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## **EUROPEAN DREDGING ASSOCIATION**

## Today's liberation of the ship POMPEI and its crew.

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EuDA, the professional association of all European maritime companies carrying out dredging and maritime works, is particularly pleased with liberation of the ship POMPEI and its crew in Somalia today.

More specifically EuDA would like to commend the courage and patience of the crew of the POMPEI during this ordeal.

The two co-owners of the ship also deserve to be praised for their patience and perseverance during the long and difficult negotiations.

EuDA takes this opportunity to thank wholeheartedly the Belgian Federal Government for their discrete but efficient support.

Finally EuDA sees with relief that the European Council of Ministers has decided to prolong by 12 months the EU coordinated Naval Operation ATALANTA in the Gulf of Aden, which was initially planned to end in December 2009.

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