

Press Release 2 - January 14, 2011

English

Shipcraft A/S can confirm that the M/V Leopard was hijacked on Wednesday 12 January 2011. We believe that following unsuccessful attempts to start the main-engine, the pirates abandoned the M/V Leopard, taking the six-man crew with them. The full circumstances of the hijack are unclear at this stage. The appropriate Danish and international authorities have been informed.

We are as from the outset in contact with the crews' families to ensure that they are aware of the situation, and we are offering them every support possible. Shipcraft A/S's top priority remains the safety of the crew, and everything possible is being done to resolve the situation as quickly as possible. In order to ensure the safety of the crew, we are not at liberty to release any further information about this incident at this stage. The media is asked, therefore, to respect both the sensitive nature of the situation and the privacy of the crew members' families during this difficult time.

As soon as we have further relevant information, same will be released via Ritzau, as well as published on this site.

Dansk

Shipcraft A/S kan bekræfte, at M/V Leopard blev kapret af pirater onsdag 12. januar. Vi formoder, at det herefter af uvisse årsager ikke er lykkedes at starte hovedmotoren, og at piraterne derefter forlod skibet medbringende vores 6 mand store besætning. De fuldstændige omstændigheder er dog stadig uklare. Danske og internationale myndigheder er alle informeret.

Siden 12. januar har vi været i kontakt med pårørende til besætningen for at sikre, at de er orienterede om situationen og tilbyde dem bedst mulige assistance. Vores højeste prioritet lige nu er vores besætnings velbefindende, og vi gør alt, hvad der kan gøres for at løse den nuværende situation hurtigst muligt. Af hensyn til vores besætnings sikkerhed er vi for nuværende ikke i stand til at komme med yderligere informationer. Vi vil derfor gerne bede medierne respektere både den følsomme situation samt vores besætnings familiers privatliv.

Så snart vi er i besiddelse af yderligere relevante nyheder, vil de blive offentliggjort via Ritzau og være at finde på denne hjemmeside.