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**Operation
Enduring Freedom**

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Grupo Boluda eyes CMR



funds.

SPAIN'S Grupo Boluda is said to be interested in a possible take-over of the Marseilles repair yard CMR (Compagnie Marseillaise de Reparation). The move would help Boluda's subsidiary, Union Naval Barcelona (UNB) to meet a growing demand for ship repair. The Spanish yard said, "CMR is of interest because it boasts modern, high-quality docking facilities. It has all the space we would need to carry out repair activities properly." Although further discussions with the port and the CMR staff are necessary, the company hopes to submit a take-over proposal by mid-March. Meanwhile, the Marseilles regional government has noted with satisfaction that the Spanish project would help secure CMR's future without requiring any public

Radisson routs Renaissance rumour

LUXURY cruise operator Radisson Seven Seas has denied it is in talks to acquire vessels left behind from last year's collapse of fellow Florida company Renaissance Cruises. A spokesman for privately-



owned Radisson says it "did look at the viability of one of the Renaissance ships, but we have no plans to move forward on it." Speculation about Radisson acquiring bankrupted vessels is believed to stem from the fact that two of the Renaissance ships remain in French Polynesia, one of Radisson's prime destinations. The speculation also suggests P&O Princess is interested in acquiring one of the Renaissance vessels to replace its 30-year-old Island Princess, due to end its service this year. In the meantime, Radisson will soon return to full fleet strength

with the return of its smallest vessel, Song of Flower, laid up since last September's terrorist attacks on

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the US. The 180-guest vessel will resume service on May 2 with a Mediterranean cruise departing from Venice.

Rosneft in tanker newbuild plan



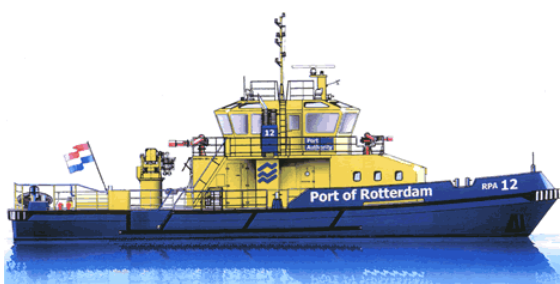
RUSSIA'S state-owned oil company Rosneft has agreed with the Transport Ministry in Moscow to develop Russian-flag shipping to carry crude oil from Russia's planned new oilfields around Sakhalin island, in the Sea of Okhotsk. According to a Transport Ministry statement, the parties have signed an "agreement on co-operation" that includes a programme of tanker newbuilds and port construction in the Russian Far East. Initially, four ice-class tankers, reportedly of 30,000-50,00 DWT, have been ordered for Rosneft at a Russian yard, to transport oil

expected from the first of the Sakhalin offshore oilfields, which will come on stream by 2004. Later this week, a tanker trial run will be conducted through the Tatar Strait, separating Sakhalin from the Russian mainland, to assess the feasibility of moving large volumes of oil from the first of the offshore fields. An estimated 15M tonnes of crude will be produced in the region for shipment when the Sakhalin-1 project reaches capacity.

NEW RPA 10 BAPTISED

Commercieel Havenbedrijf Rotterdam
RPA: Havenonderhoud
Projectbureau vlootplan

DRAMEN REPAIRS



The fleet of the Rotterdam Port Authority (a RMP M

division) is being renewed. On the first of March the RPA 10 has been baptised, the second patrol vessel in a row of seven. The RPA 10 is a fire fighting vessel, like the RPA 12 taken into service a few weeks ago (Photo : Ben Wind – b.wind@luna.nl)

The new ships will all bear the name of RPA followed by a number. RPA stands for **Rotterdam Port Authority**, the operational division responsible for order and safety in the port waters. The old name of Havendienst (followed by a number) created many misunderstandings. In the course of time all ten Port Authority patrol ships will bear this new name.

Specifications:

Overall length:	22,82 m
Width:	8,22 m

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Draught: 2,50 m
Speed: 12 knots
Propulsion: 2 * 485 kW
Fire fighting capacity: 30.000 l/min

CASUALTY REPORTING

AMELIA (Italy)

Mexico City, Feb 27 — The local agent for bulk *Amelia* reports that on Feb 7 she departed from Lazaro Cardenas for Brazil. During the first stages of her voyage she sustained damage on one of her generators. Therefore, she had to be towed back to Lazaro Cardenas where she berthed for repairs. The repairs were carried out from Feb 9 to 24, and then she sailed 1400, Feb 25 for Brazil. — Lloyd's Agents.

