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An interview in the above entitled matter was held
on December 14, 2004, commencing at 9:01 a.m., before:

- MARIETTE BURER, NTSB
- SEAN MCPHILAMY, USCG
- MAURICIO RAUL
- CAPT. LEW KWOK YUE, IMC

1 MS. BURER: Okay. Thank you. Can you tell me
2 where you were on the location of the vessel when the air
3 craft picked you up?

4 MR. DIAS: I was on the forward path on the port
5 side abreast number 1 hold when the, what do you call,
6 helicopter picked me up.

7 MS. BURER: Do you recall where the helicopter was
8 positioned?

9 MR. DIAS: The helicopter was positioned in the
10 same place right above us, about -- approximately 10 meters
11 above us and they were lowering a basket to pick up the
12 rescuers.

13 MS. BURER: That's 10 meters above you, is that
14 correct?

15 MR. DIAS: That's right. Approximately.

16 MS. BURER: Okay. Can you tell me a little bit
17 about the state of the wave and the seas?

18 MR. DIAS: Yeah, the seas were extremely rough and
19 there was water rushing in on the ship side and as well as in
20 the forecastle deck. And the wave height was approximately
21 35 feet and the wind force was about 8.

22 MS. BURER: Okay. When you were hoisted up into
23 the helicopter, do you remember where your place was inside
24 the helicopter?

25 MR. DIAS: Actually, as soon as we were hoisted

1 into the helicopter, we were just sitting randomly, we didn't
2 have any specific seats or anything marked inside there.

3 MS. BURER: Were you sitting near an exit?

4 MR. DIAS: Not actually, but somewhere close to the
5 exit, you could say.

6 MS. BURER: How far from the exit, do you think?

7 MR. DIAS: Maybe probably 2-1/2 to 3 meters. We
8 were sitting close together to each other, and what do you
9 call, they were more or less at the same place.

10 MS. BURER: Was anyone buckled in?

11 MR. DIAS: I did not see anyone put on the
12 seatbelts or buckled, nor did I put on seatbelts. And I'm
13 not too sure if there were seatbelts. I didn't notice
14 anything much, and I'm not aware of it.

15 MS. BURER: Okay. I sort of get the sense that
16 everyone was kind of huddled together inside the helo, is
17 that correct, or were you sitting across from one another?

18 MR. DIAS: Could you please come again?

19 MS. BURER: I --

20 MR. DIAS: Would you like to know the seating
21 arrangement?

22 MS. BURER: Yes. Can you tell me about the seating
23 arrangement?

24 MR. DIAS: Yeah, right. We were sitting somewhat
25 in a kind of a circle inside the helicopter.

1 MS. BURER: Okay.

2 MS. BURER: I don't have any questions now, do you?

3 MR. MCPHILAMY: Yes. Thank you.

4 MR. MCPHILAMY: Good morning, sir. This is Sean
5 McPhilamy with the US Coast Guard.

6 MR. DIAS: Hi, good morning.

7 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you once again for a very
8 descriptive interview. I would like to go back to when -- to
9 the date that the engines shut down. Could you describe
10 again after your morning watch, what you did that morning?

11 MR. DIAS: Which morning are you talking about?

12 MR. MCPHILAMY: The morning that the engine shut
13 down.

14 MR. DIAS: I said I did go on the deck to take the
15 soundings and do my regular schedule.

16 MR. MCPHILAMY: And can you add more detail to what
17 your regular schedule include?

18 MR. DIAS: I was just helping the Chief Mate in
19 various jobs inside the accommodation and things like that.

20 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you. And do you remember
21 what time the engine shut down?

22 MR. DIAS: I think probably before -- before
23 afternoon.

24 MR. MCPHILAMY: I'm sorry. Say that again, please.

25 MR. DIAS: Before noon - before -- before the lunch

1 break.

2 MR. MCPHILAMY: And what time is lunch break
3 approximately?

4 MR. DIAS: Approximately 12:00 at noon.

5 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you very much. I have
6 nothing further, thank you very much.

7 MS. BURER: Captain?

8 CAPTAIN LEW: Nothing from me.

9 MS. BURER: Okay. I think that is going to
10 conclude our interview again with you. Thank you very much.
11 I really appreciate --.

12 MR. DIAS: Thank you.

13 MS. BURER: And a speedy recovery.

14 MR. DIAS: Yes.

15 MS. BURER: Bye bye.

16 MR. DIAS: Bye.

17 CAPTAIN LEW: Okay, Rajiv.

18 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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