up sharply in the U.S. Gulf, before dropping back after it became clear that major process units were unaffected by the fire.

Aviation



AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: A Kulula passenger aircraft turned back to Johannesburg soon after taking off for Cape Town today because of a "technical alert," Comair said. Airline spokesperson Glenga Zvenyika said the aircraft, scheduled to depart just after noon, turned back to Johannesburg in less than an hour after the captain received a "technical alert." She said this was a normal safety procedure measure. The exact technical issue that caused the turnaround was still being investigated and the aircraft was currently being inspected, said Zvenyika. All 127 passengers aboard have since been accommodated on other flights.

CRASH, BAKER CITY AREA, OREGON, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 9 — Schweizer H269C rotorcraft, N381MC, operated by Elkhorn Aviation Inc., crashed under unknown circumstances, near Baker City, Oregon, at 2055, local time, Nov 8. The one person on board was fatally injured, the aircraft was destroyed.

London, Nov 9 — A press report, dated today, states: A helicopter crashed two miles north of the airport in Baker City, Oregon, killing a 59-

year-old pilot from southwest Montana. Baker County Sheriff Mitch Southwick says the helicopter flown by Pete Wehler crashed yesterday afternoon in a field. Southwick says Wehler was a student helicopter pilot, but qualified to fly solo. Officials say Wehler flew an aircraft to Baker City yesterday, then rented the helicopter. The Baker County medical examiner says it appears pilot error led to the crash. Federal Aviation Administration investigators are expected to arrive today to further examine what went wrong.

CRASH, FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

London, Nov 13 — Diamond DA-20 C-GMFH, operated by Moncton Flight College, departed Fredericton, NB, for first solo circuit at 1129, AST, Nov 10. The pilot reported downwind and final for Runway 33. After touch down the aircraft bounced heavily then veered left off the runway surface. It continued across the grass and into ditch that runs parallel with the runway. The impact caused the aircraft to nose over and the ELT was activated. The pilot was subsequently taken to hospital.

CRASH, KHARTOUM AIRPORT, SUDAN

Khartoum, Nov 8 — An Antonov An-12 collided with three army tanks after crash-landing at Khartoum Airport today and two soldiers died in the blaze. The cargo aircraft, belonging to the privately owned Juba Air Cargo company, took off on an internal flight but had to return to Khartoum due to technical problems, officials said. Two soldiers were killed and a third seriously wounded when the aircraft veered off the runway into the nearby military airport, a Sudanese army spokesman said. "The plane landed outside the civilian airport close to the military airport," a Sudanese civil aviation official said. "It is burnt but all the crew are well." — Reuters.

London, Nov 9 — Antonov 12, operated by Juba Air Cargo, returned to Khartoum-Civil Airport shortly after take-off, for flight to Juba Airport, due to technical problems Nov 8. The aircraft crash-landed, caught fire, and was written off.

CRASH, LAS VEGAS AREA, NEVADA, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 9 — Cessna T182T, N881CP, operated by Civil Air Patrol, crashed into a mountain 12 miles from Las Vegas, Nevada, at 0315, local time, Nov 8. The two persons on board were fatally injured, the aircraft was destroyed.

CRASH, NORTH PERRY AIRPORT, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 12 — A press report, dated Nov 11, states: A Piper PA-25 (Pawnee) nose-dived while approaching North Perry Airport yesterday afternoon, slamming into the middle of the airfield and critically

injuring the pilot, authorities said. The aircraft had dropped its banner about 1700 hrs and was headed for runway 36R but instead plunged into the ground between runways, said Warren Woodberry, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. Firefighters sped to the scene, tore open the cabin of the aircraft and extricated the pilot from the wreckage, said Sgt. John Jacob, spokesman for the Pembroke Pines Police Department. According to its tail identification number, the aircraft was built in 1965 and is owned by Weston-based Aerial Banners Inc., a company whose aircraft have crashed at least three times in the past three years. The aircraft stalled during an attempt to land. The wrecked aircraft leaked fuel, but the highly flammable liquid did not ignite, said Assistant Fire Marshal Shawn Hallich, spokesman for the Pembroke Pines Fire Department. The aircraft was doused with fire-retardant foam as a precaution, Hallich said. Because the aircraft crashed between runways, normal operations at the airport in south-central Broward County were not disrupted, said Greg Meyer, spokesman for the airport. Police clustered around the wreckage long after nightfall, waiting for federal officials to begin an investigation into the cause of the crash.

