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"SAVINA" Rescues 10 at sea.

Neda Maritime Agency Co. Ltd., managers of the 176,382 DWT bulk carrier "SAVINA", report that on 13 August 2014, the crew of the vessel spotted people in the water whilst transiting the Sibutu passage in South Western Philippines on her way to China.

Immediately a rescue boat from the "SAVINA" was launched and the rescue team proceeded to recover three persons from the water and take them to the vessel. Subsequently, seven more people were located at a distance of about 0.7 NM from the ship, who were also saved by means of the rescue boat. All 10 survivors (4 women and 6 children) were safely brought on board the "SAVINA", and were found to be of Filipino nationality. The survivors explained that the boat they were travelling on locally between islands capsized in rough weather the previous day, and they spent all night in the water clinging to logs. After contact with the Red Cross, an examination of the survivors on board the "SAVINA" showed that all the women and children were in good health after their terrible ordeal.

The Master of the "SAVINA", Captain Gerasimos Veronis, contacted the Philippine Coast Guard, Bonggao Station, and a little later the Philippine Navy patrol boat "104 BAGONG SILANG" joined the "SAVINA" and the 10 survivors were safely transferred to the patrol boat in order to be taken ashore.

Neda Maritime would like to express their gratitude to the Master, officers, and crew of the "SAVINA" and to the Philippine Coast Guard for their excellent professional assistance in saving these 10 lives.

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