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**Brussels, 7 April 2014** - In this quarterly publication, the NGO Shipbreaking Platform informs about the shipbreaking industry in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. Providing an overview of vessels broken on the beaches of South Asia, accidents, recent on-the-ground, legislative and political developments including our activities in South Asia we aim to inform the public about the negative impacts of substandard shipbreaking practices as well as positive steps aimed at the realisation of environmental justice and the protection of workers' rights. In this first edition of the update we inform about the forced eviction of two shipbreaking yards in Chittagong, the results of a public hearing and environmental impact assessment for a proposed new shipbreaking yard in India, and warn ship owners not to fall for the green-washing of the Alang shipbreaking yards. So far this year 195 ships have ended up on the beaches of



South Asia and four major accidents have been reported killing seven workers.

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