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Misuga Kaiun Co., Ltd.

Managed Vessel Grounded off Hachinohe (5)

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, and it caused the split of hulls and oil spillage.

Aside from the oil removal work arranged by the shipowner, we are in the process of preparing for the onboard remaining oil removal with the relevant authorities.

Due to the weather and sea conditions, the oil recovery operation from the forward part at sea was expected to take longer. In order to make the work smoother and safer, we have established another plan of towing and mooring the forward part in the Hachinohe Port for pumping out the oil, with the understanding and cooperation of the local government, related organizations, those concerned with the fishing industry, and other concerned parties.

In this regard, we held a briefing session with local concerned parties to explain the modification to the plan.

1. Date and time: August 26, 2021
2. Place: A hotel in Hachinohe city
3. Outline: Explanation by the salvage company arranged by the shipowner
 - (1) Concerns in case of the oil removal at sea (longer work, dragging due to bad weather, collision with other vessels, another oil spillage, and potential risk of the divers)
 - (2) Condition of the forward part (whether the pipeline from fuel oil tank is closed, whether no hole on vessel's bottom is seen, balance adjustment by the ballast water, confirmation of no oil spillage, and loading some equipment for oil recovery operation)
 - (3) Condition of the fuel oil tank
 - (4) Method of towing the forward part into Hachinohe port (towing arrangement, towing route, mooring arrangements at wharf No.1 berth D, and the oil recovery plan at the berth)
 - (5) Arranged oil recovery vessel/equipment at sea and shore
 - (6) Oil recovery working process of the forward part (expected completion date of pumping out the remaining oil: around the middle of September, expected completion date of unloading the loaded cargo: around the end of September)
 - (7) Towing timetable scheduled on August 27
4. Attendees: Local government (Aomori prefecture, Iwate prefecture, the city and town located coastal area from Rokkasho to Noda), local authorities such as customs and police, fisheries cooperatives, fisheries industry-related organizations, and so on.

Shipowner and we will keep updating the progress in a timely manner.

We will be doing our best to minimize the damage and solve the situation as soon as possible with Japan Coast Guard and the relevant authorities, including the shipowner and charterer.

[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.