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REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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**EUROSEAS LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Republic of the Marshall Islands**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**4412**

(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

**N/A**

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:**

**As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.**

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are being offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Security(2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2)	Amount of Registration Fee(3)
Series A Mandatory Convertible Limited Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share			\$46,000,000	\$4,922
Common Stock, par value \$0.03 per share		—	—	

(1) Includes shares of convertible preferred stock that may be sold to cover the exercise of an over-allotment option granted to the underwriters. Also includes, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, an indeterminate number of shares that may be issued, offered or sold to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457 under the Securities Act of 1933, based on the offering price of the convertible preferred stock.

(3) The shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the convertible preferred stock will be issued for no additional consideration, and therefore no registration fee is required pursuant to Rule 457(i).

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**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

**Subject to Completion Dated November 16, 2006**

**Shares**

**Series A Mandatory Convertible Limited Preferred Stock**

We are offering \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our Series A Mandatory Convertible Limited Preferred Stock, or convertible preferred stock, in this offering.

We will pay cash dividends on the convertible preferred stock, when, as and if, declared by our Board of Directors, out of funds legally available therefore, in the minimum amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, quarterly in arrears on each \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, 2008. We will pay a partial dividend of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007. After \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, there will be no fixed minimum dividends on the convertible preferred stock, however, dividends we pay on the convertible preferred stock will be no less than the dividends we pay on our common stock. Dividends on the convertible preferred stock will be cumulative from the date of issuance until \_\_\_\_\_, 2008; thereafter dividends will no longer be cumulative.

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our convertible preferred stock. We will apply to list our shares of convertible preferred stock on the NASDAQ Global Market upon completion of this offering.

Each share of convertible preferred stock will have a liquidation preference of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus accrued and unpaid dividends until \_\_\_\_\_, 2008; thereafter, the liquidation preference will be reduced to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share.

Each share of the convertible preferred stock will mandatorily convert into one share of our common stock, subject to specified adjustments, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2008 if our common stock has been approved for listing on the NASDAQ Global Market or another comparable U.S. national securities exchange. If not converted on that date, the convertible preferred stock will convert on the first date thereafter on which our common stock is approved for listing. At any time prior to \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, you may elect to convert your convertible preferred stock into our common stock, but only if our common stock is then so listed. The convertible preferred stock will not otherwise be convertible into our common stock.

For a more detailed description of the convertible preferred stock, see “Description of Convertible Limited Preferred Stock” beginning on page 117.

Our common stock is quoted on the Over the Counter Bulletin Board (“OTCBB”) under the symbol EUSEF.OB. On November 15, 2006 the closing price of our common stock on the OTCBB was \$8.35 per share.

**See the section of this prospectus entitled “Risk Factors” beginning on page 13 to read about the risks you should consider before buying shares of our convertible preferred stock.**

	Per Share	Total
Public Offering Price	\$ _____	\$ _____

Underwriting Discount	\$	\$
Proceeds, Before Expenses, To Us	\$	\$

The underwriters have a 30-day option to purchase up to \_\_\_\_\_ additional shares of our convertible preferred stock from us to cover any over-allotments.

Delivery of shares will be made on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

**Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.**

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**We have not authorized anyone to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus. Do not rely upon any information or representations made outside of this prospectus. This prospectus is not an offer to sell, and it is not soliciting an offer to buy (1) any securities other than shares of our convertible preferred stock or (2) shares of our convertible preferred stock in any circumstances in which our offer or solicitation is unlawful. The information contained in this prospectus may change after the date of this prospectus. Do not assume after the date of this prospectus that the information contained in this prospectus is still correct.**

## **ENFORCEABILITY OF CIVIL LIABILITIES**

We are a Marshall Islands company and our executive offices are located outside of the United States of America in Maroussi, Greece. Some of our directors and officers and some of the experts named herein reside outside the United States of America. In addition, a substantial portion of our assets and the assets of our directors, officers and experts are located outside of the United States of America. As a result, you may have difficulty serving legal process within the United States of America upon us or any of these persons. You may also have difficulty enforcing, both in and outside the United States of America, judgments you may obtain in United States of America courts against us or these persons in any action, including actions based upon the civil liability provisions of United States of America federal or state securities laws. Furthermore, there is substantial doubt that the courts of the Marshall Islands or Greece would enter judgments in original actions brought in those courts predicated on United States of America federal or state securities laws.

## **INTERNATIONAL DRYBULK AND CONTAINER SHIPPING INDUSTRY DATA**

The discussions contained under the sections of this prospectus entitled “Prospectus Summary Industry Trends,” “Business” and “The International Drybulk and Container Shipping Industry” have been reviewed by Maritime Strategies International Ltd. (“MSI”), which has confirmed to us that they accurately describe the international drybulk and container shipping industry, subject to the reliability of the data supporting the statistical and graphical information presented in this prospectus.

The statistical and graphical information we use in this prospectus has been compiled by MSI from its database. MSI compiles and publishes data for the benefit of its clients. Its methodologies for collecting data, and therefore the data collected, may differ from those of other sources, and its data does not reflect all or even necessarily a comprehensive set of the actual transactions occurring in the market.

## **CURRENCY TRANSLATION**

All references in this prospectus to “Dollars” or “\$” are to the lawful currency of the United States of America and all references to “Euros” or “€” are to the single currency introduced on January 1, 1999 by those member states of the European Union who participate in the European Economic and Monetary Union. For the convenience of the reader, this prospectus contains translations of certain amounts from Euros into Dollars. Unless otherwise indicated, prior to June 30, 2006, such amounts are based on the U.S. Dollar exchange in effect at such time and, following June 30, 2006, such amounts are based on a U.S. Dollar exchange rate of €1.00 = U.S.\$1.268 as in effect on September 29, 2006.

## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*This section summarizes some of the information and consolidated financial statements that appear later in this prospectus. As an investor or prospective investor, you should review carefully the risk factors and the more detailed information and financial statements that appear later in this prospectus. In this prospectus, references to “Euroseas,” “Company,” “we,” “our,” “ours” and “us” refer to Euroseas Ltd., and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise stated or the context requires.*

*We use the term “deadweight tons,” or dwt, in describing the capacity of our drybulk carriers. Dwt, expressed in metric tons, each of which is equivalent to 1,000 kilograms, refers to the maximum weight of cargo and supplies that a vessel can carry. We use the term “twenty foot equivalent unit,” or teu, the international standard measure of containers, in describing the capacity of our container ships. For the definition of certain shipping terms used in this prospectus, see the “Glossary of Shipping Terms” at the end of this prospectus. Drybulk carriers are categorized as Capesize, Panamax, Handymax and Handysize. The carrying capacity of a Capesize drybulk carrier is 80,000 dwt and above. The carrying capacity of a Panamax drybulk carrier ranges from 60,000 to 79,999 dwt. The carrying capacity of a Handymax drybulk carrier ranges from 40,000 to 59,999 dwt and that of a Handysize drybulk carrier ranges from 10,000 to 39,999 dwt. Container ships are categorized as Deep Sea, Intermediate, Handysize and Feeder. The carrying capacity of a Deep Sea container ship is 3,000 teu and above. The carrying capacity of an Intermediate container ship ranges from 2,000 to 2,999 teu. The carrying capacity of a Handysize container ship ranges from 1,300 to 1,999 teu and that of a Feeder container ship is less than 1,300 teu. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to currency amounts in this prospectus are in U.S. dollars and all share numbers and per share data give effect to a 1-for-3 reverse stock split effected on October 6, 2006.*

### Our Company

We are a Marshall Islands company incorporated in May 2005. We are a provider of worldwide ocean-going transportation services. We own and operate drybulk carriers that transport major bulks such as iron ore, coal and grains, and minor bulks such as bauxite, phosphate and fertilizers. We also own and operate container ships and multipurpose vessels that transport dry and refrigerated containerized cargoes, mainly including manufactured products and perishables.

As of November 15, 2006, our fleet consisted of nine vessels, including two Panamax drybulk carriers, two Handysize drybulk carriers, four container ships and one multipurpose vessel with an average fleet age of approximately 18 years. The total cargo carrying capacity of our four drybulk carriers and our four container ships is 207,464 dwt and 6,235 teu, respectively. Our multipurpose vessel can carry 22,568 dwt or 950 teu, or a combination thereof.

We intend to strategically employ our fleet with period and spot charters. We actively pursue period charters to obtain adequate cash flow to cover our fleet’s fixed costs, consisting of vessel operating expenses, management fees, general and administrative expenses, interest expense and drydocking costs for the upcoming 12-month period. We look to employ the remainder of our fleet through period charters, spot charters, shipping pools or contracts of affreightment depending on our view of the direction of the markets and other tactical or strategic considerations. Six of the nine vessels in our fleet are currently employed under period charters which provide us with both stable cash flow and high utilization rates that help us generate steady earnings and enhance our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders. We believe this balanced employment strategy provides us with more predictable operating cash flows and sufficient downside protection, while allowing us to participate in the potential upside of the spot market during periods of rising charter rates.



During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and the six month period ended June 30, 2006:

We had a fleet utilization of 98.5% and 99.9%, respectively;

We generated voyage revenues of \$44.5 million and \$20.4 million, respectively;

Our net income was \$25.2 million and \$10.0 million, respectively; and

Our Adjusted EBITDA was \$30.4 million and \$14.0 million, respectively.

Our operations generate significant cash flow, which provides us with flexibility in our growth, operating and financial strategy. Since August 2005, we have declared and paid four consecutive quarterly dividends in a total amount of \$0.75 per common share. On November 9, 2006, we declared our fifth consecutive dividend on our common stock in the amount of \$0.21 per share, a 16.6% increase over our prior quarter's dividend of \$0.18 per share.

### Our Fleet

Since August 2005, as part of our fleet growth and renewal strategy, we purchased four vessels with an average age of approximately 15 years for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$82.5 million. During the same period of time, we sold two of our oldest drybulk carriers with an average age of 25 years, thus significantly reducing the average age of our fleet. We sold these two drybulk carriers for an aggregate sales price of approximately \$9.6 million, realizing a net gain of approximately \$4.5 million.

Our objective is to expand our fleet with selective acquisitions of cargo carrying vessels. In furtherance of our objective, on October 12, 2006, we contracted to acquire a 1,599 teu, 1993-built handysize container ship, m/v *YM Xingang I*. The vessel was purchased with a charter to Yang Ming at the gross charter rate of \$26,650 per day. The charter will expire between July 2009 and September 2009. We took delivery of this container ship on November 15, 2006. We will pay for a portion of this vessel with \$20.0 million under a new credit facility and the remainder in cash. We expect to repay \$7.0 million of the debt under this new credit facility with a portion of the proceeds from this offering.

