

A fatal accident on board Hong Kong Registered Ship “*KSL Singapore*” at Beilun New Mineral Anchorage, Ningbo, China on 16 July 2014

1. The Incident

- 1.1 On 16 July 2014 a fatal accident happened on board a Hong Kong registered bulk carrier “*KSL Singapore*” when waiting for berth at Beilun New Mineral Anchorage, Ningbo, China to discharge cargo. At the time of the accident, all engine crew were performing various maintenance tasks and no one noted the Electrician until the dinner time. The search for the Electrician then commenced immediately.
- 1.2 Eventually the Electrician was found trapped between the elevator cage and the escape ladder inside the elevator trunk with his head and part of the body in downward vertical position. The Electrician did not show any vital signs. He was declared dead by a shore doctor afterward.

2. Lessons Learnt

- 2.1 It is important that all officers and crew on board ships should strictly follow the shipboard Safety Management Manual (SMM) and the maker instruction manual when working on machinery.