

## Press Release

09/18/2013

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### **MS BUXSAILOR RESCUES 284 AFRICAN REFUGEES OUT OF SEA DISTRESS**

**In the night of 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September the crew of our MS BUXSAILOR could rescue 284 African refugees out of sea distress in the Libyan Sea. The vessel was commanded by the Filipino Captain Randy Mabgbuhos.**

MS BUXSAILOR, operated by REEDEREI NSB, was on its way from Tripoli in Libya to Gioia Tauro in Italy when the maritime Rescue Coordination Centre Malta ordered the ship in the Libyan Sea to the position 34-29.8N,013-09.4E at 23:30 local time. BUXSAILOR deviated immediately towards the position, which is north of the Libyan coast and approximately three hours away from their original course.

On 09/17/2013 at 02:42 local time, BUXSAILOR arrived on the scene of the accident. All refugees could be taken on board. The rescue was completed at 14:05 local time. In agreement with the Maltese Coast Guard and the Italian authorities, the MS BUXSAILOR continued its journey to Gioia Tauro after the accommodation of refugees in company of nine Maltese security forces of Malta Coast Guard. It is expected to reach the port of Gioia Tauro on 09/18/2013 around 13:30. The shipping company has a confirmation of the distress control centers in Rome and Malta that refugees will disembark in Gioia Tauro.

The ship in sea distress was a small, open fishing boat which was occupied with 284 people, among them 47 women and 5 children, probably of Eritrean origin.

To provide 284 refugees aboard our modern containership is difficult as it is normally geared to a crew of 17 persons. Nevertheless all rescued are doing well given the circumstances. Captain Mabgbuhos and his Crew do everything conceivable to care for the rescued as best as possible.

#### About REEDEREI NSB:

NSB Niederelbe Schiffahrtsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG (REEDEREI NSB) is one of the leading container shipping companies in the world. With a fleet of 85 vessels, the company which was founded in 1982 provides quality "Made in Germany". Apart from the ship management of container ships, tankers and offshore jack-up vessels, REEDEREI NSB is supervising newbuildings and is active in crewing of both its own ships as well as vessels of other parties.

At its own NSBacademy, which employs a modern Ship Handling-Simulator, employees from ashore and seafarers are trained and educated on a regular basis. In its headquarters in Buxtehude and its branches in the United States, Korea and Singapore, REEDEREI NSB employs approximately 250 men and women and 3,000 seafarers.

**Key data of REEDEREI NSB**

TDW overall:	5.181.109
TEU capacity:	378.270
Fleet size:	85 ships
NSB employees	
at sea:	approx. 3,000
on shore:	approx. 250

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