As of November 15, 2006, the profile and employment of our fleet was the following:

Name	Type	DWT	TEU	Year Built	Employment	TCE Rate (\$ per day)
<b><u>Drybulk Carriers</u></b>						
ARISTIDES N.P.	Panamax	69,268	—	1993	Spot Charter until Jan. 2007	\$26,000
IRINI	Panamax	69,734	—	1988	Baumarine Pool until end 2008	\$17,000 to \$20,000 (*)
NIKOLAOS P.	Handysize	34,750	—	1984	Spot Charter until Nov. 2006	\$14,000
ARIEL	Handysize	33,712	—	1977	Spot Charter until Dec. 2006	\$12,150
<b>Total Drybulk Carriers</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>207,464</b>				

**Container Ships**

YM XINGANG I	Handysize	23,596	1,599	1993	Period Charter until July 2009	\$26,650
KUO HSIUNG	Feeder	18,154	1,269	1993	Period Charter until Nov. 2007	\$16,000 until Nov. 2006; \$12,000 until Nov. 2007
YM QINGDAO I	Feeder	18,253	1,269	1990	Period Charter until Mar. 2007	\$11,900
ARTEMIS	Intermediate	29,693	2,098	1987	Period Charter until Dec. 2008	\$19,000
<b>Total Container Ships</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>89,696</b>	<b>6,235</b>			

**Multipurpose  
Vessels**

TASMAN TRADER	Multipurpose	22,568	950	1990	Period Charter until Mar. 2012	\$8,850 until Dec. 2008; \$9,950 until Dec. 2010; \$9,000 until Mar. 2012
<b>Total Multipurpose Vessels</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22,568</b>	<b>950</b>			
<b>TOTAL FLEET</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>319,728</b>	<b>7,185</b>			

(\* ) Our subsidiary that owns m/v *Irini*, participates in three short funds (contracts of affreightment to carry cargo) that provide an effective coverage of 102% in 2006, 77% in 2007 and 42% in 2008. The combination of the short funds and shipping pool employment secures the stated rate for the respective percentages for each year. For the remaining portion of 2007 and 2008, the vessel will effectively earn the spot rate through its employment in the shipping pool. See “Business-Our Fleet” for more information.

### **Management of Our Fleet**

The operations of our vessels are managed by Eurobulk Ltd., or Eurobulk, an affiliated company, under a master management agreement with us and separate management agreements with each ship-owning company. Eurobulk was founded in 1994 by members of the Pittas family and is a reputable ship management company with strong industry relationships and experience in managing vessels. Under our master management agreement, Eurobulk is responsible for providing us with executive services and commercial management services, which include obtaining employment for our vessels and managing our relationships with charterers. Eurobulk also performs technical management services, which include managing day-to-day vessel operations, performing general vessel maintenance, ensuring regulatory and classification society compliance, supervising the maintenance and general efficiency of vessels, arranging our hire of qualified officers and crew, arranging and supervising drydocking and repairs, arranging insurance for vessels, purchasing stores, supplies, spares and new equipment for vessels, appointing supervisors and technical consultants and providing technical support and shoreside personnel who carry out the management functions described above and certain accounting services.

### **Our Competitive Strengths**

We believe that we possess the following competitive strengths:

· *Experienced Management Team.* Our management team has significant experience in all aspects of commercial, technical, operational and financial areas of our business. Aristides J. Pittas, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer holds a dual graduate degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Ocean Systems Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has worked in various technical, shipyard and ship management capacities and since 1991 has focused on the ownership and operation of vessels carrying dry cargoes. Dr. Anastasios Aslidis, our Chief Financial Officer, holds a Ph.D. in Ocean Systems Management also from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has over 18 years of experience, primarily as a partner at a Boston based international consulting firm focusing on investment and risk management in the maritime industry. We believe their combined experience, among other things, enables us to identify attractive purchase and sale opportunities and efficiently manage the commercial, technical and financial aspects of our business.

· *Cost Effective Vessel Operations.* We believe that because of the efficiencies afforded to us through Eurobulk, the strength of our management team and the quality of our fleet, we are, and will continue to be, a reliable, low cost vessel operator, without compromising our high standards of performance, reliability and safety. Despite the average age of our fleet being approximately 18 years, our total vessel operating expenses, including management fees and general and administrative expenses were \$4,511 per day for the six month period ended June 30, 2006. We consider this amount to be among the lowest of the publicly listed drybulk shipping companies in the U.S. Our technical and operating expertise allows us to efficiently manage and transport a wide range of cargoes with a flexible trade route profile, which helps reduce ballast time between voyages and minimize off-hire days. Our professional, well-trained masters, officers and on board crews further help us to control costs and ensure consistent vessel operating performance. We actively manage our fleet and strive to maximize utilization and minimize maintenance expenditures. For the six month period ended June 30, 2006, our fleet utilization was 99.9% and our vessels had only two unscheduled off-hire days.

· *Strong Relationships with Customers and Financial Institutions.* We believe Eurobulk and the Pittas family have developed strong industry relationships and have gained acceptance with charterers, lenders and insurers because of their long-standing reputation for safe and reliable service and financial responsibility through various shipping cycles. Through Eurobulk, we offer reliable service and cargo carrying flexibility that enables us to attract customers and obtain repeat business. We also believe that the established customer base and reputation of Eurobulk and the Pittas family helps us to secure favorable employment for our vessels with well known charterers.

### **Our Business Strategy**

Our business strategy is focused on providing consistent shareholder returns by carefully timing and structuring acquisitions of drybulk carriers and container ships and by reliably, safely and competitively operating our vessels through Eurobulk. We continuously evaluate purchase and sale opportunities, as well as long term employment opportunities for our vessels. Additionally, with the proceeds from this offering, we plan to expand our fleet to increase our revenues and earnings and make our drybulk carrier and container ship fleet more cost efficient and attractive to our customers. We believe the following describe our business strategy:

· *Renew and Expand our Fleet.* We expect to grow our fleet in a disciplined manner through timely and selective acquisitions of quality vessels. We perform in-depth technical review and financial analysis of each potential acquisition and only purchase vessels as market conditions and developments present themselves. We will be initially focused on purchasing well-maintained, secondhand vessels, which should provide a significant value proposition given the strong charter rates that exist currently. However, we will also consider purchasing younger vessels or newbuildings if the value proposition exists at the time. Furthermore, as part of our fleet renewal, we will continue to sell certain vessels when we believe it is in the best interests of the Company and our shareholders.

