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Voyage Data Recorder (VDR) Audio Transcript Addendum

A. EVENT

Location: San Francisco, CA
Date: November 7, 2007, 0830 Pacific Standard Time (PST)¹
Vehicle: *M/V Cosco Busan*, International Maritime Organization (IMO)
#9231743
Operator: Fleet Management Limited
NTSB Number: DCA08MM004

B. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

The following audio was recovered from the bridge wing audio channel of the VDR during the period 07:44:47 to 08:05:48. The audio covers the interaction of the master, pilot, and tug *Revolution* as the *Cosco Busan* is pulling away from her berth.

¹ All times are referenced to local PST

07:44:47

PILOT ***.

07:45:24

PILOT where's the whistle? we got a whistle out here?

07:45:26

CAPT whistle yeah.

07:45:26

PILOT maybe they should—.

07:45:53

CAPT * control here?

07:45:55

PILOT for now until we get out a ways then we'll go in there.

07:45:58

CAPT all right. okay.

07:50:23

PILOT okay you can let go of that forward line.

07:50:29

PILOT oh yeah you can see the lights.

07:50:32

CAPT yeah yeah.

07:52:01

PILOT- stretch out whatever you need just stretch out.

VHF

07:52:05

REV okay roger that.

07:53:18

PILOT- Revolution you can stop.

VHF

07:53:21

REV **.

07:53:23

PILOT- * uh just stretch out 'til you got room there *.

VHF

07:53:30

REV roger that.

07:53:32

PILOT- after we get out in the middle here I'm gonna stick you in the center chock aft just uh just for insurance.

VHF

07:53:42

REV okay *.

07:53:44

PILOT captain after we get out in the middle we'll shift the tug to the center lead aft just insurance. just something extra.

07:53:50

CAPT right okay yeah right okay.

07:53:57

[four seconds unintelligible conversation]

07:54:02

PILOT no wonder he's only going three knots.

07:54:04

CAPT yeah.

07:54:22

PILOT * see the crane...glad we waited.

07:55:10

REV and we're stretched out ready to go *.

07:55:14

PILOT- okay away easy.

VHF

07:55:16

REV away easy.

07:55:47

PILOT- Revolution half.

VHF

07:55:49

REV half.

07:56:20

PILOT ship's deep for— for leaving Oakland. usually not so deep.

07:56:24

CAPT yeah.

07:56:27

PILOT usually all empty.

07:56:28

CAPT yes. all of them.

07:56:30

PILOT ** cargo.

07:56:42

PILOT- Revolution easy.

VHF

07:56:44

REV easy.

07:57:22

PILOT is this Cosco ship chartered to Hanjin?

07:57:26

CAPT no there's an owner European.

07:57:29

PILOT German. **.

07:57:29

CAPT no German no German. now it English.

07:57:32

PILOT oh yeah?

07:57:33

CAPT yeah.

07:57:33

PILOT but why is Cosco *?

07:57:35

CAPT the ** hired by Cosco.

07:57:37

PILOT oh.

07:57:38

CAPT for the first name Hanjin now it's China *. maybe next time we come in * change the name.

07:57:45

PILOT oh okay.

07:57:46

CAPT Hanjin Cairo.

07:57:47

PILOT cause I went to the wrong terminal. I went to the Cosco terminal **.

07:57:53

PILOT- Revolution stop.

VHF

07:57:55

REV all stop.

07:57:58

PILOT yeah I went to the other terminal. I said I need to go to the C— he said oh he's at the— the Hanjin terminal.

07:59:58

PILOT- Revolution away easy.

VHF

08:00:02

REV away easy.

08:00:54

PILOT- Revolution half.

VHF

08:00:56

REV half.

08:03:06

PILOT- hey Revolution you can stop and uh take your line in and shift to the center lead aft.

VHF

TIME and
Source

Communication

08:03:12

PILOT you can let go of the tug.

08:03:14

REV **.

08:05:44

PILOT we can stop this and go inside.

08:05:48

CAPT inside. okay.