

Date: 31 January 2020

**TO THE CONCERNED IN THE CARGO/CONTAINERS on board the
“SONGA IRIDIUM” V. 239N**

27th December 2019 – Main Engine blackout in Bosphorus strait

Please be advised that whilst the vessel, laden with 1,499 TEU of containerized cargo, was proceeding to the Port of Istanbul on 27th December 2019, she encountered an engine room fire whilst approaching Kumport for cargo operation and subsequently hit the pier. The vessel was subsequently towed and escorted by tugs to the Ahirkapi anchorage safely on the same day.

Salvors thereafter demanded either salvage security or salvage award for their services rendered to the vessel, cargo, container, and bunkers, etc., which were detained upon provision of satisfactory security or settlement of the salvors' claim.

Yang Ming Marine Transport Corporation the time charterers of the “Songa Iridium”, after extensive negotiations with Salvors made a settlement on behalf of the cargo and containers on board on 28th January 2020 and therefore the cargo and containers were released by salvors. Yang Ming have decided to declare General Average and have instructed Richards Hogg Lindley to collect the General Average security, which consists of the following:-

1. Copy of the cargo invoice,

and

2. An **Average Bond** completed by owners of the cargo and submitted electronically, along with the cargo invoice, can be submitted via the following link:

<https://eu.docuSign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=e8c106ac-56d9-42d3-ad46-cb613b1ecc69&env=eu&acct=c8fe1757-d24b-4004-a382-f736dd5cf208&CasualtyId=4&CasualtyName=SONGA+IRIDIUM+-+Grounding+at+the+Bosphorus+strait+on+27+Dec+2019+on+17-Jan-2020>

and

(Continued overleaf)

3. either:

- for insured cargo - An **Average Guarantee** completed and signed by cargo the insurance company (*This form should be completed and signed/stamped by the cargo insurers. This form will not be accepted if it has been completed and signed by the cargo owners themselves*)

or

- for uninsured cargo - A cash deposit will be required (further details will be advised shortly)

Note:

If the commercial invoice does not show CIF or CFR value of the cargo, please advise us details of the ocean freight.

CONTACT POINTS

As previously mentioned, Average Bonds and cargo invoices should be submitted electronically via the link as the shown on the previous page.

The completed Average Guarantee / cash deposit payment advice (once deposit level is announced) should be sent by email to Richards Hogg Lindley:

Parties based in Asia contact:-	Parties based elsewhere contact:-
GreaterChina.Security@charlestaylor.com <u>Office in Charge</u> Richards Hogg Lindley, Taipei 1206, 12F., 237, Fu Hsing South Road Sec. 2, 106 Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. +886 (0)2 2700 1442	info-liverpool@rhl-ct.com Richards Hogg Lindley 4th Floor, Royal Liver Building Liverpool L3 1JH United Kingdom +44 (0)151 227 2175

Please quote the ship name (SONGA IRIDIUM) plus your container number and bill of lading number in all email correspondence.

Cargo cannot be released until sufficient general average security has been provided.

RHL CASUALTY WEBSITE

Blank security forms, further news and information including release procedures for cargo will be made available at: www.rhlg.com/clients. Select the vessel's name "SONGA IRIDIUM" from the dropdown menu and enter the password which for this case is "iridium27".

A list of cargoes for which sufficient General Average security has been provided will be available on the casualty website and will be updated daily. Cargo owners should contact their shipping company in the usual way to arrange delivery once their container is listed.

Note Regarding LCL / Groupage Containers

Freight forwarders should URGENTLY provide a full breakdown of any LCL / Groupage containers as soon as possible in order to readily identify all the individual shipments within the container. This breakdown should include house bill of lading numbers, cargo descriptions and cargo weights.