ARCO BOURNE (U.K.)



Ipswich, Feb 27 — Trailing suction hopper dredge *Arco Bourne* sailed Ipswich Feb 26. — Lloyd's Agents.

CAPRI EXPRESS (Italy)

Naples, Feb 28 — Passenger ro/ro *Capri Express* has not yet returned to service as she remains under repair. — Lloyd's Agents.

CORINNA (Antigua & Barbuda)

Miami, Feb 27 — Understand general cargo *Corinna* was declared a total loss. At the time the vessel was chartered by Bernuth Marine. The cargo on board sustained no damage. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Corinna* sailed Miami Aug 11, 2000, had a fire on board about Aug 12 and returned to Miami.)

CRYSTAL SKY (Bolivia)

Busan, Feb 28 — Ref *Crystal Sky* is still lying at Busan, laid up. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

EGEON P. (Greece)

London, Feb 28 — Lloyd's Casualty representatives in Greece report : At noon, Feb 27, during berthing manoeuvres, cement *Egeon P.* (992 gt, built 1971) collided, with her bow, against the stern of cement *Seacement I* (974 gt, built 1971), which was moored against the jetty at Samos. Both vessels sustained collision damages. There were no injuries and

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no pollution was caused. Samos Port Authority is investigating the incident and has prohibited the departure of both vessels.

GOLDEN FAN (Panama)

London, Feb 28 — Vehicle *Golden Fan* (27650 gt, built 1985) bound for Bremerhaven, had to be berthed at the Columbuskaje due to the bad weather, exceeding force 12 (hurricane) over the past few days which has severely hit shipping along the North Sea coasts. During the berthing manoeuvre, which was assisted by the tugs *Weser* and *Jade*, the aft line broke. A third tug of Unterweser-Reederei had to be immediately deployed to berth the vessel after a difficult turning manoeuvre was carried out on the Weser.

JAG REKHA (India)

Immingham, Feb 27 — Bulk *Jag Rekha* (23525 gt, built 1984), arrived Immingham Feb 16, completed discharge at 2120, Feb 24, and sailed from berth, with tugs in attendance, at 0435, Feb 25. Master reported that, during departure manoeuvre, a polypropylene rope, from vessel's stern, apparently became fouled around her propeller. Vessel is now anchored in river mouth, without power and, at present, five tugs are in attendance. Gale force winds prevail, at the moment, which is hampering efforts to send a diver to the vessel. Diving company are attempting to organise a launch to reach the vessel at slack water, approximately 1230 hrs, today. They have advised that this would seem unlikely, as, according to reports, winds gusting up to 55 to 60 knots and a three metre swell are in force. Diver is expected to try next slack water, approximately six hours later. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

London, Feb 28 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 0010, UTC: Bulk *Jag Rekha* reported to have a rope around her propeller at 0558, UTC, Feb 26. Vessel collided with No.11 buoy and anchored with five tugs in assistance. Divers freed the propeller and she was able to proceed at 1721, UTC, Feb 26.

JODY F.MILLENNIUM (Panama)

Wellington, Feb 28 — Bulk *Jody F.Millennium* left Poverty Bay at about 1800, Feb 27 in tow of tug *Keera* bound for Tauranga, where a berth will not be available until the morning of Mar 2. — Lloyd's Agents.

Wellington, Feb 28 — Bulk *Jody F.Millennium* left Poverty Bay yesterday evening at about 1800 hrs. It is being towed by Melbourne tug *Keera* to Tauranga, where further repairs will be carried out. All of the Maritime Safety Authority's requirements concerning seaworthiness and safety were met before the vessel left Poverty Bay. The agreed passage plan will see the *Jody F.Millennium* maintaining a distance of 20 to 30 nautical miles from the coast. She is expected to arrive in Tauranga Mar 2. The MSA has begun to demobilise its operations in Gisborne. The Wildlife Recovery Centre will be packed up today. All of the boom gear, including that at Wherowhero Lagoon, is expected to be out of the water today. It may take up to two weeks before the cleaning and packing of gear is complete. Three teams were to start shoreline assessments at low tide today at Kaiti Beach, Sponge Bay and the Waikanae-Midway beaches. These will continue beyond Young Nick's Head and to Okitu. Some tar balls may continue to come ashore and these will be cleaned up. Some residual oil remains on rocks at the Waikanae Cut and on piles in the harbour and river. A final assessment of clean-up requirements is to be undertaken in the next few days to determine restoration options and the need for any ongoing monitoring. — Lloyd's Agents.

