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Collision of Container Ship Dali with Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore

Dear valued Customer,

We regret to inform you of an incident involving the container ship Dali, which collided with the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore. This event has potential impact on supply chains operating in the region.

The collision occurred on Tuesday March 26, 2024, resulting in disruptions to maritime traffic and logistics operations. As a consequence, there may be delays in the delivery of goods and shipments passing through the affected routes.

Industry experts have commented on the incident:

Lars Jensen, CEO of Vespucci, stated, "The collision between the container ship Dali and the Francis Scott Key Bridge is a concerning event that highlights the vulnerability of maritime transportation infrastructure. Such incidents underscore the importance of robust risk management strategies within supply chains to mitigate disruptions."

Emily Stausbøll, Market Analyst at Xeneta, remarked, "The impact of the collision on supply chains will depend on the extent of damage and the duration of repair works. However, it is likely to lead to increased shipping costs and potential rerouting of vessels, affecting transit times and inventory management for businesses reliant on the affected routes."

The Port of Baltimore informed in an advisory dated March 26, 2024 that vessel traffic in and out of the Port of Baltimore is suspended until further notice. However, this does not mean that the Port of Baltimore is closed. At this time, it is not possible to say how long shipping traffic will remain suspended.

Further developments and effects remain to be seen. We are actively monitoring the situation and working closely with relevant partners to minimize any potential disruptions to your supply chain operations. Our team is committed to providing timely updates and support to ensure minimal effect on your business activities.

If you have any questions about your shipments, please get in touch with your known contact person in the Leschaco Group.

Kind regards

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