ADVISORY NOTICE

ADVISORY NOTICE 002/NOV/2018 - SUSPICIOUS APPROACH

1. **Description:** On 03 NOV 2018 at approximately 05:45 UTC a Merchant Vessel in position: 1304.10N 04309.00E (Bab el Mandeb) was approached by 2 skiffs with 4/5 POB. The 2 skiffs approached to 8 cables at which point AST fired a warning flare, both skiffs then passed astern. One of the skiffs then began a second approach, a further warning flare was fired and this skiff also turned away. Crew and vessel are safe.

VESSELS TRANSITING THE AREA ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION

- 2. Source: Reported to UKMTO via Email (Time Late).
- 3. Any queries regarding this Advisory Notice ring 0044 2392 222060 only for further information.

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