

Date: 1 April 2021

To: **The concerned in Cargo / Containers onboard the “EVER GIVEN”**

“EVER GIVEN” – General Average

On 23 March 2021, in the course of laden voyage to Rotterdam, the vessel ran aground in the Southern portion of Suez Canal. Tugs and dredgers were engaged for re-floating operations and the vessel was successfully refloated on 29 March.

The above situation gives rise to General Average. As a consequence, shipowners have declared General Average and have appointed Richards Hogg Lindley to collect necessary General Average security and prepare an Adjustment.

The General Average security required from cargo and container interests is summarised as follows:-

1. **Insured cargo.** Average Guarantee completed and signed by the cargo insurers, together with a copy of the cargo invoice.

(Please note owners have elected not to collect Average Bonds from insured cargo as standard in this case. If an Average Bond is a requirement of your cargo the adjusters will make the specific request to you in due course.)

Completed Average Guarantees should be sent by email to Richards Hogg Lindley at the email address below:

	Parties based in Europe / UK	Parties based in all other locations
Email:	eg-casualty@rhl-ct.com	Singapore.GA@rhl-ct.com
Tel:	+44 151 433 3320	+65 6506 2897/8

Please quote the ship name (EVER GIVEN) plus the container number(s) and bill of lading number in all email correspondence.

2. **Uninsured Cargo.** Average Bond completed and signed by cargo owners, together with a copy of the cargo invoice. These can be submitted electronically via the following link:

<https://eu.docuSign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=86f508b6-b5f4-46fc-8fbf-e9ae19d5a58f&env=eu&acct=c8fe1757-d24b-4004-a382-f736dd5cf208&v=2&CasualtyId=7&CasualtyName=EVER+GIVEN+Grounding+in+Suez+Canal+on+23-Mar-2021>

For uninsured cargo, a cash deposit will also be required instead of an insurers' guarantee. The level of cash deposit has not yet been set. Details of the cash deposit and further instructions about arranging payment will be posted on the casualty website of Richards Hogg Lindley as soon as possible and an updated notice circulated.

RHL Casualty Website

Blank security forms, plus further news and information including release procedures for cargo will be made available at: <https://rhlclientarea.ctplc.com>

Select the vessel's name (**EVER GIVEN**) from the dropdown menu and enter the password which for this case is: GE2123

Delivery of Cargo

Cargo can only be released after acceptable General Average security has been provided.

A list of cargoes for which sufficient General Average security has been provided will be published on the casualty website and will be updated daily. Cargo owners should contact their shipping company in the usual way to arrange delivery once their container is listed.

Note regarding LCL / Groupage cargo

Freight forwarders should URGENTLY provide a full breakdown of any LCL / Groupage containers as soon as possible in order to readily identify all the individual shipments within the container. This breakdown should include house bill of lading numbers, cargo descriptions, cargo weights plus details of the shippers and receivers of the goods.

Please treat this as a matter of utmost urgency to avoid unnecessary delay: cargo cannot be released until the General Average requirements have been met.

We thank you for cooperation in this matter.

RICHARDS HOGG LINDLEY

