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S&R important for the oil industry

For all oil exploration in general in the Faroes, a good well organised contingency plan is of the utmost importance. The latest successful Faroe rescue operation in connection with a Polish sailboat is a good signal to send the oil companies active in the Faroes area, says Mr Johan Dahl, the Faroe Government Minister for hydrocarbon affairs. MRCC lead the operation The successful rescue operation of nine Polish people in very poor weather conditions, has as could be expected, received much media attention in the Faroe press and the Faroe MRCC contingency station has been highly praised. Mr Dahl told oljan.fo that the rescue operation of the Polish sailboat the Rzeszowiak has proved that our contingency plan and the coordination between the various parties is functioning well and as intended. This fact, he believes is of great importance for our attempts to develop a land-based oil industry - -In connection with oil exploration efforts offshore and hopefully a future oil industry, it is very important we within the area of contingency and safety at sea, have the required knowledge, tools and equipment available, should an emergency situation arise, also the experience necessary. MRCC, our inspection vessels, SAR, the Atlantic Airways helicopter pilots, the Danish Navy together with all the fishing vessels in the area must be praised for this large and well executed rescue operation. This massive rescue feat strengthens my belief in that those who are doing all they can in their search for hydrocarbons in our waters can feel that bit safer, should something unexpected occur, says Mr Dahl. He added that all energy ought to be mobilised so we continually can develop our contingency plans. The Faroe PM has also praised the rescue operation - -I wish to thank MRCC, the Danish navy, the crew onboard of the inspection vessels Brimil and onboard the fishing vessels Lerkur and Rókur, also the helicopter pilots from Atlantic

Airways and the Danish navy for their first class work. The whole operation was conducted exemplary under very difficult weather conditions. All the people involved prevented a higher loss of life. My condolence goes to the family of the deceased man, said the Faroe PM.