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JOHNNY (Malta)

London, Feb 27 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1945, UTC: Salvage tug *Leopard* left Cape Verde today to assist general cargo *Johnny* (16872 gt, built 1978), Houston for Singapore, via Cape Town for bunkers, with general cargo, due to engine problems. ETA of *Leopard* Mar 6. At 1845, UTC, *Johnny* was in lat 18 20S, long 09 21W. Owners are arranging to obtain spare parts from Denmark and also looking for ways to get the parts to the vessel. Once parts are received master reports repairs will take some time. (Note — *Johnny* sailed Houston Feb 5 arrived Mobile Feb 7 and sailed Feb 9.)

KHALIFEH I (Tonga)

London, Feb 27 — A press report, dated today, states: Plans were being made last night to bring home 274 Irish sheep confined to general cargo *Kalifeh I* (836 gt, built 1954) that has been prevented from unloading at Le Treport for the last 11 days. A spokesman for the Department of Agriculture (DAFRD) said it is hopeful of concluding arrangements with the transport company that should allow the vessel to sail as soon as weather permits. "We have been assured the animals are well cared for but we are formally requesting the French authorities to make a further welfare inspection before they make their return trip," he said. The spokesman said discrepancies in veterinary certification were corrected a week ago, but the French authorities at local level have refused to grant access to the animals into France. He said the welfare of the animals has been a consistent concern of DAFRD since the problem arose. French veterinary officials inspected the sheep on their arrival in Le Treport and indicated satisfaction with their welfare. DAFRD at an early stage advised the transporter that he had primary responsibility for the welfare of the animals while they remained on board the vessel. It had received repeated assurances, in writing and verbally, that these needs were being fully met. "Given the refusal of the French authorities to grant access, the only available solution to the problem is to return the animals to Ireland," he said. Compassion in World Farming-Ireland (CIWF-Ireland) said it is extremely concerned about the sheep on board the dedicated livestock vessel. It said French veterinary officials have prevented the sheep being off-loaded from the vessel since she arrived in Le Treport after a four-day sea journey from Belfast port. CIWF said it is believed the sheep, which originated in the Republic of Ireland, have not been allowed to be off loaded because the number on board is not the same as the number on the paperwork. It noted that the Departments of Agriculture in the Republic and in Northern Ireland had approved the vessel to sail from Belfast port. Richard Hardy, Campaigns Manager for CIWF-Ireland, said they were seeking assurances from DAFRD in Dublin that the welfare of the sheep is being protected first and foremost. Mr Hardy said a CIWF representative in Le Treport is negotiating with the vessel owners to get permission to check on the welfare of the sheep to ensure they are in good health. (Note — *Khalifeh I* arrived Le Treport Feb 16.)

MEHMET ASLAN (Honduras)

Varna, Feb 28 — General cargo *Mehmet Aslan* was sold to Liberty Metals Group for demolition. The company has its own dock in Bourgas, and the vessel has reportedly already been scrapped — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Mehmet Aslan* tilted up over pier at Bourgas Nov 7, 1997, while loading 2,000 tonnes of bagged bentonite on pallets. Vessel's holds half sunk in water. Crew abandoned vessel. Vessel reported in same position Sep 8, 1998.)

MORSKOY GEOFIZIK (Russia)

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Vladivostok, Feb 28 — Research *Morskoy Geofizik* is still lying at Vladivostok. Situation regarding repairs not currently known. — Lloyd's Agents.

MSC ALABAMA (Greece)

London, Feb 28 — Following received from MSA Tokyo, dated 0955, UTC: A collision occurred at 2040, UTC, Feb 27, in the East China Sea, in lat 30 57.7N, long 126 38.2E, between fishing *Koeiryu 1254* and c.c. *MSC Alabama* (37518 gt, built 1996). Three members of the fishing vessel's crew are missing. The MSA said it has dispatched a patrol vessel and two aircraft to the collision site some 340 kilometres west-south-west of Cape Noma. Meanwhile both vessels are currently still on scene and six or seven other vessels are understood to be searching for the missing men. (Note — *MSC Alabama* was last reported sailing Los Angeles on Feb 15, bound Shanghai.)

