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RELEASE OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES 5 (BMP5) AND GLOBAL COUNTER PIRACY GUIDANCE FOR COMPANIES MASTERS AND SEAFARERS

1. **New Security Resources** - The International Shipping Industry organisations, with military support, have launched a new website dedicated to providing comprehensive maritime security guidance to companies and mariners. Launched on 28 June 2018, the new website www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org provides security-related guidance produced by the industry as well as links to other useful maritime and military security resources.

The new website is a freely available facility where companies and mariners can access essential guidance and information to help them comprehensively prepare for voyages through areas of security risk.

2. **The Aim** - The aim is to ease access for companies and seafarers to maritime security related information and guidance. Central to the website are new best practice guides to help companies and mariners risk assess voyages and mitigate against external threats to their safety. These are covered in three publications:

- **Global Counter Piracy Guidance for Companies, Masters and Seafarers** is a new publication containing guidance on piracy and armed robbery that can be used by mariners around the world.
- **BMP5: Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Safety in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea** contains guidance for region-specific threats in this region.
- The third edition of the **Guidelines for Owners, Operators and Masters for protection against piracy and armed robbery in the Gulf of Guinea region** is also provided.

All three publications are free to download and free printed copies of Global Counter Piracy Guidance and BMP5 will soon be available.

3. **Access to Documents** - To download or view the publications, go to the new website www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org via the link and open the 'Geography tab', under the heading Red Sea, Gulf Of Aden, Somali Basin. Arabian Sea you will find the link to **BMP5**. Under the heading 'Global' you will find the link to the new **Global Counter Piracy Guidance for Companies, Masters and Seafarers**. Under the heading 'Gulf of Guinea' you will find the third edition of **Guidelines for Owners**.