

Date: 12 April 2024

To: **The concerned owners of Cargo / Containers onboard the “DALI”**

**“DALI” – General Average**

On 26 March 2024 whilst departing the port of Baltimore, the vessel struck the Francis Scott Key Bridge. The bridge collapsed and part of the bridge came to rest on the bow of the vessel. Salvors have been appointed to remove the remnants of the bridge and free the ship and cargo.

The above situation gives rise to General Average. As a consequence, shipowners have declared General Average and have appointed Richards Hogg Lindley / CTA (Japan) to collect necessary General Average security and prepare an Adjustment.

The General Average security required from cargo and container interests is summarised as follows:-

1. **Insured cargo.**

Average Guarantee completed and signed by the cargo insurers, together with a copy of the cargo invoice. If the cargo invoice does not already include the cost of the sea freight charges, then please also provide that information. Completed Average Guarantees should be sent by email to Richards Hogg Lindley at [dali-casualty@rhl-ct.com](mailto:dali-casualty@rhl-ct.com)

Please quote the ship name (DALI) plus the container number(s) and bill of lading number in all email correspondence.

OR

2. **Uninsured cargo.**

Average Bond completed and signed by cargo owners, together with a copy of the cargo invoice. If the cargo invoice does not already include the cost of the sea freight charges, then please also provide that information. These can be submitted electronically via the following link:

<https://eu.docusign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=3ec12836-ebf8-47f2-aef2-afada98becd2&env=eu&acct=c8fe1757-d24b-4004-a382-f736dd5cf208&v=2&CasualtyId=13&CasualtyName=DALI>

For uninsured cargo, a cash deposit will also be required instead of an insurers' guarantee. The level of cash deposit has not yet been set. Details of the cash deposit and further instructions about arranging payment will be posted on the casualty website of Richards Hogg Lindley as soon as possible and an updated notice circulated.

### **RHL Casualty Website**

Blank General Average security forms, plus further news and information including release procedures for cargo will be made available at: <https://rhlclientarea.ctplc.com>

Select the vessel's name (**DALI**) from the dropdown menu and enter the password which for this case is: GDAL575863

### **Delivery of Cargo**

Cargo can only be released after acceptable General Average security has been provided.

A list of cargoes for which sufficient General Average security has been provided will be published on the casualty website and will be updated daily. Cargo owners should contact their shipping company in the usual way to arrange delivery once their container is listed.

### **Note regarding LCL / Groupage cargo**

Freight forwarders should URGENTLY provide RHL with a full breakdown of any LCL / Groupage containers as soon as possible in order to readily identify all the individual shipments within the container. This breakdown should include house bill of lading numbers, cargo descriptions, cargo weights plus details of the shippers and receivers of the goods.

**Please treat this as a matter of utmost urgency to avoid unnecessary delay: cargo cannot be released until the General Average requirements have been met.**

We thank you for cooperation in this matter.

**RICHARDS HOGG LINDLEY**

