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Misuga Kaiun Co., Ltd.

Managed Vessel Grounded off Hachinohe (3)

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 the oil spill on August 12.

We are in the process of removing spilled oil and continue to monitor the movement of split ship's hulls with relevant authorities.

1. As of August 18 at 11:00 AM, the quantity of spilled oil is still under investigation.

Large oil recovery vessels and tug boats continue removing the floating oil on the sea using oil dispersants, oil skimming net, and oil absorbents.

The condition of the beach is being investigated, and "Beach Cleaner" is collecting the oil and oily garbage reached to the beach.

2. The condition of split ship's hull

The aft part turned upside-down, and the only bottom of the hull can be seen over the sea for now. The forward part seems to keep the condition in the current position.

Diver inspection has been conducted on August 17 while the weather was temporarily improved. The diver reported that no crack was observed on the fracture surface of the forward part.

A tug boat is continued to be placed near the split hulls for patrol. Our priority remains to prevent environmental pollution, and we keep the discussion with the relevant authority and the salvage company for further action.

We keep proceeding with removing spilled oil on the sea and beach and investigating the condition of the split hull, including under the sea. We will also prevent further oil spills, keep the position of split hulls, and collect the remaining oil inside the vessel.

We do our best to minimize the damage and solve the situation with Japan Coast Guard and all parties involved.

[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.