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"COAST GUARD APPROVES 'COFRSURE' PROGRAM AS COFR GUARANTOR"

The U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center announced its approval of the COFRSURE program as a new provider of insurance guaranties furnished as evidence of financial responsibility for vessel owners and operators who face potential water pollution liabilities. The COFRSURE program is an insurance vehicle of Terra Nova Underwriting Agency Ltd., as agent for Scandinavian Reinsurance Company Limited of Bermuda. Vessel operators, who intend to use U.S. waters, are required by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and Superfund, to prearrange evidence which demonstrates their ability to pay removal costs and damages resulting from an oil or hazardous substance spill. The required amounts of prearranged financial responsibility depend upon the vessel's type and size. A vessel, which complies with regulations implementing these laws, is issued a Vessel Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR).

The COFRSURE program is approved to provide insurance guaranties in amounts up to four hundred million dollars. The Scandinavian Reinsurance Company Limited, the actual insurance guarantor, is licensed as an insurer under the laws of Bermuda. It is reinsured through an extensive program with reinsurers located in Bermuda and London.

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