London, Feb 28 — Lloyd's Casualty representatives in Piraeus report: C.c. *MSC Alabama*, bound Shanghai and Tokyo, collided with a Chinese fishing vessel (fishing *Koeiryu 1254*) 230 nautical miles south of South Korea at 2240hrs, Greek local time, Feb 27. The three crew members from the fishing vessel are missing. *MSC Alabama* sustained slight damage in the collision, but there were no injuries to the crew. Vessel is co-operating with local authorities in the search for the missing fishermen.

PRINCE MADOG (Isle of Man)



London, Feb 28 — Research *Prince Madog* (390 gt, built 2001) grounded in the River Fal north of Falmouth yesterday when taking seabed core samples for the Environment Agency. The vessel was operating in a shallow area at half ebb on a spring tide when she touched bottom and began to list heavily. Truro harbour-master's launch transferred six people including two scientists to the Falmouth lifeboat, which had been launched to assist. The vessel is operated by VT Ocean

Sciences, a joint venture between the University of Wales and Vosper Thornycroft (UK).

London, Feb 28 — Following received from Coastguard Falmouth MRCC, timed 0520, UTC: Research *Prince Madog* refloated at 1439, UTC yesterday. Master's intention was to proceed to Falmouth.

SARAH THINNESEN (U.K.)

London, Feb 28 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 0621, UTC: Fishing *Sarah Thinnesen* (42 gt, built 1972), 2TXA, two people on board, in distress in lat 54 28N, long 00 28W at 0517, UTC. Moderate sea and swell. Whitby lifeboat dispatched. Crew abandoned vessel after a large amount of water was found in her accommodation.

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Vessel is barely afloat but abandoned. Crew were taken from the liferaft by the Whitby lifeboat and remains on scene.

London, Feb 28 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 0946, UTC: Fishing *Sarah Thinnesen*: Fishing *Wayfinder* reported at 0925, UTC, that *Sarah Thinnesen* had sunk in lat 54 27N, long 00 26W, in approximately 42 metres of water. Surface sheen of oil visible over 70-foot radius around sinking position.

SEACEMENT I (Greece)

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TINOS (Cyprus)

London, Feb 27 — Following received from Madrid MRCC, timed 2045, UTC: General cargo *Tinos* (2529 gt, built 1972) arrived Las Palmas this morning in tow of tug *Boluda Mistral*. (Note — *Tinos* was last reported to have sailed Munguba Jan 30.)

VENUS (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Venice, Feb 28 — General cargo *Venus*, which arrived Venice Feb 5, sailed Venice, in tow of tug *Topaz*, on Feb 28, bound for Aliaga, Turkey. — Lloyd's Agents.

WEST NAVION (Norway)



London, Feb 28 — Problems with its disabled drill ship *West Navion* will result in a loss of at least \$5m in its first quarter accounts, Oslo-listed offshore drilling contractor Smedvig said yesterday. The unit, which is on contract with Marathon Oil in Canada, is owned equally with Statoil's shipping subsidiary, Navion. It has been idle since January, when cracks were discovered in the main sheaves of its RamRig dual derrick set. During repairs welding defects were uncovered in the marine riser. Smedvig expects the drillship to be out of operation

until the middle of March. A Smedvig spokesman, said Smedvig's insurance policy obliged the firm to bear any losses for the first 30 days of repairs, after which the insurer picked up the shortfall in the day rate. In this instance the discovery of the defects in the marine risers caused the 30-day period to begin all over again, which means Smedvig will have to bear losses for eight weeks. At a day rate of \$185,000 this figure works out to \$10.36m, of which Smedvig's share is \$5.18m. Costs associated with the incident would also be

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added to the total losses taken to the books in the first quarter, he said. (See issue of Feb 13.)

