



LP Bulletin

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Bulletin 663 - 11/09 - Fraudulent Activities - Suez Canal - Egypt

The Association would like to remind its Members of a problem that was highlighted in bulletins 324 and 598 concerning fraudulent activities in the Suez Canal.

A member recently received an invoice from Delta Marine Safety, the same company that was mentioned in previous bulletins on this subject. The invoice in question concerned a vessel that had transited the canal and featured a forged stamp and signature from the Master.

In the past, these invoices have been proven to be for services that were not received by the vessel. The Association would urge Members to be cautious and treat any suspicious invoices or letters with caution. This type of activity is not uncommon in the canal area and it is not known how the company was able to forge the ships stamp and masters signature.

DELTA MARINE SAFETY

Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)
4 - Bur Said Street Alexandria Bldg (SUEZ) - Suez Canal Area
Department E- Mail: deltamarinesafety@accountant.com

Bill To:	PAYMENT Remittance Should Be Made Directly by Bank. To: Account Department DELTA MARINE SAFETY Suez - Egypt
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NAME OF VESSEL	IMO	CALL SIGN	FLAG	INV NO.
				00908200/VTS-

I am the master of vessel signed one original voucher only for services during the vessel transit in Suez Canal And confirmed by receiving the services from delta marine safety (Vessel Traffic Services)

HIRE OF MOTOR BOAT BY NEW SPECIFICATIONS - VTS	Tracking / 6 Hours ✓
NUMBER OF MOTOR BOAT USED	1 ✓
NUMBER OF MARINE OPERATIVES - PERSONS	2 ✓
AMOUNT DUE / Dollar's	3,800 \$ ✓

MASTER NAME	
PORT ARRIVAL	SUEZ CANAL AREA ✓
DATE OF ARRIVAL	21.08.2009 ✓

MASTER

DELTA

Marine Safety
Finance Dept

Date: 21/08/2009
Reg: 3087-VTS
Approving: *[Signature]*

VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES
DELTA MARINE SAFETY

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APPROVED BY: *[Signature]*

Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)
Delta marine safety do respect the safety during Suez Canal transit
Supervisor by Marine Operatives from Delta Marine Safety by Advanced Technology

DESCRIPTION

The VTS works in Suez Canal parts of central centre Delta Marine Safety. They co-ordinate the movement of all vessels in Suez Canal area. The tasks vary according to the size of the port and the number of vessels movements. Specific responsibilities could include operating equipment such as marine radar and radio telephones, and using paper and electronic nautical charts to record a vessel's current position, plot courses and forecast traffic flows. The VTS Officer has to communicate effectively with various people including the ship's Master, Maritime Coastguard Agency and weather forecasters.
We have to handle emergency situations

Source of information: Loss Prevention Department
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