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DOCKWISE DEPLOYS P-TRAP, A NEW WEAPON TO DETER PIRATES

*Heavy Marine Transport vessel, Treasure, sails through Somali coastal waters
with extra protection*

Leusden, The Netherlands, September 30, 2010 – The new Dutch invention, the P-Trap, which claims to stop pirate skiffs dead in the water, is now in operation onboard the Dockwise vessel *Treasure*. The non-lethal defense product was deployed recently while the heavy marine transport ship sailed through the pirate-infested Gulf of Aden.

The P-Trap system uses a boom to tow thin lines through the water forming an impenetrable and almost invisible zone alongside and behind a ship. A high-speed boat making an approach to the ship will inevitably run into the lines and jam its propeller. Once a line becomes entangled it will automatically release, leaving the remaining lines intact to protect against other pirate vessels. The P-Trap system can be adjusted in accordance to the dimensions of most seafaring ships.

Dockwise, the global market leader in the transport of extremely large and heavy cargoes, is the first company to operate the new anti-piracy product, as part of an innovative pilot project to test the technology. “We’re committed to keeping our crews, our vessels, and our cargoes safe,” said Marco Schut, Dockwise Vice President of Operations. “We welcome the opportunity to provide additional tools and resources to our crews to reduce the risk of piracy attacks at sea.”

According to a recent UN report, 139 piracy-related incidents have occurred off the coast of Somalia within the last seven months. Thirty ships were hijacked, and seventeen ships and 450 seafarers are being held ransom.

Westmark Managing Director Mr. Lodewijk Westerbeek van Eerten, creator of the P-Trap, says his product can make a substantial difference in combating piracy and armed robbery at sea. “The P-Trap stops pirates from taking control of a ship by making sure they can’t get close enough to board. If they do come too close, the P-Trap functions to stall their engines and leave them stranded, until perhaps the authorities can arrive.”

The P-Trap prototype was tested in February by the Netherlands Coast Guard, The Royal Dutch Navy and the Royal Netherlands Sea Rescue Institution. Four simulated pirate attacks at varying speeds put the product to the test with promising results—in all cases the “pirates” were unable to come within five meters of the ship.

Westmark BV, founded in 1990, specializes in innovative safety and security products for the oil and gas and maritime industries.

Dockwise operates the largest fleet of specialized vessels in the world: A versatile fleet of 19 semi-submersible vessels of different concepts and designs. Dockwise provides specialty services in Heavy Marine Transport, Offshore Engineering, Transport & Installation, Logistical Management, Offshore Equipment, and Yacht Transport.

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