WEST WIND

London, Feb 28 — A press report, dated Feb 27, states: Fish *West Wind* ran aground on the Yaquina River Saturday afternoon (Feb 23) about two miles downriver from Toledo. The vessel had recently been purchased by Brian Burns of Seattle, Wash. This wooden-hulled vessel, originally built in the 1940s, was well-known in the Newport area, and operated for years under the name *King*. The vessel had spent about a month being repaired at Fred Wahl Marine in Toledo, and Burns was bringing the vessel back down to Newport on Saturday when the incident occurred. According to an official from US Coast Guard Station Yaquina Bay, the boat got hung up on a shoal on the river bottom. As the level of the river continued to drop, the vessel was laid over on her side and began taking on water. The Coast Guard responded and was assisted by marine deputies from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. The deputies, using a jet boat, were able to get close enough to the grounded vessel to pass over a high speed pump, but the crew on board the vessel was unable to keep up with the water coming in. The Coast Guard assisted everyone off the vessel once it became apparent that efforts to keep her afloat would not be successful. The Coast Guard placed an absorbent boom in the river around the vessel, which was carrying about 2,000 gallons of fuel. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality was notified Saturday evening. On Sunday morning, DEQ and its contractor, Foss Environmental, were on scene to conduct clean-up activities. A containment boom was put in place, and absorbent pads were placed inside the containment area to pick up any fuel escaping from the vessel. Staff from the US Environmental Protection Agency assisted in providing oversight and technical assistance. An unknown amount of diesel oil spilled into the river before the leak was stopped. A barge and equipment from Kaward Crane was also brought on scene Sunday, and with assistance from Mike Bolen of Northwest Diving & Salvage, large straps were run under the vessel that allowed the floating crane to lift the vessel. "We leveled it even and lifted it up enough where we could pump it out," Bolen said yesterday. Using three pumps, the vessel was pumped dry in about four hours, he said. "There were no holes in it," added Bolen. We towed her out to deep water around midnight Sunday. Then we towed her to Riverbend (Marine Service)." The vessel is now in dry-dock at Riverbend, where Burns is assessing the damage. In the aftermath of the grounding, three shoreline clean-up assessment teams surveyed the river. These survey teams consisted of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Department of Agriculture, and DEQ's clean-up contractor. Following the surveys, clean-up crews began manually removing any remaining diesel. According to a DEQ news release issued Monday afternoon, some diesel reached the shoreline mud flats, including one area where oysters are commercially grown - Oregon Oyster Farms. A representative from Oregon Oyster said DEQ and ODA tested for any impact to the oyster beds, but no signs of problems were found. No impact was observed to fish and wildlife in the area, either. The cleanup continued yesterday.

WINTERSET (Marshall Islands)

London, Feb 28 — Following received from Coast Guard San Juan, timed 0220, UTC: General cargo *Winterset*: Crew are attempting to restart vessel's engine. Tank *Saraband* has left the casualty scene. A tug is proceeding to the vessel. Name of the tug and her ETA are not known. (See issue of Feb 28.)

London, Feb 28 — Following received from Coast Guard San Juan, timed 1440, UTC: General cargo *Winterset* is still adrift with crew attempting to restart engine. A tug from Puerto Rico is proceeding, ETA unknown at present.

SHIPYARD NEWS

Incat to receive state loan

TASMANIA'S state government is poised to make a A\$30M (\$15M) loan to Hobart shipbuilder Incat Australia in a bid to see the company through serious cash-flow problems. One option is reportedly for the Tasmanian government to provide the assistance as a "subordinate creditor" to Incat's bank, the National Australia Bank. The state government is desperate to see Incat continue in business despite the builder's financial difficulties, which became apparent early last year and subsequently forced more than 200 redundancies. Earlier this week the Australian federal government rejected a multi-million dollar research and development support package for Incat to progress its 112 m catamaran design. Federal industry minister Ian Macfarlane said one reason why financial



support was not awarded was because Tasmanian premier Jim Bacon had failed to disclose that the Tasmanian government was looking at buying two European-built mono-hulls for its TT-Line Bass Strait passenger shipping service, rather than purchasing an Incat wave-piercer.

ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES

Taiwan carriers combine liner service

TAIWANESE carriers [Uniglory Marine](#) and [Wan Hai Lines](#) yesterday signed an agreement to operate a weekly joint service linking Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong and marking the first co-operative venture between the two carriers. Two ships will be deployed, Uniglory contributing the 1,618 TEU newbuilding LT Peace and Wan Hai the 1,658 TEU Wan Hai 261. The service will start from Kaohsiung on March 3 with the ships calling at Osaka, Kobe, Moji, Hakata, Keelung, Taichung, Hong Kong, Kaohsiung, Keelung and back to Osaka.

