

CROWN UNITY

IMO No: 9081174 TANKER 1996 / 156852 GT

COMPANY:

Overseas Shipholding Group Inc.,
USA

YARD INFORMATION:

Hyundai Heavy Industries Co Ltd
(South Korea) 905

DEMOLITION:

Gadani Beach, 26/11/2020



Delaware River 8/5/1998 © J. Curdy (S. Wiedner collection)

2006: Sold (incl. lease back to OSG ?) to Samho Shipping Co Ltd, South Korea.

2007: Renamed **SAMHO CROWN**.

2011: Put idle at Dubai (liquidation of Samho Shipping in 2012).

2014: Reported sale "as is" at auction in Dubai (assigned for demolition).

2015: Renamed **ZOYA 1** (Aurum Ship Management FZC / Ullib Shipping Inc, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates).

2016/10: Put idle off Sharjah (abandoned).

2019/12: Renamed **SAM** (sold to cash buyers for demolition.)

2020: Suffered fire 29/1/2020 (during tank cleaning).

Demolition at Gadani Beach, 26/11/2020.

BASIC DATA:

Crude Oil Tanker

Double Hull

GT: 156852

DWT: 300482

Loa: 330.27 (BB)

Bmd: 58.00

Draft: 22.22

Engine: 1x oil B&W 7S80MC

Power: 24468 kW

Speed: 14.7 kn

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

SAM since 01/12/2019

ZOYA 1 since 01/06/2015

SAMHO CROWN since 01/09/2007

OVERSEAS CROWN since 01/04/2006

CROWN UNITY 12-05-2000 LRF

Flag Date of record Source

Palau (Republic of) since 01/12/2019

Panama since 01/06/2015

Marshall Islands since 01/02/2004

Registered owner Date of record Source

ANCIENT SHIPPING INDUSTRIES during 12/2019

ULLIB SHIPPING INC since 18/06/2015

SY TANKERS LTD since 01/01/2007

SY TANKERS PTE LTD since 06/09/2006

IMPERIAL TANKERS 01-01-1996 LRF

Ship manager Date of record Source

ANCIENT SHIPPING INDUSTRIES during 12/2019

AURUM SHIP MANAGEMENT FZC since 18/06/2015

ULLIB SHIPPING INC since 18/06/2015

SY TANKERS LTD before 2013

ITM HOLDING since 29/09/2009
ITM LTD since 28/09/2009
TANKERS UK AGENCIES LTD before 04/2009
SYNCRO SHIPPING CO LTD since 06/09/2006
TANKER MANAGEMENT LTD since 06/09/2006
OSG SHIP MANAGEMENT UK 01-01-1999 LRF
OSG SHIP MANAGEMENT 01-11-1998 LRF

EX-NAMES:

CROWN UNITY	1996-04	Imperial Tankers, Panama
CROWN UNITY	2004-06	Imperial Tankers, Marshall Islands
OVERSEAS CROWN	2006-07	Sy Tankers Pte Ltd, Marshall Islands
SAMHO CROWN	2007-15	Sy Tankers Ltd., Marshall Islands
ZOYA 1	2015-19	Ullib Shipping Inc, Panama
SAM	2019-20	Ancient Shipping Industries Ltd, Palau

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

2006:

TradeWinds

Samho Shipping splashes out on secondhand VLCC from OSG

17 August 2006 13:35 GMT *UPDATED 17 August 2006 13:35 GMT*
By Irene Ang, Singapore

South Korean chemical-tanker owner Samho Shipping has entered the VLCC business by acquiring a secondhand, double-hull vessel. Tanker players say Samho has splashed out \$92m to \$93m for the Hyundai-built, 300,000-dwt Overseas Crown (ex- Crown Unity , built 1996) from OSG Shipholding.

Samho Shipping acquired the double hull 'OVERSEAS CROWN' (300,482dwt built 1996) for \$93m. (www.intermodalsnp.com/if_news.asp - 16/8/2006)

2014:

TANKEROperator

Abandoned VLCC to be auctioned

May 16 2014

The abandoned 1996-built VLCC 'Samho Crown' is to be auctioned in Dubai on Sunday at a reserve price of around \$22 mill.

It is currently lying between Port Rashid and Dubai Drydocks in the UAE.

South Korean Samho Shipping, the company that is alleged to own the vessel was believed to have gone into liquidation in 2012. It was said to be the same company that paid a \$9 mill ransom to Somali pirates in 2010.

The Marshall Islands flagged vessel was built by Hyundai Heavy Industries at Ulsan. She has been lying at Dubai since 2011.

