



February 28, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director

THRU : The OIC, PENR Officer

FROM : The CENR Officer

SUBJECT : **INCIDENT REPORT ON THE HALF-SUBMERGED MOTOR TANKER MT PRINCESS EMPRESS IN BALINGAWAN POINT, NAUJAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO AS OF 2:00 PM OF EVEN DATE**

Forwarded is the incident report on half-submerged motor tanker in Balingawan Point, Naujan Oriental Mindoro. The maritime accident happened today. The report was obtained in coordination with Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer (CG SCPO) Rommel S. Villarba of Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

Based on the report, the MT Princess Empress came from Bataan en route to Iloilo. It has 20 crew members and carrying approximately 800,000 liters of industrial fuel oil.

Accordingly, as per their initial investigation, the vessel encountered an engine trouble because of overheating. It drifted towards the vicinity waters off Balingawan Point, Naujan due to rough sea conditions until it became half-submerged.

The PCG deployed its personnel to provide necessary technical assistance and surveillance (on-board and aerial) for possible oil spill. Meanwhile, the 20 crew members were already rescued.

As of this moment, the PCG has informed that there is no report of oil spill per the Maritime Environmental Protection Unit. This office shall continuously coordinate with the PCG and Municipal Local Government Unit of Naujan to monitor and provide update on the maritime accident.

For information and record.


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