Preussag to acquire remaining Hapag-Lloyd AG shares



GERMAN tourism and services group Preussag has revealed plans to acquire all of the remaining shares in Hapag-Lloyd AG Hamburg/Bremen, still held by minority shareholders, following the acquisition in 1998 of the majority shareholding in Hapag-Lloyd.

After acquiring a 99.1 per cent holding in the equity from major shareholders, a purchase offer to the remaining shareholders and the subsequent integration of VTG-Lehnkering raised the stake to

99.6 per cent.

"This purely technical procedure does not reflect any change in our strategy of holding the Hapag-Lloyd AG logistics group within the group. It is just the logical conclusion of the complete takeover of Hapag-Lloyd planned in 1998," said Dr Michael Frenzel, Preussag AG executive board chairman.

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The acquisition of the remaining shares will take place in return for an appropriate cash reimbursement. The administrative overheads can then be reduced because it will no longer be necessary to look after the minority shareholders who together only hold a total of around 11,000 shares.

Cunard fined \$410,000



Brazil's environmental authorities have fined Cunard Lines \$410,000 for oil spilled into Guanabara Bay. Around 30,000 litres of oil leaked from the 34,000 ton cruise liner, **Caronia** on Saturday night whilst servicing the ship's tanks.

Authorities detained the liner at Rio de Janeiro's Praca Maua port for investigation. The state environmental agency accused Caronia's crew of negligence while refueling the cruise liner.

Emergency teams headed by Brazil's energy giant, Petrobras contained the spill and prevented further pollution of the beaches. The Caronia departed en route to Salvador in Bahia, southeastern Brazil, officials said.

New Vopak terminal the heart of Shanghai chemical complex



Rotterdam - Over the next four years, Vopak plans to invest 240 million dollars in a new tank terminal at Caojing, just to the south of the Chinese port of Shanghai. The new terminal will have a major part to play in a gigantic new chemical complex, at the centre of which will be a large ethylene cracker belonging to the British oil company, BP. Other companies with big plans for this development are the chemicals giants BASF, Bayer and Huntsman, as well as several Chinese chemical companies.

Vopak will own half of the terminal. The other owner, in the form of its own regional development company, is the city of Shanghai. In the first phase, the terminal will house fifty storage tanks with a combined capacity of 2.4 million cubic metres. Various storage and transshipment facilities are also planned, as well as a range of logistical services. Construction will start this summer, and the terminal is planned to be operational by the end of 2004.

Agreement about Second Maasvlakte



The municipality of Rotterdam and the cabinet have reached agreement on the financing of the Second Maasvlakte. Today, in The Hague, the parties will sign a 'memorandum of agreement'. This contains agreements concerning the financing, the conditions and the subsequent steps in the Rotterdam Mainport Development Project. Those present at the signing ceremony will include transport minister Tineke Netelenbos, Ivo Opstelten, the Mayor of

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Rotterdam, and alderman of the port, P. van Dijk. At the end of last year, the cabinet decided that construction of the Second Maasvlakte should be divided into phases. Mayor Opstelten used the occasion to urge that agreement on the matter of financing be reached as quickly as possible.

NAVY NEWS

HMS SHEFFIELD LYNX HELPS SPANISH SUBMARINE

In a rare occasion for submarine hunters to actually see their prey, a NATO submarine participating in the world largest anti-submarine exercise "DOGFISH 2002" briefly came to surface today to get supplies while in the Ionian sea, south-east of Sicily.

On Tuesday 26 February, the Spanish Submarine **SPS SIROCO** requested medicines for a crewmember while at sea off Sicily. The Lynx helicopter of the United Kingdom's HMS SHEFFIELD collected medicines from the SHEFFIELD and the Turkish Ship TCG GOKCEADA and conducted the transfer while hovering over the submarine.



The crewmember had been undergoing treatment for a number of days for a relatively minor illness which can be effectively treated on board but medicines were running short while the situation did not require for the sailor to receive treatment ashore. The submarine was therefore authorized to briefly surface giving an unexpected break to the several ships and aircraft looking for her.



