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### **MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN (MSIB) 02-11**

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#### **Maritime Security**

At approximately 2000 on November 17, 2011, a Breach of Security (BOS) incident occurred on a U.S. flagged vessel approximately 40 miles off the delta region of Nigeria. The vessel was attacked by an armed group of assailants who took three crewmembers hostage from the vessel and departed. Firearms were discharged by the assailants during the attack, and the Chief Mate was severely beaten.

Due to the severity and nature of this incident, I want to ensure that companies with vessels operating in this region are made aware of the particulars of this incident and take appropriate actions for the protection of their vessels and crews. It is highly recommended that vessels operating in Nigerian Waters, including the oil fields off the Nigerian Coast, remain extremely vigilant. All Company Security Officers and Vessel Security Officers should review their respective Vessel Security Plans to ensure full compliance and implementation. This includes all requirements of Maritime Security Directive 104-6 (Rev. 5), Guidelines for U.S. Vessels Operating in High Risk Waters and 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 101 and 104.

If during the course of the resulting investigation there are useful lessons learned, best practices, or vulnerabilities identified, they will be disseminated in future MSIBs.

For additional information or clarification regarding this Marine Safety Bulletin, please contact Activities Europe Senior Investigating Officer at the above number or address.

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