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LATEST STATEMENT: COVID-19

OSRL continues to take all possible steps to ensure our continued ability to respond to any incident. We now have 20 Country-specific Plans available which can be accessed [here](#). The plans detail the steps OSRL would take to deploy people, equipment and other resources into the location. More Country-specific Plans are in preparation. Please feel free to contact your OSRL contact if you would like to discuss any of these country plans.

We have added a “Logistics” tab to our [Readiness Dashboard](#) which offers Members quick access to a range of OSRL logistics plans and other resources at any time.

As noted last week, OSRL undertook a successful internal drill utilising a virtual EOC over an MS Teams platform. The full report of this exercise, with learning points, can be found [here](#). OSRL will be participating in virtual exercises with two of our Members towards the end of this month. We invite any other Members wishing to undertake a virtual exercise with OSRL on any platform to get in touch with their local OSRL contacts to arrange.

OSRL continues to work with air charter agents to assess market availability. Whilst freight aircraft (for instance Boeing 747s) are still being heavily utilised, a range of passenger airlines now being used for cargo movement have entered the market. OSRL has reviewed its equipment stockpile and, in some cases, can utilise these airframes to mobilise response equipment. We have been advised availability of these airlines is good.

Air charter routes out of China are currently the busiest, however other options (i.e. Europe to the United States) are less utilised. OSRL has also been working with other organisations to confirm availability of Hercules and other airframes to support a mobilisation. Members should be advised, however, that typical lead times are circa three days and that costs are higher than usual.



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For personnel deployment, the scheduled airline services are significantly reduced. There is good availability of private charter aircraft, but this is generally at a significantly higher cost than a scheduled flight. Due to these cost increases, we can no longer guarantee that OSRL's Spill Technical Advice and Response Service (the "5x5" service) will be wholly free of charge for Members. OSRL will continue to offer personnel free of charge and continue to cover accommodation & subsistence cost. We will however have to consider travel costs on a case-by-case basis. Where travel costs are excessive due to Covid-19, we reserve the right to request a contribution from the mobilising party.

Looking internally, OSRL took up an offer of a free workforce attitude survey from the Great Place to Work (GPTW) group. The outcomes were positive, with 94% of OSRL staff feeling that the Covid-19 outbreak is being handled in the right way by OSRL management. Unsurprisingly there are challenges reported in working from home and some anxiousness about the future which we are seeking to address. Overall though OSRL's efforts to support staff wellness and well-being have been positively received.

We are just a phone call away, ready to virtually support you and your operations. Should you have any questions, please email CMT@oilspillresponse.com or contact our Duty Managers.

