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### Press Release 13/16

The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby gives notice that the Investigation Report 337/14 was published on 13 July 2016. The report deals with the fatal accident on board the MV SILVER PEGASUS. This report – as well as all previous reports – is available on the website <http://www.bsu-bund.de> and can be downloaded.

Short version:

#### **Very serious marine casualty – Fatal accident on board the MV SILVER PEGASUS on 20 September 2014 in the port of Brake**

At about 0100 on Saturday, 20 September 2014 the bulk carrier SIVER PEGASUS was moored in the port of Brake. The vessel, flying the flag of Panama, was already discharged and the second officer checked the cargo holds. When he did not

respond to a call on VHF, other crew members searched for him and found him lying on the floor of cargo hold 3. It is highly likely that the officer slipped of the vertical cargo hold ladder and fell at least from a height of 6 m. Thereby the 29-year old officer

sustained such severe injuries, that he succumbed to his injuries in the course of the day in the hospital.

The final investigation report was published by the BSU on 13 July 2014 and is available on [www.bsu-bund.de](http://www.bsu-bund.de).

Long version:

**Very serious marine casualty – Fatal accident on board the MV SILVER PEGASUS on 20 September 2014 in the port of Brake**

In the morning of 20 September 2014 the SILVER PEGASUS, flying the flag of Panama, was moored in the port of Brake to discharge a cargo of soybean meal. When the cargo hold 3 was empty, the officer on watch (second nautical officer) climbed down the cargo hold ladder to check the cargo hold.

At about 0030 the able bodied seamen called the second nautical officer on VHF but did not receive an answer. Therefore they looked down into the cargo hold and saw him lying on the floor.

Whereas one of the able bodied seamen climbed down to administer first aid the other proceeded to the superstructures in order to inform the ships command. The ships command called an ambulance which took the very serious injured officer to the hospital. Despite all attempts the second nautical officer died the same evening.

The investigation report makes clear that the current safety precautions for entering such a deep empty cargo hold are not sufficient.

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