Hellerup, 10 November 2013 – Yesterday, TORM Kansas succeeded in deterring an attack on the vessel by a group of pirates in the western Indian Ocean. There were no injuries to crew, vessel, environment and cargo.

The Indian Master, his crew and the employed armed guards are safe and suffered no injuries as they showed great skill in deterring the attack. No pirates were hurt either.

The MR product tanker TORM Kansas was in open sea at the time of the incident, enroute from Sikka in India to Mossel Bay in South Africa (positioned latitude: 007, 19 South, longitude: 048, 36.7 East).

The pirates approached the vessel in a skiff and opened fire at TORM Kansas. The TORM vessel was in full compliance with the best management practice (BMP 4). The pirates carried on their attack and as a counter the guards on board TORM Kansas fired a number of warning shots as per the Rules for the Use of Force. All actions performed were as per the procedures and the Rules for the use of force and subsequently the pirates abandoned their attack. The emergency response team ashore was immediately gathered upon notification of the pirate attack.

All crew members have had the possibility to speak with their next of kin back home in India and inform about their well-being.

The charterer of TORM Kansas and all relevant authorities, both domestic and international have also been notified of the incident.

“I am relieved that no one on TORM Kansas was injured and at the same time I am pleased that all our procedures again worked effectively,” says Claus U. Jensen, Senior Vice President, Technical Division.

TORM appreciates the naval presence in the High Risk Areas, and still do believe the international society must remain having focus on the piracy threat in the area, which is still there.

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