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The Seafrance Berlioz seen leaving the port of Calais - Photo : Reinier Kadijk ©

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Seen in Rotterdam, the buckled barge in the Waalhaven, as shown in the newsclippings several days ago, now separated and enroute a shipyard – [Photo : Jeroen Mooij ©](#)

## RESOLVE SALVAGE & FIRE (ASIA), PTE LTD. BEGINS REMOVAL OF WRECKS

Following an agreement between the Government of India and the Government of Sri Lanka, RESOLVE Salvage and Fire (Asia) Pte Ltd., a subsidiary of U.S. - based RESOLVE Marine Group, Inc., has commenced the removal of six vessel wrecks that were sunk in Kankesanthurai Harbor (KKS) between 1994 and 1996 during the LTTE conflict. Situated on the northern coast of Sri Lanka, the Harbour was badly damaged in the conflict and has since been closed for commercial activity. The Government of India (GOI) has taken responsibility for rehabilitation of the KKS Harbour and



has provided grant funding for the initial stages. RESOLVE, a global marine salvage and emergency response company, was awarded the contract for the wreck removal work by Shipping Corporation of India, the administrator of



the project on behalf of the GOI. The six wrecks range in size from 17m to 99.5m and are either fully or partially submerged, obstructing safe access to, and transit within the harbor. The operation will require not only the removal of wrecks but use of state-of-the-art, 3-D image scanning equipment which will identify all obstructions within a 500-meter radius of each wreck, thus ensuring removal of wreck debris in preparation for dredging of the Harbour and channel. Two wrecks are outside the Harbour, four are within the Harbour. RESOLVE has mobilized a team of expert personnel and equipment to cut up the vessels and move the wreckage ashore, where the scrap will be disposed of, clearing the Harbour in preparation for dredging operations and further rehabilitation.

At a ceremony marking the commencement of the job at Kankesanthurai Harbour on July 26th, RESOLVE Marine Group President Joseph E. Farrell, Jr. said, "We are honored to be a member of the team and are committed to rapid completion of the first phase wreck removal that will clear the way for development and commercial activity in the Harbour. This initiative is important not only to the people of Sri Lanka, it is important to the RESOLVE team as it presents another opportunity to carry out our corporate philosophy, 'To leave the world a better place.'" Prudential Shipping is the logistics partner for RESOLVE in Sri Lanka, for the KKS project.

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The **TOISA SENTINEL** enroute from Montevideo to Singapore made a bunker stop in Cape Town

**Photo : Aad Noorland ©**

## **Swedish tanker hit by pirate attack**

While the crew escaped unhurt, the attack raises once again the question of whether Swedish ships should be able to arm themselves in the battle against pirates. "Had you asked me a year ago I would have been a staunch opponent