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Misuga Kaiun Co., Ltd.

Managed Vessel Grounded off Hachinohe (2)

The dedicated wood-chip carrier Crimson Polaris, whose ship management is undertaken by Misuga Kaiun Co., Ltd. from MI-DAS LINE S.A. (an affiliate of Doun Kisen Co., Ltd.), ran aground off Hachinohe in Aomori prefecture on August 11. The hull of the vessel split into two and confirmed an oil spill on August 12.

We are in the progress of removing spilled oil and continue to monitor the movement of split ship's hulls with the Japan Coast Guard.

1. The quantity of spilled oil into the sea has not been identified yet as of August 13, 15:00JST.

The vessel possesses about 1,550 mt of very-low sulphur fuel oil and about 130mt of marine gas oil at the time of grounding on August 11. Marine Disaster Prevention Center continues to clean spilled oil using dispersants and oil sorbents. At the same time, we are preparing to collect the spilled oil reached to the beach and take out the remaining oil from the tank in the split hulls.

2. The hull of the vessel split into two forward and aft parts due to the crack propagation between cargo hold No.5 and 6. The forward part stays at the current position by two anchors, and the aft part seems to have landed on the bottom of the sea. We, the manager, the ship owner, charterer, salvage company, and concerned parties are considering the method of towing and treatment of the split hulls with the highest priority on environmental pollution prevention. The tug boats are on standby to monitor the movement of the hull with close attention to weather and sea conditions.

3. The cause of the grounding is under investigation, and Japan Coast Guard is interviewing the ship's crew members, including Captain.

Misuga Kaiun has organized a crisis management center led by Misuga Kaiun president Masami Iwai to address the situation rapidly. The five company personnel have been sent to the site. We take every effort that the situation will be brought to a safe and timely conclusion.

[Profile of Crimson Polaris]

Type of ship: Wood-chip carrier

Length/Breadth: 199.9M / 32.2M

Gross tonnage: 39,910 tonnes

Year of built: 2008

The number and nationality of seafarers: 21 (Chinese, Filipino)

Flag: Panama

Shipowner: MI-DAS Line S.A.