

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Wreck Report No. 14914

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Ship's Name m.s. "GHANAKUST" of Amsterdam Tons 4680

Built at Krimpen When 1939 4 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners N.V. Hollandsche Stoomboot Maats.

Managers ---

Address Oostelijke Handelskade 3, Amsterdam, Holland.

Classification details

* 100A1 with freeboard 9,58	* LMC CS 12,55 BS d 9,58
ss Ams 12,55	ts 9,57 CL

WRECK SECTION No 685

Date of Casualty 1st October, 1958.

Details of Casualty

Sunk by collision off Bec d'Ambes in the Gironde Estuary.

Prolonged salvage operations have now been abandoned.

The Owners concur per Navigational Aid circular returned December, 1958.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

GHANAKUST.—Bordeaux, Oct. 2.—Dutch motor vessel Ghanakust (Antwerp for Océa) caught fire and ran aground after collision in the Gironde Estuary during the night with Spanish motor vessel MONTE URBASA (Antwerp for Buenos Aires), maritime officials said to-day. Vessels were badly damaged, but there were no casualties. The MONTE URBASA took on board 34 people from the Ghanakust and ferried them to shore. Several firemen put out the blaze on the Dutch vessel.—Reuter.

Bordeaux, Oct. 2.—Motor vessel Ghanakust and motor vessel MONTE URBASA collided off Bec d'Ambes, in the Gironde Estuary, last night and the Ghanakust was holed. Fire broke out in her and the crew and 34 passengers were transferred to the MONTE URBASA. A Bordeaux firefloat fought the blaze and finally put it out early to-day. Officials described the damage to Ghanakust as serious, but not beyond repair. The Ghanakust was out of service from Bordeaux and the MONTE URBASA was arriving.—Fish United Press.

London, Oct. 2.—Motor vessel Ghanakust: The assured report says that their vessel was in collision with a Spanish vessel in the Gironde Estuary between Bordeaux and Bec d'Ambes. Ghanakust seriously damaged, ran aground.

Bordeaux, Oct. 2.—A collision occurred at 9.45 p.m. on Oct. 1, off Bec d'Ambes between Dutch motor vessel Ghanakust and Spanish motor vessel MONTE URBASA. Fire broke out on board Ghanakust, which was stranded off Bec d'Ambes with important damages. MONTE URBASA was not damaged, but was able to reach Bordeaux.

GHANAKUST.—Bordeaux, Oct. 3.—Motor vessel Ghanakust stranded, part along channel on flat and 50 ft. bottom. Owing to important breach in Nos. 4 and 5 holds flooded. Lloyd's Form of Salvage Agreement signed by master before our attendance. Salvors expect to patch break and lighten ship by pumping. Prompt refloating difficult, owing to tide coefficient, until Oct. 10. Arrangements made for survey without prejudice of damage through collision with motor vessel MONTE URBASA. Understand owners of Ghanakust are seizing MONTE URBASA, whose liability appeared to be engaged.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 2.)

GHANAKUST.—Bordeaux, Oct. 4.—Motor vessel Ghanakust is holed on port side in way of No. 4 hold; Nos. 4 and 5 holds and engine-room are flooded and water is about 6 ft. above after deck at high water. At low water, after deck about 6 ft. above water. Vessel grounded on steep bank and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds still intact. Master signed Lloyd's Open Form with Union des Remorqueurs de l'Océan and Cie. de Remorquage "Les Tunaux Bleus." Abeilles have now agreed to assist. Cargo now being discharged from Nos. 4 and 5 holds over low water into barges by floating crane. Plate patch, 25 ft. by 25 ft., now being prepared and should be ready to fit on Oct. 5. Divers can only work about two hours each slack water and patch may take considerable time to secure. Salvors then propose to pump out and place in dry dock or safe berth.—Salvage Association's Special Surveyor and Lloyd's Agent. (See issues of Oct. 4 and 6.)

Bordeaux, Oct. 5.—Motor vessel Ghanakust: Surveyed by motor vessel MONTE URBASA without prejudice. Full extent of damage not ascertainable before drydocking, but hull crushed back maximum 12 ft. over height of 25 ft. Sixteen shell plates, 12 frames, forepeak tank top and possibly cast-steel lower stem all to be new. Temporary repairs now completed and vessel leaves for Bilbao on Oct. 6 for repair.—Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agent.

Bordeaux, Oct. 6.—Motor vessel Ghanakust: No. 3 hold now flooded to nine ft., water having penetrated along shelter deck. Salvors discharging cargo from after end of No. 3 hold to enable pump and close opening in shelter deck. Wreckage being cut off in way of No. 4 hold and patch ready for fitting to-day. Owing to heavy tides divers will experience difficulty in fitting. When refloated it will be necessary to discharge all cargo. After upper deck in way of Nos. 4 and 5 hatches badly damaged by fire.—Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agent.

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GHANAKUST. — Bordeaux, Oct. 8. — Motor vessel Ghanakust: Opening in shelter deck space closed, part cargo discharged from No. 3 hold and this space pumped dry. Water in engine-room now being pumped out. Six feet of water in No. 2 hold apparently seeped from No. 3 hold and level now lowering. Crane now discharging Nos. 4 and 5 holds with grab. At high water to-day water covered weather deck to amidships and further 5-ft. rise expected at springs. Openings to accommodation will be closed. Further cargo must be discharged before patch can be placed in position, possibly in five days' time. Position of vessel grave.—Salvage Association's Special Surveyor and Lloyd's Agent. (See issue of Oct. 7.)

LL10/10/58

GHANAKUST.—Bordeaux, Oct. 10.— Motor vessel Ghanakust deeper in mud aft, otherwise position not materially changed. Afterpeak blown out with compressed air. Discharge of submerged cargo in Nos. 4 and 5 holds by grab, proceeding well.—Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agent. (See issue of Oct. 11.)

