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Response to Media Queries on grounding of Djibouti-flagged Vessel YOUNG YONG

In response to media queries, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) said that it was informed by the master of the Djibouti-registered tanker, YOUNG YONG, that it had grounded off Takong Kecil in the Riau Islands, Indonesia in the Singapore Strait at around 2020h on 26 October.

2. Prior to its grounding, MPA's Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) issued early shallow water warnings through its Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) to the tanker on the potential risk of its grounding. MPA had also alerted the Indonesian authorities immediately after the incident happened.

3. The Indonesian authorities are leading refloatation efforts for the tanker, as well as preventive efforts against possible oil spills, as the vessel had grounded in Indonesian waters.

4. Navigation through the Traffic Separation Scheme in the Singapore Strait is not affected. There is no report of injuries nor oil pollution, and MPA's patrol crafts are monitoring for any oil spill pollution within Singapore Port Limits. MPA's POCC is also issuing safety broadcasts to warn transiting vessels to keep clear of the location of the grounded tanker.

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established on 2 February 1996, with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of Port Authority, Port Regulator, Port Planner, IMC Champion, and National Maritime Representative. MPA partners the industry and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our port waters, facilitate port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and promote maritime R&D and manpower development.

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