(www.tankeroperator.com)

Samho creditors secure \$20.8m for tanker demolition candidate

The 300,000-dwt Samho Crown has been sold 'as is' at an auction in Dubai and is likely to be scrapped in

1 August 2014 0:00 GMT *UPDATED 1 August 2014 0:00 GMT*
By **Trond Lillestolen Oslo**

Pakistan has emerged as the final destination of a VLCC that has been sitting idle off Dubai for nearly four years.

28 July 2014 20:23 GMT *UPDATED 28 July 2014 20:28 GMT*
By **Aaron Kelley**

According to GMS the 300,500-dwt Samho Crown (built 1996) was sold "as is" at auction for \$490 per Idt, which amounts to a payday of approximately

2019/20:



Legal dispute involving owners of MT Zoya 1 supertanker holding up salary payments with crew unable to come ashore



Desperate sailors have spoken of how they have been trapped on board a supertanker 17 kilometres off the coast of the UAE because of a legal dispute involving the ship's owners.

Sixteen Indian and Pakistani crew have been on the 330-metre *MT Zoya 1* for up to a year, awaiting coastguard clearance to come ashore.

Because of an unspecified legal dispute with the owners of the vessel, crew have been mostly unpaid since December and have been given no information when they will be rescued from the ship.

Although the crew is receiving regular fresh supplies, they say they are not being allowed to leave until all disputes have been settled.

Lawyers acting on behalf of the ship's owners claim *MT Zoya 1* has been unlawfully arrested outside port limits following a claim filed at Sharjah courts by a Swiss bank.

The legal claim relates to an unpaid loan by a third party, but the parties involved said they could not discuss the matter any further while it is in court.

Charterers Avantgarde Petroleum, part of ECB International, the ship's owners, said it is trying to support the men and hopes to have the arrest order lifted soon.

As the ship is anchored outside of the UAE immigration jurisdiction, a crew change has not been possible.

The vessel has been anchored off Sharjah since October 2016 according to crew, who have said it is in need of repairs before it can return to service.

(<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/desperate-tanker-crew-stranded-off-uae-coast-for-more-than-a-year-1.722638>)

Mystery surrounds ownership of VLCC hit by blaze off UAE

Zoya 1 owners are untraceable and the ship has not moved in over three years

31 January 2020 4:53 GMT *UPDATED 31 January 2020 5:08 GMT*
By **Jonathan Boonzaier**

The blaze-hit VLCC Zoya 1 appears to be something of an enigma in the VLCC sector as little is known about its owner Ullib Shipping



Blaze breaks out on disused VLCC off Dubai

JANUARY 30TH, 2020

SAM CHAMBERS

MIDDLE EAST, TANKERS

An out-of-use VLCC caught fire yesterday 21 nautical miles northwest of Dubai.

Splash understands the [Zoya 1](#), which has not traded for the last three years and has seen its crew face appalling conditions onboard, was having its tanks cleaned in preparation for scrapping when the blaze broke out yesterday.

The ship has been at the centre of a three-year legal dispute with local Dubai newspapers describing the plight of the abandoned crew onboard. The crew were evacuated yesterday as the fire grew in intensity. The 1996-built ship had no cargo onboard when the fire started.

(<https://splash247.com> - January 30th, 2020)

MARITIME BULLETIN

Tanker was reported on fire off Sharjah, UAE, in the afternoon Jan 29. Reports went with video footage and photos, but all being taken too far from the ship. It's obviously a tanker, a big tanker with that, anchored and in ballast. Later unconfirmed information identified tanker in question as VLCC ZOYA 1, operated by UAE company. Tanker in ballast is anchored off Sharjah since at least year 2018, due to financial and legal disputes, including unpaid crew wages. It is highly likely, that the ship has on board some watchmen at best, not regular crew. Or maybe tanker is unmanned. Obviously, gas in empty tank or tanks somehow inflamed, maybe igniting residues in tanks bottom part.

Crude oil tanker ZOYA 1, IMO 9081174, dwt 300482, built 1996, flag Panama, manager AURUM SHIP MANAGEMENT FZC, UAE (EQUASIS).

According to Gulf News, tanker is presently under the name of SAM, Palau-flagged, preparing for final voyage to India's scrap yard, for dismantling.

Renamed SAM since 12/2019 (probably after sale to cash buyers for demolition)



(www.maritimebulletin.net - 2020/01/29)

2020:

SAM (9081174; Palau) (Zoya 1 -19, Samho Crown -15, Overseas Crown -07) 156,852/96 - Crude Oil Tanker. By Ancient Shipping Industries Ltd, St Kitts & Nevis, to Usman Steel Pvt Ltd, Pakistan and arrived Gadani Beach, 26/11/2020. Commenced 29/11/2020.

(WSS Marine News 06/2021)

Last update: 10/8/2021