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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF THE FINDINGS AND CLOSING OF THE MARINE INCIDENT OF THE VESSEL M/V WHITTINGTON IMO#8755871

To whom may it concern:

The above mentioned vessel a serious marine incident when on November 1st 2018 when a crew member, without giving proper notification, entered a column of the rig which was saturated with carbon monoxide. Three seafarers lost their lives due to lack of oxygen.

The owners and managers worked together with the Marine Investigator in order to understand the incident, and work on prevention measures including:

1. Must be a clear instructions and procedure from Owner/Manager to all the signed on crew to be understand and familiar with the procedure of enclosed space entry
2. It is recommended to prohibit any signed on crew to enter any enclosed space before conducting the enclosed space training and drills .
3. The enclosed space must be thoroughly ventilated by natural or mechanical means to remove any toxic, hazardous or flammable gases, and to ensure that there is an adequate level of oxygen throughout the space;
4. The atmosphere must be tested with properly calibrated and appropriate instruments before and while entering the enclosed space to assess that the atmosphere within the space is safe.
5. Special care for the long time decommissioned Unit/Vessel, which all the enclosed space where required to work inside to be assigned, ventilated well, and measured by multi-gas detectors before any attempting to entry



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6. All enclosed space access doors, hatches or manholes should be secured against inadvertent entry.
7. It is recommended that all enclosed spaces are highlighted as being hazardous and requiring an entry permit before entering. This can be done using signs and warning notices.
8. The rescue team should never enter the enclosed space to attempt a rescue without taking the proper precautions. Many multiple fatalities have occurred when well-intentioned crew have attempted a rescue without following the correct procedures.

The reports (preliminary and final report) has been published in GISIS and will be published in our website as per PISR procedures.

This incident is considered closed.

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