



## Press Release

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### **AMVER participating bulk carrier assists in Pacific search**

**NEW YORK** – U.S. Coast Guard search and rescue officials in Guam, working with rescue authorities in Malaysia, diverted an Amver bulk carrier to search for a Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) alert 182 miles northwest of Guam on Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

U.S. Coast Guard officials received the alert, which was ambiguous and split between a position near Guam and another near Malaysia, and used an Amver surface picture (SURPIC) to locate the Panamanian flagged Amver participant Chubu Maru. The 820-foot ship was near one of the distress locations and agreed to search the area.

Rescue personnel determined the EPIRB alert was a false alarm and the Chubu Maru was released to continue on its voyage.

Amver, sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, is a voluntary global ship reporting system used worldwide by search and rescue authorities to arrange for assistance to persons in distress at sea.

The Chubu Maru, managed by Taiyo Nippon Kissen Co., enrolled in Amver on May 16, 1999 and earned eleven Amver participation awards.

With Amver, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best-suited ship or ships to respond. In an emergency, any rescue coordination center can request this data to determine the relative position of Amver ships near the distress location. On any day there are over 7,000 ships available to carry out search and rescue services. Visit <http://www.amver.com> to learn more about this unique worldwide search and rescue system.