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# Safety Bulletin 3 /2024

## Getting the job done



Cargo landed on the beam of the vessel's gantry crane.

Dear all,

G2 Ocean is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment for all personnel involved in our operations. The purpose of our Safety Bulletins is to raise awareness of health & safety risks associated with cargo operations.

G2 Ocean works with several hundred stevedore companies worldwide. We believe that by seeking and sharing insights across company and country boundaries, we can prevent future incidents together. Descriptions of incidents will always be fully anonymised.

This edition is about a very rare situation, and how it was resolved. If you have any feedback, please email us at: [safety@g2ocean.com](mailto:safety@g2ocean.com)

Best regards G2 Ocean Team

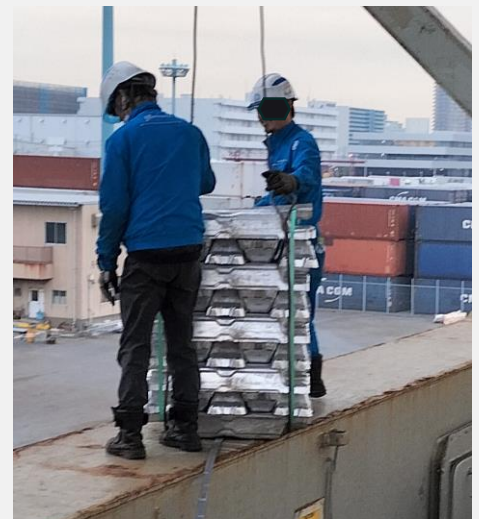
### A new challenge

During discharge of aluminium ingots, it is a well-known risk that the metal straps keeping the bundles together, occasionally break during the lifting operations.

Some weeks ago, this happened on a G2 Ocean vessel. Two bundles were momentarily kept in place by the pressure of the other bundles. Eventually one bundle dropped down on the quayside, while the other landed gently on the beam of the gantry crane.

The stevedores were now faced with a task which probably has never been done before: *Recover a bundle of ingots from an awkward position on the beam of the gantry crane.*

For stevedores and crew, getting the job done is a part of the culture. Everyone takes pride in that, and rightfully so. But for this task there was no established, safe way of doing it, and certainly no procedure.



The cargo was quickly recovered.

# PREVENT SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

Keep an eye out for slip, trip and fall hazards.



While recovering the ingots from the crane beam the vessel's Life-saving Rule about falling was apparently forgotten.



**Intervention** is one of G2 Ocean's safety behaviours. We expect this behaviour from our own employees, and everyone we work with, including crew and stevedores. If you observe unsafe acts, have the courage to say "stop".

## Consequences:



- There was a delay in operations, to recover the dropped bundles. Other than there were no consequences. This was a near miss.
- Potential fatality, if a person had fallen from the crane beam all the way down to the quay or into the cargo hold.

## Lesson learned:



- When faced with a new, unexpected challenge: Stop, assess the risk and implement risk-reducing barriers before getting on with the task.
- In this case, there was an obvious risk of falling. It could have been reduced by completing a Permit-To-Work for working aloft, having a toolbox talk and using safety harnesses.