CRASH, TENNANT CREEK AREA, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA

London, Nov 12 — A press report, dated Nov 11, states: Investigators have begun examining the wreckage of a Cessna 172 in which three German nationals were killed in a remote area of the Northern Territory. The men died when their Cessna 172 crashed on to the Stuart Highway, north of Tennant Creek, just before 1100, yesterday. The three Germans were its only occupants. Investigators from the Australian Transport and Safety Bureau began their investigation into what caused the accident. Police believe the pilot was trying to make an emergency landing on the highway, about 20 km north of Elliott, when the aircraft crashed. The aircraft flipped during the crash, ending up on its roof on the northbound side of the highway, the main road between Alice Springs and Darwin. The engine was separated from the wreckage during the smash, with debris scattered across an area up to 200 metres away. The aircraft, which had been chartered in Western Australia, was one of three aircraft in a group en route from Katherine to Kings Creek Station.

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated today, states: The engine from the aircraft that crashed, killing three people near Elliot in the Northern Territory on Nov 10, has been taken away from the crash site for further investigation. Three German tourists were killed when the aircraft tried to make an emergency landing in a Cessna light aircraft on the Stuart Highway about 700 kilometres south of

Darwin. Yesterday investigators returned to the site of the crash and collected evidence, including the engine. The Transport Safety Bureau's Julian Walsh says it is still too early to know what caused the aircraft to crash.

EMERGENCY LANDING AT PALAM AIRPORT, INDIA

London, Nov 14 — A Jet Airways flight with 127 people on board made an emergency landing at the capital's domestic airport this evening after it developed a hydraulic snag. 'The Varanasi-Delhi Jet flight 9W724 landed safely at the Palam airport in full emergency due to hydraulic failure at around 1720 hrs. All 127 passengers and cabin crew are safe,' said an airport official.

EMERGENCY LANDING, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

London, Nov 8 — A press report, dated Nov 7, states: A Boeing 737, carrying more than 100 people, made an emergency landing after an engine fell off during take-off from Cape Town today, officials said. No injuries were reported. The Nationwide Airline aircraft, bound for Johannesburg, touched down safely after the airport's fire and rescue services rushed to clear debris from the runway. The aircraft's right engine "separated from the wing. The aircraft continued to climb out," the airline said in a statement.

London, Nov 9 — Boeing 737-230, operated by Nationwide Airlines, flight CE723, departed from Cape Town on schedule at 1550, local time, Nov 7, bound Johannesburg International Airport. At take-off it was reported that the right hand engine separated from the wing. The aircraft continued to climb out. The aircraft returned and landed at Cape Town International Airport without further incident. No passengers or crew were injured. Unconfirmed reports indicate that ZS-OEZ was the aircraft involved in the mishap.

EMERGENCY LANDING, SASKATOON, CANADA

London, Nov 9 — A press report, dated today, states: A twin-engined aircraft, running on only one engine, managed to land safely Thursday (Nov 8) at the Saskatoon airport. Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services received a call from the airport requesting assistance just before 1300, local time. Fire crews were on the scene in five minutes to assist. The aircraft landed safely and no one was hurt.

FLIGHTS DELAYED DUE TO POWER FAILURE, HARTFIELD-JACKSON ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 9 — A press report, dated today, states: An electrical fire caused a power outage Friday morning (Nov 9) on a concourse at Hartfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Flight delays were expected. The fire, reported around 0630, EST, in an electrical closet, was put out and no

injuries were reported, airport spokesman Herschel Grangent said. Utility crews were working to restore power, he said. Gateways to aircraft were not functioning because of the outage, and flight delays were likely, Grangent said. Georgia Power Co. spokeswoman Carol Boatright said a crew was on the scene to help the airport identify what the cause of the fire. She said the problem was with the airport's equipment. "The problem is on their side in their electrical system," Boatright said.

