



# CHINA NAVIGATION

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## Media Statement

The China Navigation Company (CNCo) can confirm that a second round of smouldering aboard its bulk carrier *MV Liangchow* (IMO# 9715191, Hong Kong Flag) during the discharge of coal in the Port of Auckland resulted in a call for assistance from Fire and Emergency New Zealand at 0600 local Time NZ on 17 October 2018.

There were no injuries to any crew members and no damage to the vessel.

The vessel's emergency response was activated immediately upon discovery of smoke and the crew sprayed the cargo with water, fire crew were called to attendance as a precaution until the situation was brought under control.

This follows a similar instance of smouldering that occurred on the morning of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Discharge operations have since recommenced and CNCo is investigating the cause of the incident.

CNCo would like to again thank the authorities for their swift response and assistance.

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## Notes to Editors:

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