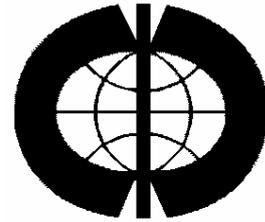


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### Intercargo Warns of the Dangers of the Carriage of Nickel Ore Cargoes

The International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (Intercargo) would like to alert the owners and operators of bulk carriers to the continued dangers of liquefaction associated with the carriage of Nickel Concentrate (Nickel Ore) cargoes.

Nickel Ore cargoes, which commonly emanate from ports and mines in Tropical regions such as Indonesia, often have a very high moisture content and have previously been linked to a number of serious bulk carrier casualties involving loss of life due to liquefaction during the voyage.

Intercargo has great concerns about the testing of Nickel Ore cargoes for moisture content and recognises that shipowners and operators often have difficulty in obtaining accurate shippers' declarations relating to the cargo, prior to loading. Determining the Transportable Moisture Limit (TML) and the actual moisture content of individual shipments, should be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the IMSBC Code.

Shipowners, operators and charterers should exercise extreme care when dealing with Nickel Ore, and Intercargo would like to re-iterate the importance of using the correct techniques when testing cargo, and strongly advocates the use of an independent cargo surveyor to check and report both the TML and the actual moisture content prior to loading.

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#### Notes to Editors

- 1. Intercargo represents over 155 members engaged in the dry bulk trades. With NGO status at the International Maritime Organization, Intercargo's objective is the creation of a safe, efficient and environmentally friendly dry cargo sector.**
- 2. Intercargo, founded in 1980, works within the Round Table of international maritime associations which comprises of BIMCO, the International Chamber of Shipping, Intercargo and Intertanko.**

- 3. Further information on the content of this News Release can be obtained by emailing [david.jones@intercargo.org](mailto:david.jones@intercargo.org)**