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TO ALL SHIPOWNER CLIENTS

Re: Pirates Attack Tanker 100 nm off Muscat

Please find here attached a new **ALERT** from Gray Page, a specialist maritime consulting group, advising of recent pirate attack in the Gulf of Oman, which is highly relevant for all ship owners' whose trading warranty within their insurance terms including this area. We would strongly recommend that Kidnap & Ransom insurance is arranged if trading to the 'high' risk areas.

We would suggest this information is distributed to your office, as well as being sent to the Master(s)/Chief Officer(s) of your vessel(s) if relevant.

Best regards,

Loss Prevention Team

A new alert from Gray Page



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To: Sarnia <sarnia@sarniamarine.com>;

Pirates attack tanker 100 nm off Muscat

Background

EU NAVFOR has confirmed that an oil tanker – the NAVIG8 PROVIDENCE – came under attack by suspected armed pirates early morning on 1st June, while in the Gulf of Oman.

A statement by EU NAVFOR states:

“MT NAVIG8 Providence was at sea 100 nautical miles east of Muscat when she was approached by six armed men in a skiff. It is understood that as the skiff moved towards the tanker, there was an exchange of small arms fire between the suspected pirates and the maritime security team on board the tanker.

In an email to EU NAVFOR, the master of the MT NAVIG8 Providence stated that his ship’s protection team saw a ladder in the skiff.

After carrying out defensive manoeuvres in accordance with the Shipping Industry recognised Best Management Practices (BMP4), together with the armed response from MT NAVIG8 Providence’s protection team, the suspected pirates broke off their attack and the vessel and crew are now safe.

Counter-piracy naval forces are coordinating a response to search for the skiff.”

Assessment and Analysis

There has been a well-documented increase in pirate activity in the GoAASIOR over the last 4 months, targeting dhows and merchant ships.

This is the furthest east pirates have attacked a ship during the recent spate of incidents and may indicate a progression towards operating at increased distances from the Somali coast.

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