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**AdvanFort thanks Indian officials
for providing safe harbor for its vessel**

Washington, DC, October 14, 2013. -- The management of [AdvanFort International, Inc.](http://www.advanfort.com) wishes to thank and commend the Indian Coast Guard, port officials at Tuticorin, and the Tamil Nadu police for allowing our vessel, SEAMAN GUARD OHIO, to enter the port both to take on fuel and to escape the effects of Typhoon Phailin.

The OHIO is an Operator Support Vessel that provides an accommodations platform for AdvanFort's counter-piracy guards between transits on client commercial vessels transiting the High Risk Area. As such, in addition to its normal crew, the OHIO had a number of PCASP (Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel) team members aboard when it entered the Indian port. That international group includes British, Estonian, Ukrainian and Indian nationals.

"I want to personally thank the Indian government for offering a safe harbor during this typhoon to the crew of our good vessel OHIO," said William H. Watson, president of AdvanFort. "We look forward to returning this vessel to its duties as quickly as formalities and resupply operations are concluded."

As these men routinely provide armed counter-piracy protection, they also had aboard their uniforms, protective equipment, medical kits, rifles and ammunition – all of which is properly registered and licensed to AdvanFort. As is routine in such matters, Indian authorities are auditing the vessel's records during the port stay while supplies, provisions and fuel are being transferred to OHIO.

The crew and guards are remaining aboard OHIO during its port stay, and are well and receiving fresh food and water, according to AdvanFort's agents in the port.

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