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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Director**
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THRU: **The Assistant Regional Director**
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FROM : **The OIC, PENR Officer**
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SUBJECT : **INITIAL REPORT ON THE HALF-SUBMERGED MT PRINCESS
EMPRESS LOCATED AT TABLAS STRAIT, BALINGAWAN
POINT, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO DATED 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

This pertains to the report of GMA News about the "Half-Submerged MT Princess Empress" carrying 800,000 liters of Industrial Fuel Oil (IFO) located near Tablas Island, Romblon on 28 February 2023 around 2:00 A.M. per information provided by the Batangas Port Manager Joselito Sinocruz.

Initially, this Office together with EMS-Romblon proceeded and coordinated with the Philippine Coast Guard Detachment in Odiongan, Romblon. According to PCG-PO1 Hermel Arroyo, the untoward incident happened within Tablas Strait, Balingawan Point, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro and not near Tablas Island, Romblon as reported in the news.

Accordingly, all crew successfully rescued by a foreign vessel MV EPES and the authorities assessing for the possible traces of oil spill. Per reliable source, the PCG Personnel at present are still in the area for the conduct of assessment.

The progress report on the said incident will follow.

For information and further instruction.


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Cc: ARD for Technical Services



PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



PCG-PO1 Hermel Arroyo (left), OIC, PENR Officer Arnoldo A. Blaza Jr.,
EMS-Romblon, Engr. Jacquelyn S. Pamintuan, MES Chief James Mendoza
and PO III Raymund G. Inocencio





DENR PENRO Romblon and EMB MIMAROPA coordinated with the
Philippine Coast Guard Detachment in Odiongan, Romblon



Location of Half-submerged MT Princess Empress



Location of Half-submerged MT Princess Empress

MT Princess Empress



Legend

- MT Princess Empress
- Projected Vessel Route
- Tablas Strait

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