Case Study: Fire in a Shoreside Depot



Primary Delay Insurance for Shoreside Perils Case Study A tanker under a time charter was proceeding to load a cargo of Naphtha at a port on the west coast of India. Arrival formalities were carried out smoothly, and cargo loading commenced without delay. Cargo operations were suspended for the first foot sample. Results obtained showed no quality issues and loading resumed as intended.

Shortly thereafter, the automatic emergency shut down was activated by shore. Upon checking with the loading master, the vessel was informed that a sensor ashore had activated the emergency shutdown system due to a high temperature sensor in the shore pumping system.

This was followed by an emergency announcement from the loading master that a fire was observed near the shore pumping station with instructions to the vessel to prepare for emergency departure.

Shore firefighting was called upon while the vessel disconnected shore manifolds and call for departure stations. Pilot boarded the vessel and proceeded to anchorage with harbour tugs in assistance. Meanwhile firefighting continued ashore.

Following morning, the vessel received information that the fire ashore was well under control, however repairs to the shore equipment would take another 4 days. Vessel was advised to remain at anchorage during this time.

The vessel re berthed after a period of 6 days and completed cargo operations.

The loss of earnings during this time was covered in full by Nordic with a one day deductible.