INCIDENT AT BEN GURION INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ISRAEL

London, Nov 10 — A press report, dated Nov 8, states: Despite the termination of Israel Airports Authority Director-General Gabi Ophir two months ago, safety remains a problematic issue at Ben Gurion International Airport, with yet another accident occurring today. About 1700 hrs an El Al Boeing 747 that had flown in from New York landed at Israel's international airport and collided with a cart loaded with crates that had been left in its lane. The aircraft, which was not traveling fast, was approaching a terminal sleeve in preparation to unload its passengers. None of the passengers or crewmembers were injured. Ben Gurion Airport opened an investigation into the incident. Investigators will examine how the trolley was left in the lane and why both the ground navigator and the pilots failed to notice it.

INCIDENT AT FOX HARBOUR AIRPORT, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

London, Nov 12 — Bombardier BD-700-1A11 Global 5000, operated by Jetport Inc, C-GXPR, departed Hamilton at 1153, EST, Nov 11, on a flight to the Fox Harbour private airstrip. Upon landing the left wing is said to have contacted the runway. The aircraft spun and sustained a gear collapse at 1430 hrs.

INCIDENT AT QUITO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EQUADOR

London, Nov 12 — A press report, dated Nov 10, states: An aircraft of Spanish airline Iberia skidded off the runway yesterday when landing at Quito International Airport. No one is hurt in the incident. The accident occurred at 1700, local time, (2000 GMT) at Quito's Mariscal Sucre airport after the aircraft's landing tyres exploded, said an airport official. The aircraft practically went off the runway and finally stopped inclined on one of its wings, said airport director Diego Pachel. The airport was closed after the accident. The aircraft, which came from Madrid, now stops at a protection zone in the airport's northern sector. The aircraft's captain confirmed that nobody is injured or died in the accident, according to Pachel. The passengers, yet undetermined how many, were evacuated through the emergency doors, said Pachel. Pachel said it is apparent the aircraft suffered

major damages, and an investigation will be carried out to determine the causes of the accident.

London, Nov 12 — Airbus A340-642, operated by Iberia, EC-JOH, 349 occupants, sustained one or more tyre bursts on landing at Quito-Mariscal Sucre Airport at 1706, Nov 9. The aircraft overran the runway and came to rest tilting to the left with Nr.1 and 2 engines touching the ground. Damage is substantial.

INCIDENT AT SALT LAKE CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: A Piper Navajo came down without landing gear at Salt Lake International Airport about 0900 hrs, according to the airport. Nobody was hurt, said Dave Korzep, superintendent of airport operations. One of the airport's four runways was shut down while crews cleaned up, Korzep said, but no delays were expected. Firefighters were on hand for the landing but there was no fire, and everyone on board got out without trouble, Korzep said. Investigators are trying to determine what caused the landing gear to fail, Korzep said.

INCIDENT AT SRINAGAR AIRPORT, INDIA

London, Nov 12 — An Air India aircraft caught fire soon after landing at the airport in Srinagar today. However, the crew of the aircraft that had come to pick up Haj pilgrims bound for Saudi Arabia was safe, official sources said. As soon as the aircraft landed at around 1155 hrs, fire broke out in its left tyre and the crew was rescued immediately, the sources said. Fire engines from air force and state fire services were rushed and doused the leaping flames. However, the fire again started in the aircraft and fire service personnel were engaged in putting off the blaze, the sources said. Engineers from Delhi are being called to examine the aircraft.

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: An Air India aircraft, which was grounded for more than five hours after its tyres caught fire during landing, left for Jeddah in Saudi Arabia this evening carrying 215 Haj pilgrims. The aircraft took off at around 1835 hrs from the Srinagar International Airport after its tyres were replaced, an Airport Authority of India official said. Several safety trial runs were also conducted before the aircraft carrying 215 Haj pilgrims, all from Jammu and Kashmir, was given clearance for the take-off, he said. The direct flight between Srinagar and Jeddah was scheduled to leave at 1030 hrs. The aircraft's left tyres caught fire immediately on landing. There were no casualties and the blaze was put off after an hour.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT GROUNDED IN SENEGAL

