

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

14 CREW MEMBERS TESTED POSITIVE TO COVID-19

The MV Mauritius Trochetia, owned by the Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd (MSCL), left Mauritius on 12 April 2021 for its drydocking and reached Colombo, Sri Lanka on 20 April 2021 with 28 crew members on board (4 Foreigners and 24 Mauritians).

On the day of arrival, that is on 20 April 2021, a PCR test was administered to all crew members on board. On 21 April 2021, MSCL received all test results which were negative following which MV Trochetia obtained its Port Health Clearance on 22 April 2021 from Sri Lanka Health Authority.

According to the Health Protocol of the dockyard, crew members were not allowed shore leave.

Our first initial interaction with the dockyard and our crew members were on 22 April 2021. On 23 April 2021 to 06 May 2021 the dockyard started repairs while the vessel was afloat on the Shipyard's Repair berth.

On 06 May 2021, the MV Trochetia was dried docked and as at date the vessel is berthed alongside the wharf of the dockyard for further repairs.

As per our daily temperature recording and monitoring, on 02 June 2021, it was communicated by the Master of the vessel to MSCL that 3 crew members including the Master, had high temperature and in the afternoon 2 additional crew members had also high temperature. These 5 crew members were requested to self-isolate themselves in individual cabins.

Subsequently, instruction was given by MSCL to conduct PCR test to all the crew members.

At 07h26 of 03 June 2021, MSCL received all the test results whereby 14 crew members (4 Foreigners and 10 Mauritians) were detected of Covid-19 (positive) and the

remaining crew members on Board MV Trochetia was put in self isolation on the vessel.

At 09h00, a crisis committee was held this morning at the office of MSCL to take stock of the situation and to take corrective measures.

A private hospital has been identified for the transfer of the 14 crew members after getting all necessary clearances.

Since the morning of 03 June 2021, the Officer-in-Charge of the MSCL was in contact with Mr Dharam Yas Deo Dhunny, the Honorary Consul of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Mauritius, the Master of MV Mauritius Trochetia and the General Manager of the dockyard, Mr. M.M.P. Cooray.

The Director of Shipping, Mr Alain Donat has also been informed.

MSCL has contacted the next of kin of the crew members over the phone whereby they were informed about the situation. MSCL would provide regular health update to the families of these crew members.

The MSCL is monitoring the situation and Captain Babooa, the Designated Person Ashore of MSCL may be contacted on 5840-9100/ 5941-5936 by the family members who wishes to have an update about the situation.

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Management MSCL