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Dear Captain  
Good Day,

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Considering the recent grounding incidents of fleet vessels during loading and unloading operation at various ports including home ports, it is imperative that esteemed masters need to take appropriate measures to prevent the risk of grounding.

In doing so followings shall among those measures to be considered:

- Voyage instruction shall be well studied and understood for any limitation at berth.
- Company's requirements for under keel clearance shall be complied with.
- At the first opportunity actual sounding around vessel, especially on jetty side shall be taken and compared with chart data and the received information from concerned parties.
- Ensure that vessel's stability is calculated well in advance and in doing so correct density of water is being used for calculation.
- Avoid unnecessary excessive trim by stern so far as practicable.
- Avoid vessel to get trim by head so far as possible.
- Loading condition, vessel's stability and actual draft shall be continuously checked.
- Last stage of loading is more critical specially when trimming the cargo to reach to the desired trim and drafts.
- Adequate knowledge of height of tide especially during LW shall be known to all concerned on board specially deck officers.
- If in doubt about the available depth of water, commercial department and concerned parties shall be immediately notified.

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You are requested to confirm receipt , discuss the contents in the next consolidated meeting on board and keep a copy in DA-11 file.

Best Regards,  
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