London, Nov 10 — A press report, dated Nov 9, states: At least 200 South African Airways passengers are

stranded in Senegal. Flight SAA 204 was supposed to land at OR Tambo International last night after leaving JFK in New York City on Wednesday (Nov 7) but the airbus was not able to take off from its scheduled stop-over in Dakar. SAA passengers stranded in Senegal are complaining about a lack of clear information from the airline regarding developments. Flight SAA 204 was grounded this morning following technical problems. Passengers were told there were difficulties with the aircraft, and that the airline would have to wait for spares from Johannesburg. They expected to leave this morning, but after waiting at the airport for more than six hours, they were told that they would spend another day in Dakar. SAA refused to comment, but a ground staff member said it was a minor technical difficulty. Passengers say they were told they would hopefully be leaving tonight.

Port Conditions



AUSTRALIA

London, Nov 12 — The average waiting time for ships wanting to load at Australia's largest coal export terminal has fallen to just under 15 days, according to official data published Nov 8. Newcastle Port Corporation said waiting times were at their lowest for a year. "The coal chain is working efficiently, combined with both good weather conditions and vessel movements, (it) has resulted in lower waiting times," a spokesman for the port said. The average waiting time for ships fell almost 48 hours from week-ago levels to 14.77 days.

INDIA

Kochi, Nov 15 — Container operations at Kochi port have been paralysed due to a labour strike from the evening shift of Nov 14. Negotiations with the labour unions are in progress. Port operations of bulk and oil vessels are not affected. — Lloyd's Agents.

ITALY

Genoa, Nov 12 — Port situation Nov 12: Genoa: One vessel awaiting berth. Average berthing delay one to two days. Savona: No vessels awaiting berths. La Spezia: No vessels awaiting berths. — Lloyd's Agents.

KENYA

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated today, states: Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has had to again call on importers to clear their cargo from the port of Mombasa as the build up of containers reaches beyond saturation point. It has been reported that by Friday (Nov 9) it had reached worrying levels, with over 10,000 containers stored in a facility that has a holding

capacity for between 7,000 and 8,000 containers. KPA chief executive Abdallah Mwaruwa said the port was at a crisis point. "My plea goes to importers to come forward and clear their cargo. It is non-clearance of cargo that is choking the port. As of Thursday morning (Nov 8) there were 10,396 containers, whereas the figure is beyond the container terminal holding capacity at the port." Mwaruwa said that the port had put in place measures of tackling the crisis, but when vessels arrived with large discharges the build-up accelerated. The solution, he said emphatically, lay squarely with importers to clear their cargo. He commended port employees for a good performance even when things were almost impossible.

MOZAMBIQUE

London, Nov 13 — A press report, dated Nov 12, states: Significant amounts of Malawian exports and imports are once again using the northern Mozambican port of Nacala, reports today's issue of the Maputo daily "Noticias." The port, and the rail corridor that connects it to Malawi handled 119,351 tonnes of cargo in September, which was the largest

volume in a single month since the leasing of the port to private management in January 2005. This was a 63% increase on the August figure. The port handled 4,107 containers in September, which was a 55% rise when compared with August. By the end of the third quarter of this year, Nacala port had handled nearly the same volume of cargo as in all 12 months of 2006.

PAKISTAN

Karachi, Nov 14 — Pakistan's leading businessmen trade body, Karachi Chambers of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) shown apprehensions that delay in handling of containers/cargo at private sector terminal, Karachi International Container Terminal (KICT), a subsidiary of Hutchison Port Holdings of Hong Kong at Karachi Port have increased the cost of import and export and delay in release of consignments. Mohammad Haroon Agar, Vice President, KCCI in a statement today said: "Owing to scarce storage facility and inept handling of cargoes at KICT imported consignments are being cleared with a delay of two to three weeks instead of

24 hours. He said that due to this delay in clearance of consignments, cost of imported raw materials used in textile and other sectors, edible items etc. are continuously on the rise. He further said that for the ease of importers, government had permitted and given access to Private Containers Terminals to use the two ports for cargo handling. However, they are not easing the importers/exporters problems. He alleged that due to incentives bestowed to private shipping companies by KICT, a large number of shipping companies have diverted and started clearance of their imported cargo handling through KICT resulting in increase in cargo rush at KICT to manifold. While at the same time, due to delay in clearance and examination of imported consignments importers are facing demurrages and detention charges. Agar lamented that despite the heavy handling charges recovered and received by KICT neither it has increased its cargo handling capacity nor paid any attention to expand the cargo storage facility. He strongly urged the authorities of both the KICT to take necessary steps and resolve problems. — Correspondent.