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GHANAKUST. — Bordeaux, Oct. 11.— Motor vessel Ghanakust: General situation unchanged. Nos. 4 and 5 holds discharged to level of tunnel in way of hatches, divers continuing clearance of 'tween decks and salvors stiffening shelter deck in way of collision damage. Steel patch nearing completion ashore. Pumping capacity of about 3000 tons per hour will be available for eventual operation during low-water period.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agent. (See issue of Oct. 13.)

Bordeaux, Oct. 12.— Motor vessel Ghanakust: Situation deteriorating, as vessel has continued to settle in mud aft, a further 2 ft. during last 24 hours, consequently No. 5 shelter deck hatch coamings now scarcely emerge at low water. If settlement continues, as is probable during next few days' strong tides, it is doubtful whether the original patching and pumping plan is practicable. Meanwhile, salvors continue work as far as tidal

conditions permit.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agent.

LL14/10/58

Bilbao, Oct. 13.— Motor vessel Ghanakust: Motor vessel MONTE URBASA is now at Portugalete discharging 500 tons from No. 1 hold. Propose carrying out temporary repairs afloat. Official survey arranged for tomorrow.—Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents.

GHANAKUST. — Bordeaux, Oct. 13.— Motor vessel Ghanakust has settled a further one foot. No. 5 coamings are now submerged at low water. The salvors are proceeding to seal this hatch and shelter deck in way of collision damage and expect to try to fit steel patch on Thursday, Oct. 16, or Friday, Oct. 17, but owing to continual settlement, increased pressure on bulkheads and restricted time for manipulation of pumps at No. 4 under conditions of doubtful stability, the situation is critical.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agent. (See issue of Oct. 14.)

LL15/10/58

Bilbao, Oct. 14.— Motor vessel Ghanakust: Motor vessel MONTE URBASA now lightened forward. Propose carry out permanent repairs to upper part and temporary repairs to lower part of damage afloat. Survey completed so far as possible and method of repair agreed. Period of repair estimated at 25 days.

GHANAKUST.—Bordeaux, Oct. 14.— Motor vessel Ghanakust has settled a further one foot. Salvors endeavouring to maintain water tightness of majority of amidship superstructure by further patching and blanking and intend to resume discharge of cargo from forward 'tween decks, replacing with stone ballast in lower holds to improve stability.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Oct. 15.)

LL16/10/58

GHANAKUST. — Bordeaux, Oct. 15.— Motor vessel Ghanakust: Settlement continues; salvors discharging cargo from No. 2 shelter deck and ballasting No. 3 lower hold simultaneously.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agent. (See issue of Oct. 16.)

LL17/10/58

GHANAKUST. — Bordeaux, Oct. 17.— Motor vessel Ghanakust: Situation continues to deteriorate. Vessel settling aft at average of over one foot per day, increasing pressure on decks and bulkheads. Steel patch deferred for a few days while minor scaling proceeds also continuous discharging and ballasting forward except during high water periods.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agent. (See issue of Oct. 17.)

LL18/10/58

GHANAKUST.—Bordeaux, Oct. 17.— Motor vessel Ghanakust: Salvors notify intention to abandon operations directed towards refloating vessel, owing to continuous settlement of after end and consequent technical difficulties in continuing pumping and other measures necessary to keep fore end afloat while discharging remainder of cargo.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agent. (See issue of Oct. 18.)

LL20/10/58

GHANAKUST. — Bordeaux, Oct. 20.— Motor vessel Ghanakust, position between Oct. 18 and 6 p.m., Oct. 20: Average immersion of after end 23 centimetres, water infiltrates into No. 3 hold through lower 'tween deck. Discharging in progress, partly No. 3 hold, partly No. 2 hold and first 'tween deck; discharging of Nos. 1 and 2 holds expected in next days. No important change in general position of the ship since Saturday (Oct. 18). Salvors are confirming shipowners, by letter of Oct. 18 received to-day, abandon operations directed towards refloating vessel.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 20.)

LL22/10/58

GHANAKUST.—Bordeaux, Oct. 21.— Motor vessel Ghanakust: Position during last 24 hours regular immersion about twenty centimetres. General position without important change, discharging continued as foreseen. Interrogating other salvors capable to be interested by the refloating.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 22.)

LL23/10/58

GHANAKUST. — Bordeaux, Oct. 23.— Motor vessel Ghanakust: End of cargo discharging foreseen for Saturday morning (Oct. 25), and it is to be expected that the dispositions maintained from the beginning of operations with a view to safety of vessel will be suppressed on that date.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 23.)

LL25/10/58

GHANAKUST. — Bordeaux, Nov. 2.— Motor vessel Ghanakust: Understand to-day that according to measurements taken on board yesterday evening upon Marcellin's request no appreciable settlement happened since Oct. 22 evening in spite of what was generally feared at that time.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 25.)

LL24/11/58

GHANAKUST. — Bordeaux, Nov. 10.— Motor vessel Ghanakust: The salvage contract has been signed this morning by the master. Transfer of security of vessel due for to-morrow morning and beginning prospecting preliminary works foreseen for Wednesday morning (Nov. 12). Position of vessel without appreciable settlement.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 4.)

LL12/11/58

GHANAKUST. — Paris, Dec. 18.— Information from Bordeaux states that motor vessel Ghanakust, which was in collision on Oct. 1 and sank off Bec d'Ambes, is to be cut up on the spot by the Compagnie de Remorquage et de Sauvetage "Les Abeilles."—"Journal de la Marine Marchande." (See issue of Nov. 12.)

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