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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

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Investigation of:

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CAPSIZING/SINKING OF THE *GOLDEN*  
RAY IN THE BRUNSWICK RIVER,  
GEORGIA, ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Accident No.: DCA19FM048

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Interview of: SAMY MAATKI

Military Safety Unit  
Savannah, Georgia

Thursday,  
September 19, 2019

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2 MR. WELBORN: Okay, we're here to talk with Samy -- how do  
3 you pronounce your last name?

4 MR. MAATKI: Maatki.

5 MR. WELBORN: Maatki. And could you spell that?

6 MR. MAATKI: It's M-a-a-t-k-i.

7 MR. WELBORN: Thank you, sir. And I would like to introduce  
8 who's all here. We'll start with Tom.

9 MR. BREMER: Tom Bremer, B-r-e-m-e-r, Republic of Marshall  
10 Islands Maritime Administrator.

11 LT [REDACTED]: Lieutenant [REDACTED], US Coast Guard, [REDACTED],  
12 legal advisor.

13 LT [REDACTED]: Lieutenant [REDACTED], [REDACTED], the  
14 recorder for the formal board.

15 [REDACTED] WILLETT: Lee Willett, US Coast Guard Investigations,  
16 W-i-l-l-e-t-t.

17 MR. WELBORN: Captain Blake Welborn, Coast Guard  
18 Investigations, W-e-l-b-o-r-n.

19 MR. JOENG: My name is Joeng Choerlag, investigator for KMST,  
20 Republic of Korea, J-o-e-n-g.

21 MR. CHOI: Investigator Choi Heedong from KMST, family name,  
22 C-h-o-i.

23 MR. HWANG: Investigator Jeon il Hwang, last name, H-w-a-n-g,  
24 from Korean Maritime Safety Tribunal, KMST.

25 MR. MOSELEY: Jim Moseley for the vessel, M-o-s-e-l-e-y.

1 MR. McRAE: Colin McRae, M-c-R-a-e, for LGL.

2 MR. WELBORN: David?

3 MR. FLAHERTY: Yes. David Flaherty, F-l-a-h-e-r-t-y, with  
4 the National Transportation Safety Board.

5 MR. WELBORN: Ryan?

6 MR. GILSENAN: Ryan Gilsenan, G-i-l-s-e-n-a-n, counsel for  
7 the pilots.

8 MR. WELBORN: Thank you. Samy, do you mind if we record this  
9 interview?

10 MR. MAATKI: I have to decline to record this interview.

11 MR. WELBORN: Roger that. I'm pressing the stop button now.

12 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)  
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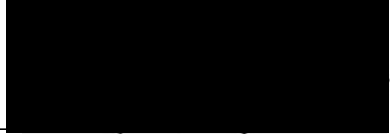
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