· *Maintain Balanced Employment.* We intend to strategically employ our fleet between period and spot charters. We actively pursue period charters to obtain adequate cash flow to cover our fleet's fixed costs, consisting of vessel operating expenses, management fees, general and administrative expenses, interest expense and drydocking costs for the upcoming 12-month period. We look to deploy the remainder of our fleet through period charters, spot charters, shipping pools or contracts of affreightment depending on our view of the direction of the markets and other tactical or strategic considerations. We believe this balanced employment strategy will provide us with more predictable operating cash flows and sufficient downside protection, while allowing us to participate in the potential upside of the spot market during periods of rising charter rates. On the basis of our existing contracts, our current period charter coverage for the fourth quarter of 2006 is 76.5% and 56.5% for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2007, which will help protect us from market fluctuations, enable us to make significant principal and interest payments on our debt and pay dividends to our shareholders.



- *Operate a Fleet in Two Sectors.* While remaining focused on the dry cargo segment of the shipping industry, we intend to continue to develop a diversified fleet of drybulk carriers and container ships of up to Panamax size. A diversified drybulk fleet profile will allow us to better serve our customers in both major and minor bulk trades, as well as to reduce any dependency on any one cargo, trade route or customer. We will remain focused on the smaller size ship segment of the container market, which has not experienced the same level of expansion in vessel supply that has occurred with larger container ships. A diversified fleet, in addition to enhancing the stability of our cash flows, will also help us to reduce our exposure to unfavorable developments in any one shipping sector and to benefit from upswings in any one shipping sector experiencing rising charter rates.
- *Optimize Use of Financial Leverage.* We will use bank debt to partly fund our vessel acquisitions and increase financial returns for our shareholders. We actively assess the level of debt we incur in light of our ability to repay that debt based on the level of cash flow generated from our balanced chartering strategy and efficient operating cost structure. Our debt repayment schedule as of September 30, 2006 calls for a reduction of more than 50% of our then outstanding debt by the end of 2008. We expect this will increase our ability to borrow funds to make additional vessel acquisitions in order to grow our fleet and pay consistent and possibly higher dividends to our shareholders.

### **Industry Trends**

The maritime shipping industry is fundamental to international trade with ocean-going vessels representing the most efficient and often the only method of transporting large volumes of many essential drybulk commodities, finished goods as well as crude oil and refined petroleum products between the continents and across the seas. It is a global industry whose performance is closely tied to the level of economic activity in the world.

#### ***Drybulk Shipping Industry***

Drybulk cargoes are used in many basic industries and in construction, and can be divided into major bulk commodities and minor bulk commodities. Major bulks consist of iron ore, coal and grains. Minor bulks cover a wide variety of commodities, such as forest products, iron and steel products, fertilizers, agricultural products, non-ferrous ores, minerals and petcoke, cement, other construction materials and salt. Grains include wheat, coarse grains and soybeans.

According to Maritime Strategies International Ltd., or MSI, since the fourth quarter of 2002, the drybulk shipping industry has experienced the highest charter rates and vessel values in its modern history due to the favorable imbalance between the supply of drybulk carriers and demand for drybulk transportation. However after reaching a peak in mid-2005, both charter rates and vessel values decreased through mid-2005 before another peak in October to November of that year. Subsequently they trended lower before recovering significantly in August 2006.

For drybulk shipping, factors that affect the supply of drybulk carriers and demand for transportation of drybulk cargo include:

*Supply:*

- Shipyards where new ships are constructed are fully booked through 2008, limiting the number of new drybulk carriers that will enter the market in coming years. In 2006 the drybulk fleet is expected to increase by 7% while in 2007 and 2008, 5% and 4.4%, respectively (assuming a low scrapping rate of 1% for those three years, and
- Port congestion worldwide as a result of increased shipping activity and the implementation of stringent security measures has increased the number of days vessels are waiting to load or discharge their cargo, effectively reducing the supply of drybulk carriers that are available for hire at any particular time.

*Demand:*

- In general, the effects of the opening up of world trade and increasing global production and consumption have driven the strong demand for ships; and
- China and India have helped drive demand for drybulk carriers as they continue to expand iron ore imports and steel production, become net importers of coal, and increase their grain inventories.

***Container Shipping Industry***

The container shipping industry is responsible for the movement of a wide range of goods from one part of the world to another in a unitized form by performing regular port calls. It represents an important and increasingly significant part of the global seaborne movement of finished goods and perishables. The performance of the container shipping industry is closely tied to the level of worldwide economic trade.

According to MSI, the container shipping industry had been on an upward trend from early 2002 through early 2005, bolstered by relatively rapid increases in demand. However, from mid-2005 into 2006, container freight rates out of Asia, and to Europe in particular, saw some downward movement.

For container shipping, recent developments in factors that affect the supply of container vessels and demand for transportation of containers include:

*Supply:*

- Overall container ship capacity expanded at an annual average of 10% in the period 2003-2005. As of September 1, 2006, scheduled deliveries through the end of 2008 for large container ships (3,000 + teu) represented 44% of the existing fleet, while intermediate, handysize and feeder (500-2,999 teu) container ships represented 25% of the existing fleet; and
- The greatest portion of the capacity growth has been and is expected to be provided by the large container ship sectors of the fleet operating in the transpacific and Europe to Far East routes. Capacity growth in intermediate and

feeder container ships that operate in separate intermediate and intra-regional container trades has and is expected to be more restrained.

