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NEW FLAME AND FEDRA

93% of the cargo and 36% of the hull of the New Flame has so far been recovered. The fore-end of the hull has already been recycled at Cammell Laird. The wreck site and the surrounding sea-bed have been subjected to a survey and swept using a high powered magnet to remove pieces of cargo that have been displaced by the sea from the wreck of the hull.

In respect of the Fedra, the accommodation block and the bow section have been removed and are being broken up and recycled at Cammell Laird.

The next phases of the operations on the ships is the removal of any remaining accessible pieces of cargo of the New Flame, and the removal of the stern section and engine rooms of both vessels. This phase of the operation requires specialist heavy lift equipment which will be brought to Gibraltar as soon as it becomes available on the global market and the weather is propitious for such operations. It is expected that this will be in the Spring/early summer.

Both sites remain under close monitoring and supervision by the salvage company, including for the now unlikely possibility of further leakages of fuel. The exclusion zone remains in place.