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STOP the Tragedy on the Beaches

The very recent incident on a sub Indian continent scrapping area with four men killed and three heavily wounded proofs that this type of industry cannot be practiced in an amateur way.

Very few sensible people try to pretend that unacceptable practices do not exist on beaches. ISRA accepts that beaches are trying to improve, but the central point is that if practice is unacceptable and not properly controlled, then work must stop until it is acceptable.

Robin Townsend of Lloyds Register, board member of ISRA says: “Workers cannot be subject to unacceptable and deadly dangerous situations because the facility is ‘improving’ and at some time in the future will be ‘acceptable’. No ship-owner should send his ship to facilities that have unacceptably dangerous common practices”.

ISRA member yards have invested heavily over the last decade to build their yards meeting minimum standards of safety and environmentally sound dismantling. Workers are trained to know how to do their dangerous job in a proper way. They are very reluctant to see ship-owners and cash buyers still eager to bring the ships to the highest bidders and do not care for responsible methods to dismantle their ships. It is unbelievable that there are still forces in this industry defending these primitive practices as to be continued. International legislation like the recently introduced European



Regulation on ship recycling should help to make an end to these practices which are very bad for human safety and the image of this industry.

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