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## MARINE CASUALTY ADVISORY FIRE & ABANDONMENT OF CAR CARRIER VESSEL

Update issued by Skytek: at 12:00 GMT on 21 February 2022

 <b>Incident:</b>	<b>Vessel Fire</b>
 <b>Impact:</b>	<b>Marine Hull Exposure</b>
 <b>Location:</b>	<b>160Nm west of Ponta Delgada, Portugal</b>

## VESSEL SUMMARY

Skytek's REACT lists the particulars of the ship involved in the incident:

Name: FELICITY ACE Flag: Panama			
<b>IMO number</b>	9293911	P & I Club	Britannia P&I
<b>MMSI</b>	371427000	Classification Society	Nippon Kaiji Kyokai
<b>Callsign</b>	3ECX4	Group Owner	Mitsui Osk Lines Ltd
<b>Ship type</b>	Vehicles Carrier	Ship Manager	Molship
<b>Length</b>	200m	Operator	Hoegh Autoliners Management As
<b>Breadth</b>	32m	Registered Owner	Snowscape Car Carriers Sa
<b>Draught</b>	9.2 (max 9.725)	Technical Manager	Mol Ship Management Singapore
<b>DWT</b>	17,738	Last Port	Emspier - Emden, Germany / 09 Feb
<b>GT</b>	60,118	Destination	Davisville, Rhode Island, USA / ETA 23 Feb 2022
<b>Date of Build</b>	2005 Imabari Japan	Position	51°53'31.00" N 4°16'29.38" E
<b>Last seen at (UTC)</b>	2022-02-17 12:22	Status	Not under command

## INCIDENT SUMMARY

The Felicity Ace departed Emspier jetty in Emden, Germany on 09th February 2022 at 1910 UTC after reportedly loading a batch of luxury cars, with a destination of Davisville port, Rhode Island on the East Coast of USA.

On the morning of Wednesday, the 16th, a fire emerged in one of the cargo holds and spread further while the vessel was sailing at about 160Nm west of Ponta Delgada, Portugal.

The fire forced the crew to abandon the vessel. They were picked up by the nearby tanker "Resilient Warrior" - IMO9856359 and subsequently airlifted by helicopter Air Force EH-101 Merlin said *Forca Aerea Portuguesa* in a statement.

The abandoned vessel is drifting easterly. The Owners are arranging for a salvage tug, while it is unclear which nearby port could accommodate the 200m long vessel.

The estimated market value of the Felicity Ace is \$24,5M. The 3,965 cars onboard are confirmed to be 189 Bentleys, along with brands like Porsche, Audi, and Lamborghini, with a starting value from \$99,650 that could exceed a total of \$500M.



## INCIDENT UPDATE (21 FEBRUARY 2022):

The Felicity Ace continues to burn uncontrolled while drifting southerly, with no crew to attempt fire fighting.

Skytek records that the SAR (Search and Rescue) vessel, Setubal MMSI263136000, and the Offshore Tug/Supply Ship Thor B, IMO 9358618, are on standby near the Felicity Ace.

The Anchor Handling Vessel Alp Guard, IMO9398539, is underway to the scene of the fire.

The Fire Fighting Tug, Dian Kingdom IMO9660944, is coming from Gibraltar and will arrive at the fire scene at abt 05 AM UTC on 21 February.

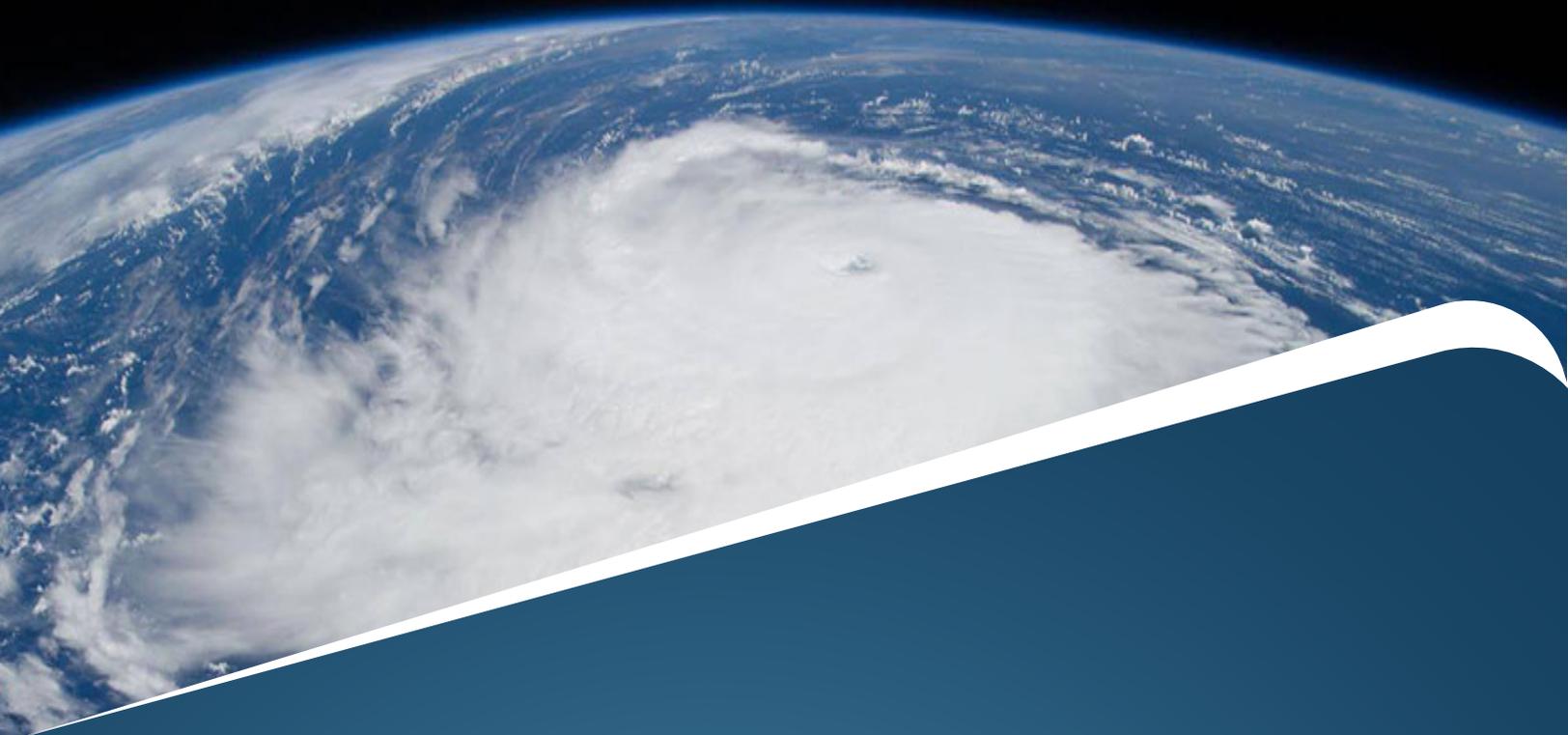
Ship manager MOL Ship Management (Singapore) said in a statement that one more salvage tug with fire fighting equipment would be sent to the ship in an effort to contain the ravaging fire.

There are no signs of pollution, and the crew have been safely evacuated from the vessel.

After a few days of uncontrolled burning, there are fears that the vessel and its cargo may be written off as a total loss.



Figure 1 - Captured on 21 Feb. of estimated drifting position of Felicity Ace, and salvage effort nearby.



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