



MEDIA STATEMENT

Singapore, 19 July 2024

Rescue of Crew in Distress in Progress

On 19 July 2024 at about 6.15am, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was alerted to a fire onboard both a Singapore-flagged tanker, *Hafnia Nile*, and a São Tomé and Príncipe-flagged tanker, *Ceres I*, about 55km northeast of Pedra Branca within Singapore's Maritime Search and Rescue Region.

2. MPA has requested passing vessels to assist in the search and rescue of the crew. A Republic of Singapore Navy ship, *RSS Supreme*, which is in vicinity of the incident is providing assistance. Currently, a Republic of Singapore Air Force helicopter has also been despatched and is assisting with evacuating the crew.

3. More updates will be provided when available.

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established on 2 February 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of port authority, maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative and a champion of digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts at regional and international fora such as at the International Maritime Organization. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our waters, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and develops maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation policies and plans, R&D and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime domain and Port of Singapore. In 2023, Singapore's annual vessel arrival tonnage crossed 3 billion Gross Tonnage and remains the world's busiest transshipment hub, with a total container throughput of 39.0 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

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