*Demand:*

- In the last three years demand for container shipping has accelerated strongly. Estimated global container trade increased at a compound average annual growth rate of 12% in the period 2003–2005. This growth has been relatively rapid in comparison with other major shipping sectors, such as tankers and bulk carriers; and
- In recent years, container volumes to, from and within Asia have driven most of the increase in container trade largely influenced by the growth of the Chinese economy. Other recent growth areas include trade out of Brazil, as well as trade in and out of Russia and the Baltic.

We cannot offer assurances as to charter rates or vessel values in any period or that the industry trends described above will continue following the completion of this offering.



## **Our Corporate History**

The Pittas family, the principal owners of Eurobulk and the largest shareholder of Friends Investment Company Inc., or Friends, our largest shareholder, has operated vessels over the past 135 years. The vessels have been operated through various partnerships and different entities over these years. The Company's roots go back four generations to the 19th century when the first Pittas shipowner was Nikolaos F. Pittas. The first Pittas family shore office centralizing ship management was established by Nikolaos' younger son, Aristides, in 1926. Before the onset of World War II, the second generation of the Pittas family had acquired and disposed of a total of at least six vessels. In 1960, the sons of Aristides, Nikolaos and John, set up an office in London together with the Caroussis family. By the early 1990's, they had acquired, traded and sold 14 vessels. In late 1991, John Pittas' sons, Aristides, our Chief Executive Officer, and Nikos, together with their cousin Aristides P. Pittas, joined forces with Petros Pappas of Oceanbulk Maritime S.A., or Oceanbulk, and decided to gradually shift the Pittas family interests to Piraeus, Greece. This was the beginning of the active involvement of the fourth Pittas generation in shipping. From 1991, when the Pittas family joined Oceanbulk, to 1994, Oceanbulk dramatically expanded from a fleet of five vessels to a fleet of up to 15 vessels.

At the end of 1994, Aristides and Nikos Pittas, together with their brother Manolis Pittas, decided to separate the Pittas family interests from Oceanbulk and formed Eurobulk to continue the Pittas family presence in shipping. In June 2005, the Pittas family owned the majority of the shares in seven vessels and on June 28, 2005, the shareholders of these vessels transferred their shares in each of the vessel-owning companies in exchange for shares in Friends. On June 29, 2006, Friends exchanged all of the shares in the vessel-owning companies for shares in Euroseas, thus becoming the 100% owner of Euroseas at that time. Since the beginning of the Pittas family's involvement in shipping, they have owned and operated approximately 40 vessels. Since the inception of Eurobulk in 1995, all vessel acquisitions have been profitable and the group's results, on a consolidated basis, have been profitable for each of the last five years.

### ***Formation of Euroseas Ltd.***

Euroseas Ltd. was organized in May 2005 in the Marshall Islands to consolidate the ownership of the seven vessel-owning companies referred to above. On August 25, 2005, we raised a net amount of approximately \$17.5 million from a private placement transaction in which we issued securities to a number of institutional and accredited investors (the "Private Placement"). In the Private Placement, we issued 2,342,331 shares of common stock at a price of \$9.00 per share, as well as warrants to purchase 585,581 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$10.80 per share. At the same time, a subsidiary of ours executed a merger agreement with Cove Apparel, Inc., or Cove, a public shell company. The merger was consummated on March 27, 2006.

On May 5, 2006, our common stock began trading on the OTCBB under the symbol ESEAF.OB. On October 6, 2006, we effected a 1-for-3 reverse stock split in order to increase our share price to satisfy the price per share listing requirements of the NASDAQ Global Market and our symbol was changed to EUSEF.OB. We will apply to list our shares of convertible preferred stock on the NASDAQ Global Market upon completion of this offering under the symbol " ."

Our executive offices are located at 40 Ag. Konstantinou Street, 151 24, Maroussi, Greece. Our telephone number is 011 30 211 1804005. The primary residence of our Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Anastasios Aslidis, is in the United States.

## The Offering

The following summary contains basic information about the convertible preferred stock and is not intended to be complete. It does not contain all the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of the convertible preferred stock, please refer to the section of this prospectus entitled "Description of Convertible Preferred Stock." For purposes of the description of the convertible preferred stock included in this prospectus, references to "us," "we" and "our" refer only to Euroseas Ltd. and not to any of our subsidiaries.

<b>Issuer</b>	Euroseas Ltd.
<b>Securities Offered</b>	shares of Series A Mandatory Convertible Limited Preferred Stock, which we refer to as the convertible preferred stock (assuming the underwriters do not exercise their over-allotment option for shares of convertible preferred stock).
<b>Initial Offering Price</b>	\$ for each share of convertible preferred stock.
<b>Common Stock to be Outstanding Immediately After the Offering(1)</b>	12,620,114
<b>Dividends</b>	Cumulative quarterly dividends in the minimum amount of \$ per share of convertible preferred stock payable in cash on each , , and , to holders of record of the convertible preferred stock on the immediately preceding , , and , when, as and if declared by our Board of Directors. Our first dividend on the convertible preferred stock will be a partial dividend, which will accrue from the date of issuance, until December 31, 2006. Dividends will be paid in arrears on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends on the convertible preferred stock will accumulate and be cumulative from the date of issuance thereof until the mandatory conversion date. Accumulated dividends on the convertible preferred stock will not bear interest. To the extent we declare any quarterly dividends on any common stock in excess of the amount declared on our convertible preferred stock, we will also pay such excess amount to holders of our convertible preferred stock.
<b>Liquidation Preference</b>	\$ per share, plus accumulated and unpaid dividends until the mandatory conversion date.
<b>Ranking</b>	<p>Until the mandatory conversion date, convertible preferred stock will rank with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution (after payment of our creditors):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· senior to all of our common stock and to each other class of our capital stock issued in the future that expressly provides that it ranks junior to the convertible preferred stock;</li> <li>· on a parity with any other series of preferred stock issued in the future unless the terms of such series of preferred stock expressly provide that it will rank other than on a parity with the convertible preferred stock;</li> <li>· junior to all of our capital stock the terms of which expressly provide that such stock will rank senior to the convertible preferred stock. Such stock may only be issued with the consent of 66<sup>2/3</sup>% of the outstanding convertible preferred stock; and</li> </ul>

· junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness.

**Redemption**

Our convertible preferred stock will not be redeemable.

**Mandatory Conversion Date**

, 2008.

**Conversion Rights**

The shares of convertible preferred stock cannot be converted into shares of common stock unless and until the common stock has been approved for listing on the NASDAQ Global Market or another comparable U.S. national securities exchange, such as the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange. On the Mandatory Conversion Date, the convertible preferred stock will automatically convert into shares of our common stock at a conversion rate of one share of common stock for each share of convertible preferred stock, if the common stock has been approved for listing. If not converted on that date, the convertible preferred stock will convert on the first date thereafter on which our common stock is approved for listing. Prior to the Mandatory Conversion Date, you may convert shares of convertible preferred stock into shares of our common stock at a conversion rate of one share of common stock for each share of convertible preferred stock, subject to adjustment, at any time, if the common stock has been approved for listing. If we are unable to obtain approval to list the common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market or another comparable U.S. national securities exchange by the Mandatory Conversion Date, the convertible preferred stock's liquidation preference will be reduced to \$ per share and it will lose certain of its preferential rights including, but not limited to, the right to receive a preferential quarterly dividend. Instead, our convertible preferred stock will thereafter be on parity with our common stock in all respects.

**Voting Rights; Amendments**

Except as required by Marshall Islands law and our amended and restated articles of incorporation, which include the statement of designations establishing the terms of the convertible preferred stock, the holders of convertible preferred stock will vote together as one class with the holders of our common stock on all matters submitted to a vote of our shareholders. Each holder of the convertible preferred stock will be entitled to one vote for each share of convertible preferred stock held of record by such holder.

While any shares of convertible preferred stock are outstanding, the affirmative consent of holders of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding convertible preferred stock will be required for the issuance of any class or series of stock (or security convertible into stock) ranking senior to the convertible preferred stock as to dividend rights or rights upon our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution and for amendments to our articles of incorporation in a manner that would adversely affect the rights of the holders of the convertible preferred stock.

**Tax Consequences**

The U.S. federal income tax and Marshall Islands tax consequences of purchasing, owning and disposing of the convertible preferred stock and any common stock received upon its conversion are described under "Tax Consequences." Prospective investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of purchasing, owning and disposing of the convertible preferred stock and any common stock received upon its conversion in light of their personal investment circumstances, including consequences resulting from the possibility that actual or constructive distributions on the convertible preferred stock may exceed our current and accumulated earnings and profits, as calculated for U.S. federal income tax purposes, in which case they would not

be treated as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

**Use of Proceeds**

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million from this offering assuming that the underwriters' over-allotment option is not exercised. We intend to use approximately \$7.0 million of the net proceeds to repay a portion of the debt that was used to acquire m/v *YM Xingang I*, with the remaining proceeds being used to acquire additional vessels. Any amounts not so used will be applied to general corporate purposes.

**Trading**

We will apply to list the convertible preferred stock on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "\_\_\_\_\_." The convertible preferred stock will be new securities for which no market currently exists. We cannot assure you that any active or liquid market will develop for the convertible preferred stock.

**Common Stock**

Our common stock is currently quoted on the Over the Counter Bulletin Board under the symbol "EUSEF.OB."

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(1) The number of shares of common stock outstanding after this offering excludes the following:

- 600,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of stock options that may be granted under our stock incentive plan;
- 585,581 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding warrants, with an exercise price of \$10.80 per share; and
- \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the convertible preferred stock if the common stock has been approved for listing on a national securities exchange.

**SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND DATA**

The following summary financial information and data were derived from our audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005, and our unaudited financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2006 included elsewhere in this prospectus. The information is only a summary and should be read in conjunction with our historical financial statements and related notes included in this prospectus and the section of this prospectus entitled Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. The historical data included below and elsewhere in this prospectus are not necessarily indicative of our future performance.

