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INTERCARGO stresses its commitment to MARPOL on World Maritime Day

As the global shipping industry today celebrates World Maritime Day with its central theme of “MARPOL at 50”, the International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO) has stressed its commitment to the full implementation of MARPOL regulations onboard dry bulk carriers.

Introduced in 1973, The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) is the main international convention covering prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships from operational or accidental causes.

INTERCARGO is committed to international efforts to protect our marine environments. The dry bulk sector is arguably the most efficient cargo carriage mode on earth. INTERCARGO members are expected to fully comply with global environmental and anti-pollution regulations and go beyond them by adopting best practices and demonstrating operational excellence in setting the standards for industry-wide environmental protection.

Actively participating at the International Maritime Organization, where it has held NGO status since the early 1990s, INTERCARGO is at the heart of global efforts to create a safe, efficient, high quality and environmentally friendly shipping industry.

For an overview of INTERCARGO’s work in relation to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), please watch our Association’s videos on “Dry Bulk Shipping: Sustainably serving the world’s essential needs”¹

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About INTERCARGO: International shipping is vital for the global economy and prosperity as it transports approximately 90% of world trade. The dry bulk sector is the largest shipping sector in terms of number of ships and deadweight. Dry bulk carriers account for 43% of the world fleet (in tonnage) and carry an estimated 55% of the global transport work.

The International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO) unites and promotes quality dry bulk shipping, bringing together 250 forward thinking companies from 30 countries. INTERCARGO convened for the first time in 1980 in London and has been participating with consultative status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) since 1993. INTERCARGO provides the forum where dry bulk shipowners, managers and operators are informed about, discuss, and share concerns on key topics and regulatory challenges, especially in relation to safety, the environment, and operational excellence. The Association takes forward its members' positions to IMO, as well as to other shipping and international industry fora, having free and fair competition as a principle.