

# **Fatal Accident on board M.V. “Great Morning” to a barge on 11 March 2007**

## **1. The Incident**

- 1.1 On 11 March 2007, the Hong Kong registered bulk carrier m.v. “Great Morning” (the Vessel) completed loading cargo at the anchorage area in Indonesia. A Cargo Loading Master (CLM) finished his work and was about to disembark the Vessel to a barge which moored to the starboard side of the Vessel.
- 1.2 The barge was fitted with rubber tyre fenders at its sides to prevent hard contact to *the Vessel*. The CLM landed on a rubber tyre fender and climbed up the barge. While doing so, the Vessel and the barge swayed and crushed him between the vessels. The CLM died instantly.

## **2. Lessons**

- 2.1 Safe means of access should be provided to personnel for transferring between vessels.
- 2.2 Personnel should be aware of the dangers of any unexpected ship movements while transferring people between vessels.