

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BEAUMONT DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	No. 1:17-CR-00075
v.	§	
	§	(Judge Heartfield)
THOME SHIP MANAGEMENT PTE,	§	
LTD and EGYPTIAN TANKER	§	
COMPANY	§	

Supplemental Sentencing Order Regarding Whistleblower Award

The United States has moved that \$250,000 of the criminal fine assessed against Defendants THOME SHIP MANAGEMENT PTE, LTD and EGYPTIAN TANKER COMPANY be paid to Mr. Amir Ahmed who provided information leading to the conviction of the Defendants pursuant to the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships, Title 33, United States Code, Section 1908(a) (APPS).

Mr. Ahmed was a crew member of the *M/T ETC MENA*, an oil tank vessel owned and operated by the Defendants. According to the United States, Mr. Ahmed provided information that initiated the government's investigation and led to the conviction of the Defendants. The United States has further proposed that Mr. Ahmed receive \$250,000 as an award. The Defendants agreed not to oppose the award.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, the Court has ordered that the Defendants be fined \$1,500,000 for the three-count criminal information which charged the Defendant with two violations of APPS and obstruction of justice. The maximum statutory corporate fine for Count One of the Information charging a violation of APPS pertinent to the assistance provided by Mr.

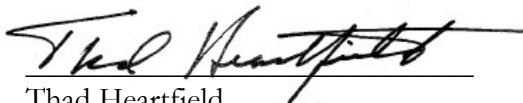
Ahmed is \$500,000. 18 U.S.C. § 3571(c)(3). Therefore the award of \$250,000 represents half of the maximum statutory fine under APPS.

This Court finds that, based on the entire record of this case, including the government's motion, that an award of \$250,000 is an appropriate award for Mr. Ahmed and would further the purpose of APPS by encouraging those with information about unlawful conduct in violation of the Act to come forward and disclose that information to authorities.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a total payment in the amount of \$250,000 be awarded to Mr. Ahmed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk's Office provide the payment to U.S. Coast Guard Special Agent Thomas Gage who will deliver the payment to Mr. Ahmed.

SIGNED this the **22** day of **June, 2017**.



Thad Heartfield
United States District Judge