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TSUBAME MARU N°31 and DAIWA MARU N°18

Note by the Director

1 ***Tsubame Maru N°31***

(Japan, 25 January 1997)

1.1 Whilst the Japanese coastal tanker *Tsubame Maru N°1* (89 GRT) was being loaded with heavy oil as cargo in the port of Otaru, Hokkaido (Japan), the crew of that ship failed to close in time the inlet valve of the tank into which the oil was being loaded. As a consequence, some of the cargo oil overflowed from the tank and spilled into the sea.

1.2 Clean-up operations were carried out by companies in the vicinity of the site, mobilising their employees and using boats under the supervision of the Marine Safety Agency. The operations were completed on 28 January 1997.

1.3 The 1971 Fund has monitored the clean-up operations through its Japanese surveyors.

1.4 So far no claims have been presented to the 1971 Fund.

1.5 The *Tsubame Maru N°31* is entered with the Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association (JPIA).

1.6 The limitation amount applicable to the *Tsubame Maru N°31* is estimated at ¥1 801 465 (£9 000).

2 *Daiwa Maru N°18*

(Japan, 27 March 1997)

2.1 While the Japanese tanker *Daiwa Maru N°18* (186 GRT) was loading heavy oil to onshore tanks at an oil refinery in Kawasaki, Kanagawa Prefecture (Japan), some cargo oil leaked from a crack in the rubber hose which connected the loading pipeline of the *Daiwa Maru N°18* to the shore facility. The oil washed the deck of the *Daiwa Maru N°18* and spilled into the sea.

2.2 Clean-up operations were carried out by contractors and by the oil refinery, which mobilised its employees. The operations were completed on 28 March 1997. The 1971 Fund monitored the operations through its Japanese surveyors.

2.3 So far no claims have been presented to the 1971 Fund.

2.4 The *Daiwa Maru N°18* is entered with JPIA.

2.5 The limitation amount applicable to the *Daiwa Maru N°18* is estimated at ¥3 372 368 (£16 000).

3 Action to be taken by the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is invited to take note of the information contained in this document.