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**AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBER REMOVES
SCRAP CARGO, WRECKAGE OF NEW FLAME**

Arlington, VA – A member of the American Salvage Association (ASA) has successfully completed removal of the *New Flame* and has delivered more than 50,000 tons of scrap cargo and wreckage for recycling.

From December 2007 through September 2009, the ASA member salvage team of about 20 experts continuously worked on the *New Flame*, a bulk carrier loaded with over 42,000 tons of scrap metal, to ensure the vessel was removed safely while ensuring environmental impact was minimal. The project was completed this month with the completion of sub-sea work and demobilization.

In all, approximately 39,488 tons of scrap cargo was recovered. The total weight of the recovered wreck's structure weighed 5,914 tons bringing the total weight of wreck and cargo to 50,900 tons - inclusive of all ships' engines, machinery and related hydrocarbons and pollutants. The entire stern section of the *New Flame* was shipped off in one piece to a scrap company in Belgium.

The *New Flame* sank following a collision while exiting the port of Gibraltar in August 2007. The scrap metal was being transported from New York Harbor to Turkey for recycling.

"This was a complex job for our ASA member to complete, but they did so successfully and removed a tremendous amount of cargo that will be recycled, which is most impressive," said ASA President Mauricio Garrido.

The American Salvage Association is a trade association promoting professionalism and improving marine casualty response in American coastal and inland waters.