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LEGAL OPINION

Pollution

Under applicable provisions of the Greek law, in a case of pollution, the ship's master and the interests of the guilty vessel should report the incident to the port authority and assume any pertinent action to minimise the effects of pollution.

To that effect they may engage companies specialising in anti-pollution activity. Such companies are placed under the control of the port authority which coordinates the actions.

Costs and fees incurred to confront the pollution are borne by the party causing it. The master of the polluting vessel, owner, exploiter, manager, are jointly liable.

Piraeus One-membered Court of Appeal Judgment no 533/2019, Judge: Ath. Theofanis, Attorneys at law: K. Kotsalis, M. Stamouli, Maritime Law Review vol. 47, p. 283.

NOTE: For vessels owned by Societes Anonyme, the Board of Directors, President and CEO are also jointly liable.

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