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TO ALL SHIPOWNER CLIENTS

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Re: *IMPORTANT NOTICE*** - Fines for fender damage claims in Egyptian ports**

Please find below a new **ALERT** from Gray Page, a specialist maritime consulting group, which provides important information regarding an increasing number of fender damage claims at various Egyptian ports and the recommended preventative action which should be taken to avoid a claim situation arising.

We would suggest this information is distributed to your office, as well as being sent to the Master(s)/Chief Officers(s) of your vessel(s) so that they are aware of the action to be taken to avoid such claims.

With kind regards,

The Loss Prevention Team

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Sent: 24 May 2016 11:38

To: Amgad Wanis

Subject: A new alert from Gray Page

Risk: Fines for fender damage claims in Egyptian ports

Background

We have received reports of an increasing number of fender damage claims at various Egyptian ports, namely Port Said, Alexandria, Damietta and El-Dekheila.

Once damage has been alleged by the port authority, the vessel is not permitted to sail until one of the following is put in place:

- The vessel's agent must sign a non-negotiable guarantee containing an admission of liability. However, such a guarantee is only accepted by port authority in certain circumstances.
- The claim is fully covered by a certified bank cheque in favour of the port authority.
- The claim is covered by an unconditional bank guarantee.

Assessment and Analysis

We recommend that the following actions are taken to avoid claims arising:

- The vessel's agent should be asked to visually inspect fenders mounted on the quay where the vessel is due to berth, prior to vessel's berthing and again upon departure, and report any damages to the port authority by a formal letter supported with photographs.
- The vessel's master, before berthing, may also wish to consider taking photographs of any fender suspected to be damaged, missing or found to be in poor condition, notifying the agents of such damages so that it can be promptly reported to the port authority.
- Owners may wish to consider also appointing a surveyor to inspect fenders before arrival, during berthing and after departure, notifying the agent of any damages.

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