Republic of the Marshall Islands

Office of the Maritime Administrator

Certificate of Commendation

The Maritime Administrator of the Republic of the Marshall Islands is honored to commend the Master, Officers, and Crew of the oil tanker OKYROE, managed by Product Shipping & Trading S.A., for demonstrating outstanding seamanship on the First day of April, Two Thousand and Sixteen. On this day, Captain Gabriel Ioan Moloci and the Crew of OKYROE spotted a life raft in the water and simultaneously heard a distress call on the radio from individuals aboard the life raft adrift in the Gulf of Oman approximately 50 nautical miles off the southeastern coast of Iran. Captain Gabriel Ioan Moloci immediately directed the Crew of OKYROE to divert course and prepare for rescue operations. The seven distressed individuals had abandoned their wooden vessel for the life raft after their vessel suffered a hull breach that caused it to capsize. Upon arrival at the distress location, Captain Gabriel Ioan Moloci skillfully maneuvered OKYROE alongside the life raft and the Crew of OKYROE safely brought aboard all seven individuals and their life raft. The rescued individuals, who had been adrift for nine hours, were provided water, food, and shelter until their safe disembarkment at Port Muhammad Bin Qasim in Karachi, Pakistan on the Fourth day of April. The rapid response and professional actions taken by Captain Gabriel Ioan Moloci and the Crew of OKYROE are in keeping with the finest traditions of the sea. Congratulations are in order for exemplary service to the maritime community.

Well done to Captain Gabriel Ioan Moloci, Officers, and Crew!

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Signed by:

William R. Gallagher

Senior Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs