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AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBER
COMPLETES FUEL REMOVAL FROM CAPSIZED
VESSEL IN INDIA

Arlington, VA – On November 15, a member of the American Salvage Association (ASA) completed recovery work on the *Black Rose*, an iron ore carrying vessel which sank September 9th in the Bay of Bengal, India, resulting in the loss of life of one mariner.

The stricken wreck sank 5 km off the Paradip coastline and still remains in its original capsized condition, cargo included, until further arrangements are made to remove it.

ASA's member ballasted the lower tanks and made provisions for reducing the buoyant action on the sunken wreck and removed over 900 tonnes of contaminated fuel oil before the vessel was cleared by Indian officials.

“Operating in the United States and abroad, once again an ASA member company provided a professional response to safeguard against injury to the sensitive marine environment,” 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.