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BYCO PETROLEUM RESCUES 23 STRANDED FISHERMEN

Karachi, August 13, 2020: Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited successfully rescued twenty-three fishermen near Cape Mount Karachi after their boat ran into technical issues and lost power leaving them stranded at the mercy of the ocean waves.

According to the details, Maritime Security Agency (MSA) received distress calls from the stranded vessel, Al-Rizwana at around 10:20 AM. Due to the critical nature of the emergency in terms of time and distance, Maritime Information and Coordination Centre contacted Byco’s SPM Control Centre which has active security deployment in the area of Balochistan coastline. Byco immediately dispatched its three crafts towards the provided coordinates which included a Pilot Boat, OSR Vessel WSS-II and Tug SAL.

All 23 fishermen aboard the Al-Rizwana were rescued successfully. Since the boat had lost all power, there was an imminent danger of the boat crashing against the rocky coast. Byco’s team acted swiftly and towed the boat back to safe waters. The boat was kept in the area and handed over to the MSA for onward towing till Karachi Harbour.

MSA appreciated the prompt action by Byco as it helped in saving lives of 23 people. While speaking about the rescue operation, Cdr(R)Kaleem Ishaque, the Manager Security - SPM, Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited said, “We consider it our moral duty to serve humanity through rescue operations such as this. We were right in time to rescue the distressed fishermen who by the grace of God have been able to see the light of the day and will be reunited with their families. We work closely with MSA for our operations as well as such situations”.

Byco Petroleum is proud to have the capability to perform such rescue operations when needed. Safety is and always has been a core value at Byco and will always be its top priority.

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