

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO.: 8:08-cr-494-T-23EAJ

HIONG GUAN NAVEGACION JAPAN,  
CO., LTD.

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**ORDER**

Pursuant to the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships, the United States moves for payment of a \$337,500 "whistleblower award" to Ricardo Mercado and Jose Suganob, "whose assistance led to the successful prosecution of this case" (Doc. 21). The motion is **GRANTED**, and from the \$1,750,000 fine paid by Hiong Guan Navegacion Japan, Co., Ltd., the Clerk of Court shall pay:

- a. \$253,125 (75% of total award)  
to Ricardo T. Mercado, Jr.  
c/o Peter E. George  
George and Titus, P.A.  
100 S. Ashley Drive, Suite 1290  
Tampa, FL 33602
- b. \$84,375 (25% of total award)  
to Jose S. Suganob  
c/o Peter E. George  
George and Titus, P.A.  
100 S. Ashley Drive, Suite 1290  
Tampa, FL 33602

ORDERED in Tampa, Florida, on April 14, 2009.



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STEVEN D. MERRYDAY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE