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Oceanbulk Container Management, S.A.  
Attn: Captain Pavlo Bilashenko  
Aethrion Centre 40, Agiou Konstantinou Avenue  
151 24 Marousi, Greece

Dear Captain Bilashenko:

On behalf of the Maritime Administrator of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, I am pleased to commend you, the Officers, and Crew of the container ship MAERSK STADELHORN for upholding the longstanding maritime tradition of rendering assistance to those in distress at sea on the Nineteenth day of May, Two Thousand and Sixteen. After receiving a distress message via Inmarsat, you diverted course to assist in the search for an aircraft, later identified as EgyptAir Flight MS804, which went missing approximately 50 nautical miles from your vessel's position in the Mediterranean Sea. After contacting the Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) Cairo, you and your Crew proceeded to the designated area where you joined other commercial and military vessels engaged in the extensive search efforts. Upon receiving specific coordinates from JRCC Piraeus, you and your Crew commenced the assigned search pattern. After two hours of searching, the MAERSK STADELHORN was released and resumed passage to the Port of Tangier, Morocco. Although further search and rescue efforts were not necessary, the actions taken by you and the Crew of MAERSK STADELHORN are in keeping with the finest traditions of the sea. We extend our greatest appreciation for your exemplary commitment to the maritime and aviation community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Theofilos Xenakoudis', written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Theofilos Xenakoudis  
Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs