



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594
Office of Marine Safety

Interview Summary

Date: October 15, 2007

Location: By telephone

Person Interviewed: Capt. Satinder Baveja
Safety and Quality Manager
V.Ships USA LLC
Miami, FL 33131

Interview Conducted By: W.R. Woody

Captain Satinder Baveja was interviewed in connection with the allision of the M/V Kition with the bridge pier of the I-10 highway bridge at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which occurred on February 10, 2007. (DCA07FM013) The text that follows is not a verbatim record of the conversation. It has been developed from my handwritten notes of the conversation and is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

Capt. Satinder Baveja was provided a copy of the interview summary for review.

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Captain Baveja stated that there were kits for collecting the urine specimens for drug testing and saliva kits for alcohol testing on board the Kition. However, he stated that V.Ships management was concerned that the post accident testing be conducted properly and that an accurate chain of custody be maintained. The V.Ships Geneva headquarters decided that the testing would be conducted by a professional testing company. Accordingly, he arranged for a professional drug and alcohol testing company to conduct the post accident testing. He stated that he informed the Coast Guard investigator that a testing company would be conducting the post accident testing.

END OF INTERVIEW

W. R. Woody
Marine Accident Investigator