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To be attributed to Ugo Salerno, CEO, RINA.

Genova, 20 July 2010 - “RINA will contest unfounded claims put together by an international group of law firms which attempt to involve RINA in questionable moves to seek further compensation for some of those affected by the sinking of the Egyptian passenger ferry Al Salam Boccaccio 98 in February 2006. RINA believes the families and victims of this tragedy deserve greater respect.

A full judicial investigation in Egypt and an internationally-assisted investigation by the flag state of the vessel, Panama, have proven that RINA was not involved in the causes of the loss of the vessel and does not carry any responsibility for the incident.

Courts in Egypt have convicted a number of individuals for their part in the incident but RINA was not indicted in any way.

RINA classed the vessel but did not provide the passenger ship safety certification which was issued by an organization recognized by the Panamanian Administration.

The families affected have already accepted full compensation from the vessel’s owners and insurers and the settlements have been made under the supervision of the Egyptian Authorities.

At the time of the incident RINA expressed its sympathy for all those involved and since then has done everything possible to co-operate with all the investigating authorities, including the European Commission and EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency), which did not find any fault on RINA’s part”.

RINA is a founding Member of IACS (the International Association of Classification Societies) and is today the best performing classification society with the lowest vessel detention rates as measured by Port State Control authorities globally. It is also a world leader in environmental issues and is a vibrant global group entrusted with the care and oversight of complex projects across many industries and continents.

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