The submarine, helicopter and both ships are taking part in Exercise DOGFISH 2002 which has been underway in the Ionian Sea off Sicily since 14 February. Ten ships, 8 submarines and 16 aircraft from NATO countries are simulating battle until 27 February.

HMS SHEFFIELD (left) is the Task Group Commander

of the friendly 'Blue' Forces while the SPS SIROCO is one of the submarines representing the enemy 'Gold' Forces. In the interest of fair play, SPS SIROCO was allowed a few hours to re-position herself before the surface Task Group re-commenced the hunt and practice attacks against her.

HMS SHEFFIELD is the flagship of NATO's Standing Naval Force Mediterranean, under the Command of Commodore Angus Somerville, Royal Navy, which has been conducting Operation Active Endeavour, NATO's maritime contribution to the fight against terrorism. The operation is controlled by the

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Commander Allied Naval Forces Southern Europe, Admiral Luigi Lillo, Italian Navy from his headquarters on Nisida Island, Naples, Italy.

Planned port visits of Dutch warships and Foreign warships in Dutch Ports

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03 Mar 02	HNLMS Willem Van Der Zaan	F 829	Den Helder
06 Mar 02	FS Georges Leygues	D 640	Dakar
15 Mar 02	HNLMS Zierikzee	M 862	Kristiansand
17 Mar 02	USS Oscar Austin	DDG 79	Rotterdam
17 Mar 02	USS Briscoe	DD 977	Rotterdam
22 Mar 02	HNLMS Zierikzee	M 862	Zeebrugge
24 Mar 02	USS Mount Whitney	LCC 20	Rotterdam
30 Apr 02	HNLMS Vlaardingen	M 863	Vlaardingen
24 May 02	HNLMS Harlingen	M 854	Dordrecht
07 Jun 02	HNLMS Maassluis	M 856	Slidrecht
09 Jun 02	HNLMS Harlingen	M 854	Middelburg
28 Jun 02	HNLMS Tydeman	A 906	Terneuzen
12-14 Jul	Dutch National Fleet Days	Den Helder	

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

False alarm over Air India flight



[Fighter jets escorted the airliner in to land](#)

Officials from the US Federal Bureau of Investigation have released a man escorted off an Air India flight at New York's JFK airport, saying he was "of no investigative interest".

Flight 101 was intercepted by US and Canadian fighter jets on its way from London after officials at Heathrow reported - following the flight's departure - that the man might be on a

terrorist watch list. The suspect was removed from the plane shortly after it landed without incident at 1645 EST (2145 GMT) and the plane was then allowed to taxi into the terminal.

Air security officials around the world have been on heightened alert since 11 September last year, when hijackers flew jets into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing about 3,000 people. FBI

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spokesman Joe Valiquette said the man was a British citizen and was travelling with a woman, who was also escorted off the plane. Reports say the man has an Arabic name.

'Confrontation'

New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said that there had apparently been "some sort of confrontation" between one of the two passengers and a security screener at Heathrow. The screener had said: "This individual looks like somebody who may be wanted" - or words to that effect," Commissioner Kelly told journalists. "That's what has triggered this alert." Scotland Yard has confirmed that police questioned a man at Heathrow Airport, but that the passenger was allowed to continue his journey. The flight was intercepted by Canadian jet fighters about 200 miles (320 km) off the coast. US fighters took over when the airliner entered US airspace.

Passengers unaware

Officials say there was no disturbance and no fear of a hijacking on the plane, which started its journey in Bombay and was carrying 378 passengers and 19 crew. Crew members were notified, but were not alarmed. The plane was fitted with a reinforced cockpit. Upon its arrival at JFK airport, the plane was diverted to a secluded area and surrounded by about a dozen police vehicles. Passengers aboard said they did not notice anything unusual until the plane landed. "The first time I knew something had happened was when the captain came on and said, 'Sorry for the delay. The police are coming on to escort someone out,'" said Brett Gascoine, from Britain.

RIJNMOND WEATHER

zaterdag 2 maart

9 uur 's ochtends:
temperatuur: 0 graden
kans op neerslag: 5%
wind: zwak (10 km/u) uit N

5 uur 's middags:
temperatuur: 7 graden
kans op neerslag: 10%
wind: matig (21 km/u) uit WNW

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