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MARITIME SECURITY ADVISORY – 01/2008

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SUBJECT: ENHANCED SECURITY LEVEL 2 - FOR VESSELS OPERATING IN THE COASTAL WATERS OR IN PORTS IN NIGERIA

Dear Owners/Operators/Masters:

Due to the continuous increase in the number and intensity of piracy, robbery and armed attacks against ships operating in coastal waters and calling the ports in Nigeria, operators are advised to consider postponing or avoiding port calls in Nigeria. If these port calls are unavoidable, the Administration recommends the following procedures to further enhance the security and piracy deterrence in addition to the procedures required by setting the MANDATORY SECURITY LEVEL 2 for all Liberian flagged vessels when calling on ports, and operating in the coastal waters of NIGERIA.

The increase to Security Level II will remain in effect until further notice.

Ships arriving in the affected area are required to report setting of SECURITY LEVEL II to the Administration via e-mail to security@LISCR.com.

- Owner/Agent should consider employing additional security personnel to augment the current onboard security and roving detail.
- Owner/Agent should consider securing the services of an escort vessel, especially a naval vessel, while in transit.
- Charter party to recognize and delay arrival, if there is no berth available to limit the time spent by a vessel in port and at anchor.

Masters are advised to remain vigilant and question the intentions of all craft approaching their vessels and follow below instructions:

- Navigate as far as possible from the coastlines of threat areas.
- Master's are advised to keep in close coordination with the CSO, Authorities, and Administration.
- Emphasize extra security measures by adding more security personnel and roving watches as necessary.

- Constant radio watch should be maintained with the appropriate shore or naval authorities.
- Keep a constant radar watch and closely monitor all targets.
- Maximize human surveillance and the visibility of people and security measures
- Refresh the crew regarding all the anti piracy measures as recommended by the ship security plan.
- Brief the crew regarding special security measures taken, before arrival to this region.
- Ensure that ship's crew understands their part in all anti piracy measures, and have all the necessary security training required.
- While underway, consider using maximum lighting available consistent with the ship's safe navigation.
 - Using spotlights and floodlights to enhance visibility of the deck and areas surrounding the vessel.
 - Using lighting to enhance visibility of the surrounding water and waterline.
- Rig all the available equipment necessary to deter pirates from coming on board such as charging fire hoses.
- Limit access to vessel to a single controlled access point while at anchor or in port; and sealing all accommodation and stores access while underway.
- Limit carriage of cash on board, reducing the temptation for piracy and robbery.
- When possible, avoid dropping anchor, drift and stand by to increase speed and leave the area if need be.
- Provided that navigational safety allows while underway, evasive maneuvers, or heavy wheel movements.
- Complete a Declaration of Security and implement highest security measures necessary.

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