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Murdoch Security Group Launches Maritime Security Division

New York-Based Company Opens Office in Greek Shipping Capital in Response to Continuing Threats of Piracy

NEW YORK, January 6, 2010 – Murdoch Security Group today announced the decision to open a maritime division to supplement the international effort to curb piracy. The Maritime Security Division will operate out of Manhattan and Piraeus, Greece, the busiest container port in the Eastern Mediterranean.

“We have started partnership negotiations with several maritime security companies that have a proven track record,” says Murdoch chairman and CEO William (Bill) Vassell. “With the opening of our Latin American headquarters in Mexico City, we will be serving an international client base that currently faces unprecedented global maritime, terrorist and drug-related challenges.”

The recent hijacking of a British chemical tanker and a Greek cargo ship represent the latest attacks by Somali pirates, despite a multinational naval effort to protect the dangerous waters off the eastern coast of Africa.

“We will also be acquiring antipiracy consulting firms to protect clients from this continuing menace,” said Vassell.

With the launch of the company’s newest division, John P. Tavlarios, President and Chief Executive Officer of General Maritime Management LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of General Maritime Corporation (NYSE:GMR), will bring his extensive industry experience to Murdoch’s Advisory Board. He has more than two decades of experience in the shipping and oil industries, gained while working in his family’s shipping business, at Mobil Oil Corporation, and at Halcyon Trading, a consulting firm specializing in international business development.

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