Port Delays

Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association received Nov 19 - 21

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
Azerbaijan		
Apscheron	19-Nov-2007	Oil products: Dubendi terminal: 3 vessels berthed of which 2 empty and waiting to sail, 1 discharging crude oil.
Baku	19-Nov-2007	Oil products: Bay of Baku: no vessels; AzerTrans terminal: no vessels; Nobel avenue: 1 vessel berthed, discharging crude oil; Sangachal district: no vessels.
Bulgaria		
Bourgas	19-Nov-2007	Five vessels in port operating, of which 2 loading (1 gasoil, 1 containers), 3 discharging (1 wheat, 1 steel billets, 1 copper concentrate); 1 vessel in roads for repairs; 3 vessels due, of which 1 to load steel billets, 2 to discharge (1 wheat, 1 metals).
Varna	19-Nov-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Electrical Power Station, Balchik: Conditions 12-18 November: Twenty-two vessels in port operating of which 11 loading (1 bulk sulphuric acid, 2 equipment in packing cases, 1 soda, 2 caustic soda solution, 2 bulk clinker, 1 kaolin, 1 soda/bagged chamotte, 1 containers/equipment), 8 discharging (2 raw phosphate, 1 bulk wheat, 2 steel coils, 2 coal, 1 bulk clay), 3 discharging/loading (2 containers, 1 equipment in packing cases/pipes/bulk cement); no vessels waiting in roads.
Egypt		
Adabiya	19-Nov-2007	Two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), both general cargo.
Alexandria	19-Nov-2007	Thirty-eight vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 35 general cargo, 3 container vessels; 1 vessel at outer anchorage.
Damietta	19-Nov-2007	Twenty-two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 15 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier, 6 container vessels; 5 vessels at outer anchorage, 2 at inner anchorage.
Dekheila	19-Nov-2007	Seven vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 3 general cargo, 4 bulk carriers; 6 vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	19-Nov-2007	Two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), both general cargo.
Suez	19-Nov-2007	Five vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 3 general cargo, 2 passenger vessels; 4 tugs, 3 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	19-Nov-2007	Twenty-five vessels transiting Northbound, 35 Southbound.
Kazakhstan		
Aktau	19-Nov-2007	Oil products: 4 vessels berthed, of which 3 completed loading crude oil, 1 loading crude oil; 4 vessels in roads, all to load unknown cargoes; 1 vessel due by 20/11 to load unknown cargo.

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Aviation/Port Conditions

Russia

Novorossiysk	19-Nov-2007	Twenty-two vessels in port operating, of which 14 loading, (2 copper, 1 pipes/equipment, 2 steel billets, 2 slabs, 1 zinc, 1 coils, 2 wheat, 1 aluminium, 2 diesel oil), 6 discharging (3 bulk sugar, 2 bulk cement, 1 livestock), 2 loading/discharging (1 containers, 1 barley/wheat); 36 vessels waiting in roads, of which 19 to load (3 wheat, 1 steel billets/pipes/equipment, 1 slabs, 1 coils/WRIC, 3 copper, 1 steel billets, 1 lead/zinc, 1 pipes/coils/vehicles, 3 diesel oil, 1 UAN solution, 1 aluminium, 1 coils, 1 steel sheets), 15 to discharge (7 bulk sugar, 1 meat products, 3 bulk cement, 1 debars, 2 oranges, 1 equipment), 2 to discharge/load containers; 76 vessels due, of which 61 to load (9 UAN solution, 1 coke, 8 steel billets, 1 natrium sulphate/tripoliphosphate/soda ash, 4 slabs, 3 equipment, 2 WRIC, 2 coils, 7 copper, 1 soda ash, 1 vegetable oil, 1 pipes/vehicles, 1 bulk ammonium nitrate, 4 wheat, 2 pipes, 5 aluminium, 1 coils/pipes, 2 copper WRIC, 1 diesel oil, 1 HBI, 1 lead, 1 cellulose, 1 steel sheets, 1 vehicles), 14 to discharge (1 equipment, 3 bulk cement, 2 zinc concentrate, 2 bulk sugar, 1 vehicles, 1 angles, 1 H-beams, 2 vegetable oil, 1 bananas), 1 to discharge/load containers. Oil terminal: 3 tankers berthed, all loading, of which 2 crude oil, 1 diesel oil; 1 tanker in roads to load crude oil; 8 tankers due, all to load, of which 6 crude oil, 2 diesel oil.
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Slovenia

