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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby gives notice that the Interim Investigation Report pertaining to the collision on the Lower Elbe between MV EENDRACHT and MV TRANSCAPRICORN on 26 November 2015 was published on 24 November 2016. The Interim Investigation Report provides information on the subject and the current state of the investigation. This report – as well as all previous reports – is available on the website <http://www.bsu-bund.de> and can be downloaded.

Serious marine casualty – collision on the Lower Elbe between MV EENDRACHT and MV TRANSCAPRICORN

At 0528 CET on 26 November 2015, the MV EENDRACHT, flying the Netherlands flag, and sailing downstream the river Elbe at high speed, collided with the MV TRANSCAPRICORN,

flying the flag of Gibraltar, and sailing upstream the river, at buoy 51 off the Oste estuary. Due to her abrupt course alteration to port, the EENDRACHT crossed the middle of the

fairway and sailed directly in front of TRANSCAPRICORN's bow so that a collision was inevitable. An obtuse collision angle and major damages could be prevented by rudder- and engine

manoeuvres carried out by both ships. Both vessels scraped along each other. Thereby the TRANSCAPRICON stranded on the mud flat and had to be towed free by a tug, while the MV EENDRACHT remained floatable. No

harm was caused to people and no harmful substances escaped.

After having been notified of the accident, the BSU started the investigation.

The BSU published the Interim Investigation Report on 24 November 2016.

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