

August 12, 2021 11:00AM

Misuga Kaiun Co., Ltd.

Managed Vessel Grounded off Hachinohe (1)

Crimson Polaris, a dedicated wood-chip carrier managed by Misuga Kaiun Co., Ltd., was swept away by a strong wind while anchored and resultantly ran aground off Hachinohe in Aomori prefecture at around 7:35 am (JST) on August 11. Afterward, the hull of the vessel split into two at 4:15 am on August 12, and oil from the vessel has spilled into the ocean. The quantity of spilled oil is under investigation.

All crew members have been evacuated from the ship before the split and confirmed that they are safe.

Currently, the split hull is floating about 4km offshore, and Japan Coast Guard is dealing with it on-site.

The vessel is owned by MI-DAS Line S.A. and managed by Misuga Kaiun Co., Ltd. NYK is currently chartering this ship from the shipowner.

Misuga Kaiun has organized a crisis management center led by Misuga Kaiun president Masami Iwai to address the situation rapidly. In addition, Company personnel has been sent to the site. Furthermore, we are working with the Japan Coast Guard and relevant authorities and other parties concerned, including the shipowner and charterer, and making every effort to solve the situation as soon as possible.

[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.

Ship charterer: NYK Line

Ship management company: Misuga Kaiun Co., Ltd.