(Amounts in U.S. dollars)	2003	Year Ended December 31, 2004	2005	Six Months Ended June 30, 2005	2006
<b>Income Statement Data:</b>					
Voyage revenues	\$ 25,951,023	\$ 45,718,006	\$ 44,523,401	\$ 23,833,736	\$ 20,421,220
Commissions	(906,017)	(2,215,197)	(2,388,349)	(1,340,228)	(895,968)
Voyage expenses	(436,935)	(370,345)	(670,551)	(131,903)	(866,365)
Vessel operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization expenses shown separately below)	(8,775,730)	(8,906,252)	(8,610,279)	(4,270,787)	(5,055,753)
Management fees	(1,722,800)	(1,972,252)	(1,911,856)	(965,384)	(1,112,850)
General and administrative expenses	-	-	(420,755)	-	(521,940)
Depreciation and amortization (1)	(4,757,933)	(3,461,678)	(4,208,252)	(1,824,322)	(3,195,074)
Net gain on sale of vessel	-	2,315,477	-	-	2,165,799
Interest and finance cost, net	(756,873)	(521,215)	(1,035,414)	(456,021)	(921,606)
Other income/(expenses), net	(690)	25,221	(99,491)	(81,717)	(2,007)
Equity in net gain (loss) of an associate	(167,433)	-	-	-	-
Net income for period	\$ 8,426,612	\$ 30,611,765	\$ 25,178,454	\$ 14,763,374	\$ 10,015,456
Earnings per share, basic and diluted	\$ 0.85	\$ 3.09	\$ 2.34	\$ 1.49	\$ 0.80
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during period	9,918,056	9,918,056	10,739,476	9,918,056	12,449,194
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>					
Total current assets	\$ 9,409,339	\$ 16,461,159	\$ 25,350,707	\$ 11,276,109	\$ 23,535,104
Vessels, net	41,096,067	34,171,164	52,334,897	32,978,300	59,679,713
Total assets	51,458,019	52,837,501	79,541,433	46,612,184	84,676,165
Total current liabilities, including current portion of long term debt	8,481,773	13,764,846	18,414,877	18,341,155	18,917,393
Long term debt, including current portion	20,595,000	13,990,000	48,560,000	41,400,000	47,120,000
Total liabilities	23,971,773	21,724,846	52,544,877	44,961,155	52,197,393
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 27,486,246	\$ 31,112,655	\$ 26,996,556	\$ 1,651,029	\$ 32,478,772

**Other Financial Data:**

Adjusted EBITDA (2)	\$ 13,941,418	\$ 34,594,658	\$ 30,422,120	\$ 17,043,717	\$ 14,048,896
Net cash provided by operating activities	10,956,132	34,208,693	20,594,782	8,157,781	11,508,281
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	214,832	6,756,242	(21,833,616)	(1,230,155)	(5,735,387)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(4,778,000)	(33,567,500)	6,188,653	(16,972,500)	(6,014,490)
Vessel acquisition expenditures	-	-	(20,821,647)	-	(10,854,321)
Drydocking expenditures	(972,671)	(2,270,418)	(1,076,233)	(688,739)	(299,322)
Cash paid for dividends/return of capital (3)	1,200,000	26,962,500	46,875,223	44,225,000	4,543,240
Cash paid for dividends/return of capital, per common share	0.12	2.72	4.36	4.46	0.36
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends	11.8x	44.2x	17.8x	28.1x	8.2x

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(Amounts in U.S. dollars)	Year Ended December 31,			Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006
<b>Fleet Data:</b>					
Average number of vessels	8.00	7.31	7.10	7.00	8.19
Calendar days	2,920	2,677	2,591	1,267	1,483
Available days	2,867	2,554	2,546	1,242	1,460
Voyage days	2,846	2,542	2,508	1,239	1,458
Utilization rate (4)	99.3%	99.5%	98.5%	99.8%	99.9%

**Average Daily Statistics**

Average TCE rate (5)	\$ 8,965	\$ 17,839	\$ 17,485	\$ 19,124	\$ 13,414
Operating expenses	3,005	3,327	3,323	3,371	3,409
Management fees	590	737	738	762	750
General and administrative expenses	-	-	162	-	352
Total vessel operating expenses	3,595	4,064	4,223	4,133	4,511

(1) In 2004, the estimated scrap value of the vessels was increased from \$170 to \$300 per lightweight ton to better reflect market price developments in the scrap metal market. The effect of this change in estimate was to reduce 2004 depreciation expense by \$1,400,010 and increase 2004 net income by the same amount. The m/v *Widar* was sold in April 2004. Depreciation expenses for the m/v *Widar* for 2004 amounted to \$136,384 compared to \$409,149 for 2003. The m/v *Pantelis P* was sold in May 2006. Depreciation expenses for the m/v *Pantelis P* for the six month period ended June 30, 2006 amounted to \$107,587 compared to \$129,104 in the same period in 2005.

(2) We consider Adjusted EBITDA to represent net earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization including the amortization of deferred revenue from a below market period charter when we acquired m/v *Tasman Trader*. Adjusted EBITDA does not represent and should not be considered as an alternative to net income or cash flow from operations, as determined by United States generally accepted accounting principles, or U.S. GAAP, and our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to that reported by other companies. Adjusted EBITDA is included herein because it is a basis upon which we assess our liquidity position and because we believe that it presents useful information to investors regarding a company's ability to service and/or incur indebtedness. The Company's definition of Adjusted EBITDA may not be the same as that used by other companies in the shipping or other industries.

## Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation to Net Income:

(Amounts in U.S. dollars)	Year Ended December 31,			Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006
Net income	\$ 8,426,612	\$ 30,611,765	\$ 25,178,454	\$ 14,763,374	\$ 10,015,456
Depreciation and amortization	4,757,933	3,461,678	4,208,252	1,824,322	3,195,074
Interest and finance cost, net	756,873	521,215	1,035,414	456,021	921,606
Deferred revenue amortization	-	-	-	-	(83,240)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 13,941,418	\$ 34,594,658	\$ 30,422,120	\$ 17,043,717	\$ 14,048,896

## Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation to Cash Flow from Operations:

