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### **Rescues the Survivors of Sinking Fishing Boat off Indian West Coast**

M/T “Aquarius Wing”, while under way, a VLCC owned and managed by our group rescued 11 survivors at off Indian West Coast on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Details of the rescue are as follows:

- On September 13th at 21:30H (following are all in local time), the subject vessel, while under way from Saudi Arabia to Yokkaichi Port, Mie Prefecture, received a request for rescue by radio from an Indian registered fishing boat “AKTHURA BALA” off Mangalore, Kerala State, West Coast of India.
- On September 14th 00:18H, the subject vessel rescued 11 survivors, including children, from flooded fishing boat just before sinking.
- On the same date, at 14:30H, in order to hand over to Indian coast Guard boat, the subject vessel headed to Cochin but due to swells caused by monsoon, coming along side to the boat was difficult.
- On the same date, at 16:45H, 11 survivors were safely transferred to the helicopter of the Indian Coast Guard.

The subject vessel received a Letter of Appreciation from Indian Coast Guard Region (West) that the timely rescue was noteworthy and the best traditions of the merchantmen.

#### **【 Details of AQUARIUS WING 】**

Master	: Capt. Hideyuki Handa
Flag	: Panama
Number of Crew	: 25 crews including Master (9 Japanese and 16 Filipinos)
Deadweight	: 299,990 KT
Gross tonnage	: 159,953 ton
Type of vessel	: Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC)
Operator	: Messrs. Nippon Global Tanker Co., Ltd.

