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**AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBER RESPONDS TO
GROUNDED VESSEL IN GWADAR, PAKISTAN**

Arlington, VA - On January 20, a member of the American Salvage Association (ASA) successfully refloated a bulk carrier that ran aground near Gwadar Port in Pakistan.

Led by their Salvage Master, ASA's member mobilized a salvage team that included a naval architect and dive team, along with a high-horsepower tug, to refloat the grounded vessel carrying 50,000 metric tons of urea fertilizer.

The crew safely refloated the 190-meter bulk carrier during high tide without having to lighten bunkers or cargo. The vessel and cargo were delivered to its owners with no damage to the environment.

"Domestically or internationally, ASA members provide a professional salvage response that minimizes against damage to the environment, vessel, cargo, and most importantly, to people," 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.