



## BERMUDA MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTICE

### **Notification Following Armed Pirate Attack on Vessel on Approach to Bonny Pilot Station, Nigeria**

Notice to all Company Security Officers, Ships, Vessel Owners, Ship Operators and Managers, Masters and Officers of Bermuda Registered ships

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This Bermuda Merchant Shipping Information Note (“BMIN”) is issued to increase awareness of pirate activity on the approaches to Bonny, Nigeria.

The Bermuda Shipping and Maritime Authority has been made aware of a pirate attack in which a Bermuda registered ship was fired upon and five attempts to board were made, approximately 14nm from the Bonny pilot station and 7nm from the Okwori Oilfield Terminal.

As the vessel was reducing speed for arrival at the pilot station an open fibre boat carrying nine armed people approached the ship at high speed. In preparation for arrival the ship was operating at security level 2 and was hardened with razor wire, fire hoses and evictor cannons rigged. The pirates were spotted at a distance of approximately 3nm from the ship, which immediately increased speed to maximum and undertook evasive manoeuvres. During the 45 minute duration of the attack five separate attempts were made to board the vessel and three separate shots were fired.

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