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### **Issue of Local Notice to Mariners about the New Flame**

Following commencement of the cargo recovery operations by the salvage company working on the MV New Flame, the Gibraltar Port Authority today issued a Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) confirming and extending the exclusion zone around the New Flame. This LNM replaces the one issued in September 2007.

The Minister with responsibility for shipping, Joe Holiday said;

“The contractors have started to retrieve the cargo and there is an increased danger level for any small boat, which encroaches into the zone. There will be a patrol vessel operating at all times to police this zone and officers from the Royal Gibraltar Police and/or officials from the Gibraltar Port Authority will not hesitate to use their powers to order vessels away from the zone, serve warning notices or in extreme cases prosecute offenders. There will be strict enforcement of the exclusion zone.”

The wreck is clearly marked by four Cardinal buoys the most southerly one is fitted with a Racon.

The LNM will be brought to the attention of all vessels entering and leaving Gibraltar waters and to all Masters and persons in charge of local craft.