

## **Fatal accident on board Hong Kong registered chemical tanker “Alpine Maya” at Fujairah, UAE on 18 April 2014**

### **1. The incident**

1.1 On 18 April 2014, the Hong Kong registered chemical tanker *Alpine Maya* (“*the vessel*”) arrived at and anchored in the offshore anchorage in Fujairah, UAE.

1.2 A superintendent and two paint supervisors boarded *the vessel* to inspect the tank coating condition of the cargo tanks. When the superintendent entered the 4S cargo oil tank by climbing down the vertical ladder, he fell down from the vertical ladder to the bottom of the cargo oil tank suddenly.

1.3 The superintendent was rescued and sent to a hospital ashore for treatment immediately. However, he was later declared dead by a local doctor there.

### **2. Lessons learnt**

2.1 To fit guard rings on the vertical ladders inside cargo oil tanks of ships may prevent re-occurrence of similar accidents;

2.2 To take extra precaution to avoid falling when climbing a vertical ladder and use fall arrestors as far as practicable; and

2.3 To pay attention on the impact of heat exhaustion on human body under a prolonged period of work in hot climate.