Koper	19-Nov-2007	Port working normally. Thirteen vessels berthed of which 2 loading general cargo, 1 discharging general cargo, 1 loading bulk cargo, 6 discharging bulk cargo, 1 Ro/Ro loading vehicles/general cargo, 2 car carriers discharging vehicles; 5 vessels waiting at anchorage, of which 2 to load general cargo, 2 to discharge bulk cargo, 1 tanker to discharge liquid cargo; 14 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 5 to discharge/load containers, 3 to load general cargo/sawn timber, 2 to discharge bulk cargo, 2 tankers to discharge liquid cargo, 2 car carriers to discharge/load vehicles.
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Spain

Bilbao	19-Nov-2007	Thirty-nine vessels operating (8 tankers, 31 other vessels), of which 4 loading, 24 discharging, 11 loading/discharging.
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Turkmenistan

Aladja	19-Nov-2007	Oil products: 1 vessel berthed, completed loading crude oil.
Okarem	19-Nov-2007	Oil products: 1 vessel berthed, loading crude oil.
Turkmenbashi	19-Nov-2007	Oil products: 2 vessels berthed, of which 1 completed loading gasoline, 1 loading jet fuel; 11 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 6 fuel oil, 1 gasoline, 1 gasoil, 1 kerosene, 2 unknown cargoes; 1 vessel due 17/11 to load gasoil.

Ukraine

Odessa	19-Nov-2007	Twenty-three vessels in port operating, of which 9 loading (1 ore, 6 metal, 2 wheat), 5 discharging (2 luggage, 1 sugar, 1 meat, 1 bananas), 4 loading/discharging (3 containers, 1 metal/citrus) 5 passenger vessels; 7 vessels in roads, of which 1 to load wheat, 5 to discharge (2 sugar, 2 barley, 1 equipment), 1 to load/discharge containers; 88 vessels due, of which 54 to load (37 metal, 1 scrap, 3 pig-iron, 1 ore, 5 wheat, 1 soya, 1 timber, 1 barley, 1 coal), 6 to discharge (2 bananas, 1 oil, 1 fish, 1 ore, 1 general cargo), 31 to discharge/load containers.
Ilichevsk	19-Nov-2007	Thirteen vessels in port operating, of which 8 loading (2 steel products, 2 sunflower oil, 2 wheat, 1 sulphur, 1 sunflower seed cake), 3 discharging (1 construction materials, 1 consumer goods, 1 oil), 2 loading/discharging containers; 7 vessels in roads, of which 4 to load (2 steel products, 1 wheat, 1 barley), 2 to discharge (1 consumer goods, 1 barley), 1 to discharge/load containers; 12 vessels due, of which 8 to load (6 steel products, 1 sunflower oil, 1 ferro nickel), 2 to discharge (1 palm oil, 1 manganese ore), 2 to load/discharge containers.
Mariupol	19-Nov-2007	Twelve vessels in port operating, all loading, of which 7 steel, 1 clay, 1 sunflower cake, 1 slag, 2 ammonium nitrate; 9 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 8 steel, 1 clay; 38 vessels due, of which 36 to load (28 steel, 2 coal, 5 clay, 1 slag), 2 to discharge (1 iron ore, 1 equipment).

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