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## **The CMA CGM Group and German Havariekommando to test ultra-large container vessel towing capabilities on CMA CGM Jules Verne**

The CMA CGM Group, a leading worldwide shipping group, and the German Authority Havariekommando tested Havariekommando's capability to tow ultra-large container vessels during an exercise held on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2015.

The vessel used for this exercise was the CMA CGM JULES VERNE, the Group's 16 000 TEU flagship.

During the exercise, the Havariekommando ordered the CMA CGM JULES VERNE:

- To alter its geographical position,
- To take over the role of a "vessel in distress" in an emergency towing,
- To allow and assist representatives of the Havariekommando to board.

The task of Havariekommando's operation forces were

- To board the ship via helicopter
- To evaluate the situation with the master of the CMA CGM JULES VERNE
- To train the communication between the on-scene-coordinator, the boarding team, the emergency towing vessels and the CMA CGM JULES VERNE
- To assemble towing connections
- To tow the CMA CGM JULES VERNE on different courses

This exercise was intended as a learning experience conducted at Deep Water Road off Heligoland to enhance preparedness for emergency towing operations and succeeded in demonstrating both the Havariekommando and CMA CGM responsible attitude toward safety and environment.

*The OSC (On Scene Coordinator) ( Wolfgang Knopf ) of CCME was contented with the progress of the exercise "the collaboration between the crew of CMA CGM JULES VERNE and our operative forces was excellent. The advantages of the Emergency Towing system on board CMA CGM Jules Verne, which is not yet compulsory for large container vessels, nevertheless providing enormous benefits for the towing operation in terms of safety and strength."*

The CMA CGM Group is a leading and recognized industry player in the field of safety and security, and constantly aims to achieve the highest security standards at all times.

### **About CMA CGM**

*CMA CGM, founded and led by Jacques R. Saadé is a leading worldwide shipping group.*

*Its 468 vessels call more than 400 ports in the world, on all 5 continents. In 2014, they carried 12.2 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units).*

*CMA CGM has grown continuously, and has been constantly innovating to offer its clients new sea, land and logistics solutions.*

*With a presence in 160 countries, through its 655 agencies network, the Group employs 20,000 people worldwide, including 2,400 in its headquarter in Marseilles.*

### **About the Havariekommando**

*CCME – founded in 2003 – is the head organization to manage major maritime emergencies. It is a joint institution of the German Federal Government and the Federal Coastal States. CCME was established to set up and carry out a mutual maritime emergency management within the North- and the Baltic Sea, including the Exclusive Economy Zone (EEZ).*

*The main tasks of CCME are: Human lifesaving, firefighting, and pollution response, emergency towing....*