

ASSISTANCE TO SUPPLY VESSEL 'VESTFONN' REPORTED FIRE IN ENGINE ROOM AT MUMBAI HIGH OIL FIELD



AT ABOUT 1420 H ON 31 MAY 15, MARITIME RESCUE COORDINATION CENTREMUMBAI RECEIVED A VHF DSC DISTRESS ALERT FROM SUPPLY VESSEL 'VESTFONN' IN POSITION 19 DEG 14 MIN NORTH 070 DEG 59 MIN EAST (10 NMILES WEST OF BOMBAY HIGH ODA). MARITIME RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE MUMBAI CONTACTED THE VESSEL AND IT WAS REVEALED THAT FIRE HAS TAKEN PLACE IN ENGINE ROOM AND IS INCREASING, NO CAUSALITY REPORTED ONBOARD. COAST GUARD DORNIER 781 ON AIR SURVEILLANCE OFF MUMBAI ALSO INTERCEPTED VHF CALLS OF SUPPLY VESSEL 'VESTFONN' AT 1418 H ON 31 MAY 15. COAST GUARD DORNIER IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISHED COMMUNICATION WITH THE 'VESTFONN' ON VHF MMB CHANNEL-16. MEANWHILE, INDIAN COAST GUARD SHIP SANKALP AND SAMUDRA PRAHARI WERE SAILED FROM MUMBAI AT 1745 H AND 1815 H TO AUGMENT ASSISTANCE. SECOND COAST GUARD DORNIER ALSO LAUNCHED AT 1730 H FROM DAMAN TO AUGMENT THE SAR EFFORT. MRCC MUMBAI ISSUED INTERNATIONAL SAFETY NET (ISN) TO PROVIDE VIDE BERTH FOR FIRE FIGHTING AND TO KEEP OTHER VESSEL CLEAR OF THE INCIDENT SITE.