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Shell International Trading and Shipping Company Limited
Attn: Captain Marko Benic
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Dear Captain Marko Benic:

On behalf of the Maritime Administrator of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, I am pleased to commend you, the Officers, and Crew of the gas carrier UMM SLAL for upholding the longstanding maritime tradition of rendering assistance to those in distress at sea on the Sixteenth day of November, Two Thousand and Fifteen. You and the Crew of UMM SLAL diverted course after spotting roughly 25 people aboard a small boat in distress in the Mediterranean Sea approximately 35 nautical miles off the northern coast of the Republic of Tunisia. You notified the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre Rome and the Tunisian Coast Guard and maneuvered UMM SLAL alongside the boat to provide food and water to the individuals onboard, while awaiting the arrival of a Tunisian naval vessel. Thereafter, UMM SLAL was released from the operation and resumed passage to the Port of Fujairah, United Arab Emirates. Although further assistance was not necessary, the time spent by you and the Crew of UMM SLAL is in keeping with the finest traditions of the sea. We extend our greatest appreciation for your exemplary commitment to the maritime community.

Sincerely,

John Ramage
Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs

