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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF PORTS & MARITIME ANCILLARY INDUSTRIES

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TO: **SHIPPING AGENCIES**

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Director General of Ports and Maritime Ancillary Industries

SUBJECT: **Breakwater Red Lighthouse at the Entrance of the Manzanillo Bay Access Channel**

DATE: **DECEMBER 11th, 2017**



We hereby inform all Shipping Agents, that due to inclement weather conditions and high swell in the Atlantic Sector, the Breakwater Red Lighthouse at the entrance of the Manzanillo Bay Access Channel, was brought out of position, and it finally sank. Because of the above, the Port Operations Department issued a Marine Safety Message to all vessels, through satellite equipment installed on board, same which reads as follows in English:

**"NAVAREA IV 1155/17(26).
WESTERN CARIBBEAN SEA.
PANAMA.
CHART 26060, 26070.
MANZANILLO ENTRANCE, WEST HEAD LIGHT
09-22.9N 079-53.9W DESTROYED."**

We request all Shipping Agencies to inform their vessels which shall arrive soon in any of the ports located in the Atlantic Sector, especially those located in the Manzanillo Bay area, to take all required precautionary measures therefore, and to keep in touch with the Control Tower by using Channel 09; they shall also inform all ship captains on the above message.

Yours truly,

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