## West African coast, 02 November 2013

# Vessel Details At Time Of Incident

IMO:	8308070
Name:	Achilleas From: Before 11-Nov-2010
Flag:	Panama
Class:	Bureau Veritas
Registered Owner:	Achilleas Navigation S.A.
Beneficial Owner:	Worldwide Ocean Chartering S.A.

## **Casualty Details**

Reasons:	Fire/explosion
Precis:	Had fire/explosion on board abt 50 nautical miles W of Western Sahara coast, in 22 10 N 17 45 W, 02 Nov 2013. Taken in tow 06 Nov. Ar Lattakia 21 Dec. Sd 23 Dec & ar Limassol 24 Dec, arrested. Reported 19 Feb 2014 to have been released.
Location:	West African coast (21°34'55" N by 17°55'16" W)
Origin:	San Lorenzo(ARG), Argentina
Destination:	Lattakia, Syria
Loss:	n/a
Cargo:	Soyabeanmeal in bulk
Deaths:	n/a
People Missing:	n/a
Injuries:	n/a
Pollution:	n/a
In Port:	No

#### Lloyd's Casualty Messages

#### 1. Achilleas (Panama), 05 November 2013, 03:50

London, Nov 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bulk carrier *Achilleas* (22953 gt, built 1985) experienced a fire and an explosion on board, on Nov 2, in position lat 22 10N, long 17 45W, some 50 nautical miles west of the Western Sahara coast. Due to the incident, the vessel sustained damages. Chemical tanker *Marios* is reportedly standing by the vessel. (Note: According to Lloyd's List Intelligence AIS, *Achilleas* was located not under command, 63.62 nautical miles from Nouadhibou, Mauritania, in position lat 21 34 54.77N, long 17 55 15.65W, at 0155, UTC, today, course 216.7°, speed 0.7 knots.)

### 2. Achilleas (Panama), 06 November 2013, 08:31

London, Nov 6 -- According to Lloyd's List Intelligence AIS, bulk carrier *Achilleas* was not under command, 61.08 nautical miles from Nouadhibou, in position lat 21 19 04.38N, long 18 02 41.9W, at 2240, UTC, Nov 5, course 152.1°, speed 0.9 knots.

### 3. Achilleas (Panama), 06 November 2013, 13:38

London, Nov 6 -- Bulk carrier *Achilleas* is in tow of supply *Fairmount Alpine* in lat 21 27 12.6N, long 17 55 6.39W at 1112, today, speed 8.1 knots.

## 4. Achilleas (Panama), 12 November 2013, 11:27

London, Nov 12 -- Salvage services were rendered to bulk carrier *Achilleas* under Lloyd's Open Form 2011by Tsavliris Salvage (International) Ltd on Nov 2 after she sustained an explosion and fire off Mauritania. *Achilleas* is in tow of supply *Fairmount Alpine* in lat 33 06N, long 09 47W at 1022, today, speed 6.2 knots.

## 5. Achilleas (Panama), 15 November 2013, 10:04

London, Nov 15 -- According to Lloyd's List Intelligence AIS *Achilleas*, in tow of supply *Fairmount Alpine*, was located 6.35 nautical miles from Ceuta, in lat 35 53 29.38N, long 05 11 22.98W at 1000, UTC, today, course 287.2 deg, speed 3.2 knots.

### 6. Achilleas (Panama), 18 November 2013, 12:12

London, Nov 18 -- Bulk carrier *Achilleas*, in tow of supply *Fairmount Alpine*, was located 58.7 nautical miles from Tenes at 1208, Nov 17, speed 7.1 knots, bound for Greece.

### 7. Achilleas (Panama), 25 November 2013, 15:28

London, Nov 25 -- Bulk carrier *Achilleas*, under tow, was located 41.8 nautical miles from Bizerta, in lat 37 36 11.25N, long 09 06 48.98E, at 1123, UTC, Nov 25, course 87.8 deg, speed 6.5 knots.

### 8. Achilleas (Panama), 05 December 2013, 07:54

London, Dec 5 -- Bulk carrier *Achilleas*, under tow, was located 57.35 nautical miles from Karpathos, in lat 34 34 31.32N, long 27 29 44.35E, at 2202, UTC, Dec 4, course 94.7 deg, speed 6.3 knots.

### 9. Achilleas (Panama), 14 December 2013, 12:27

London, Dec 14 -- Bulk carrier *Achilleas*, under tow, was located 31.71 nautical miles from Famagusta, in lat 34 48 46.45N, long 34 27 40.45E, at 1123, UTC, today, course 71.6°, speed 4.6 knots.

### 10. Achilleas (Panama), 23 December 2013, 12:50

London, Dec 23 -- Bulk carrier Achilleas arrived at Lattakia at 0726, Dec 21.

### 11. Achilleas (Panama), 24 December 2013, 09:24

London, Dec 24 -- Bulk carrier Achilleas sailed from Lattakia at 2311, Dec 23.

#### 12. Achilleas (Panama), 03 January 2014, 08:52

Limassol, Jan 3 -- Bulk carrier *Achilleas*, which arrived at Limassol from Lattakia, on Dec 24, is under arrest since Dec 27. -- Lloyd's Agents (Orphanides & Murat Ltd).

### 13. Achilleas (Panama), 24 January 2014, 12:41

Piraeus, Jan 24 -- On Nov 2 bulk carrier Achilleas, laden with 26,250 tonnes of Argentinian extracted hipro soya bean meal in bulk, was disabled following engine-room fire about 350 nautical miles south-south-west of Las Palmas. The incident occurred while the vessel was en route from San Lorenzo(ARG) to Lattakia. Tug Fairmount Alpine was dispatched from Cadiz to render assistance and tug Marios was contracted to provide stand-by services to the Achilleas until the arrival of the Fairmount Alpine. On Nov 6 the Fairmount Alpine arrived at the casualty's position and commenced towage towards Europa Point. Once the convoy arrived off Ceuta, the tow was handed over to tug Megas Alexandros and sailed towards Lattakia. During the towage from Ceuta towards the eastern Mediterranean the convoy experienced extreme weather conditions north of the Algerian coast, resulting in the breaking of the chafing chain and subsequent loss of towline. The Megas Alexandros remained standing by and circumstances determined that the tug Falisca be contracted. Drifting of the casualty continued towards Galite Island, Tunisia, and was about one nautical mile away when vessel's master was instructed to prepare both anchors to avoid possible grounding. The casualty anchored and drift was halted about 800 metres from the rocky coast. Attempts to connect tow by the Falisca failed due to adverse weather conditions. For safety reasons tug Vos Thalassa was contracted. The delayed arrival of the Vos Thalassa occurred on Nov 25 following which the conditions improved significantly allowing for the towline to be connected. The Falisca was released and towage by the Vos Thalassa commenced with Megas Alexandros escorting the convoy. On Dec 3, the convoy arrived off the southern Peloponnese. Provisions were delivered to the Achilleas by the Megas Alexandros and the tow was handed over to it after bunkering. The convoy arrived at Lattakia on the Dec 15 and on the same day the Achilleas was berthed. On Dec 23, cargo discharge was successfully completed and towage commenced towards Cyprus. Salvage services were successfully terminated on Dec 31 at Limassol. --Tsavliris Salvage Group.

### 14. Achilleas (Panama), 05 February 2014, 12:01

Limassol, Feb 5 -- Bulk carrier *Achilleas* is still under arrest at Limassol. -- Lloyd's Agents (Orphanides & Murat Ltd).

### 15. Achilleas (Panama), 19 February 2014, 07:34

Limassol, Feb 19 -- Bulk carrier *Achilleas*, which was under arrest at Limassol, has been released. The vessel will be sold in a public auction (as is where is) at 1000 hrs, Mar 5. -- Lloyd's Agents (Orphanides & Murat Ltd).

### 16. Achilleas (Panama) , 18 March 2014, 08:54

London, Mar 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bulk carrier *Achilleas*, which experienced an explosion on-board on Nov 2, 2013, 50 nautical miles off Western Sahara, has been sold to Turkish Breakers. The vessel is moored at Limassol Port since Jan 7.