(Amounts in U.S. dollars)	Year Ended December 31,			Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006
Cash flow from operations	\$ 10,956,132	\$ 34,208,693	\$ 20,594,782	\$ 8,157,781	\$ 11,508,281
Net increase/(decrease) in operating asset/liabilities	2,466,840	(2,427,953)	8,975,697	8,573,728	(510,663)
Loss on derivative	-	-	(100,029)	(82,029)	-
Gain (loss) from vessel sales	-	2,315,477	-	-	2,165,799
Investment in associate / provision for doubtful accounts	(171,025)	27,907	-	-	-
Interest, net	689,471	470,534	951,670	394,237	885,479
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 13,941,418	\$ 34,594,658	\$ 30,422,120	\$ 17,043,717	\$ 14,048,896

- (3) The dividend amounts for 2005 and, for the six months ended June 30, 2005 reflect aggregate dividends of \$30,175,223 and \$27,525,000, respectively, and a return of capital in the amount of \$16,700,000. The total payment to shareholders made in 2005 is in excess of previously retained earnings because the Company decided to distribute to its original shareholders in advance of going public most of the profits relating to the Company's operations up to that time and to recapitalize the Company. This one-time dividend should not be considered indicative of future dividend payments and the Company refers you to the other sections in this prospectus for further information on the Company's dividend policy.
- (4) During the three month period ended September 30, 2006, m/v *Ariel* was off-hire for 24 days for repairs.
- (5) The average TCE rate calculation shown above is based on the actual number of available and voyage days. In the above table, the number of available voyage days was rounded to the nearest number of full days.



## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future results of our operations or our performance. Words such as “expects,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify the forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct. These statements involve known and unknown risks and are based upon a number of assumptions and estimates which are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding:

- our future operating or financial results;
- future, pending or recent acquisitions, business strategy, areas of possible expansion, and expected capital spending or operating expenses;
- drybulk and container shipping industry trends, including charter rates and factors affecting vessel supply and demand;
- our financial condition and liquidity, including our ability to obtain additional financing in the future to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate activities;
- availability of crew, number of off-hire days, drydocking requirements and insurance costs;
- our expectations about the availability of vessels to purchase or the useful lives of our vessels;
- our expectations relating to dividend payments and our ability to make such payments;
- our ability to leverage to our advantage our manager’s relationships and reputations in the drybulk and container shipping industry;
- changes in seaborne and other transportation patterns;
- changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities;
- potential liability from future litigation;
- global and regional political conditions;
- acts of terrorism and other hostilities; and
- other factors discussed in the section titled “Risk Factors.”

We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus, or the documents to which we refer you in this prospectus, to reflect any change in our expectations with respect to such statements or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

## RISK FACTORS

Any investment in our convertible preferred stock involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the following factors, as well as the other information set forth in this prospectus, before making an investment in our convertible preferred stock. Some of the following risks relate principally to the industry in which we operate and our business in general. Other risks relate to the securities market for and ownership of our stock. Any of the risk factors could significantly and negatively affect our business, financial condition, operating results and price of our convertible preferred stock and common stock. The following risk factors describe the material risks that are presently known to us.

### Industry Risk Factors

*The cyclical nature of the shipping industry may lead to volatile changes in freight rates which may reduce our revenues and net income.*

We are an independent shipping company that operates in the drybulk and container shipping industry. Our profitability is dependent upon the freight rates we are able to charge. The supply of and demand for shipping capacity strongly influences freight rates. The demand for shipping capacity is determined primarily by the demand for the type of commodities carried and the distance that those commodities must be moved by sea. The demand for commodities is affected by, among other things, world and regional economic and political conditions (including developments in international trade, fluctuations in industrial and agricultural production and armed conflicts), environmental concerns, weather patterns, and changes in seaborne and other transportation costs. The size of the existing fleet in a particular market, the number of new vessel deliveries, the scrapping of older vessels and the number of vessels out of active service (i.e., laid-up, drydocked, awaiting repairs or otherwise not available for hire), determines the supply of shipping capacity, which is measured by the amount of suitable tonnage available to carry cargo. The cyclical nature of the shipping industry may lead to volatile changes in freight rates which may reduce our revenues and net income.

In addition to the prevailing and anticipated freight rates, factors that affect the rate of newbuilding, scrapping and laying-up include newbuilding prices, secondhand vessel values in relation to scrap prices, costs of bunkers and other operating costs, costs associated with classification society surveys, normal maintenance and insurance coverage, the efficiency and age profile of the existing fleet in the market and government and industry regulation of maritime transportation practices, particularly environmental protection laws and regulations. These factors influencing the supply of and demand for shipping capacity are outside of our control, and we may not be able to correctly assess the nature, timing and degree of changes in industry conditions. Some of these factors may have a negative impact on our revenues and net income.

*The value of our vessels may fluctuate, adversely affecting our earnings, liquidity and causing us to breach our secured credit agreements.*

The market value of our vessels can fluctuate significantly. The market value of our vessels may increase or decrease depending on the following factors:

- general economic and market conditions affecting the shipping industry;
- supply of drybulk, container and multipurpose vessels;
- demand for drybulk, container and multipurpose vessels;
- types and sizes of vessels;
- other modes of transportation;

· cost of newbuildings;

new regulatory requirements from governments or self-regulated organizations; and

prevailing level of charter rates.

As vessels grow older, they generally decline in value. Due to the cyclical nature of the drybulk and container shipping industry, if for any reason we sell vessels at a time when prices have fallen, we could incur a loss and our business, results of operations, cash flow, financial condition and ability to pay dividends could be adversely affected.

In addition, we periodically re-evaluate the carrying amount and period over which long-lived assets are depreciated to determine if events have occurred which would require modification to their carrying values or their useful lives. A determination that a vessel's estimated remaining useful life or market value has declined could result in an impairment charge against our earnings and a reduction in our shareholders' equity. Any change in the assessed value of any of our vessels might also cause a violation of the covenants of each secured credit agreement which in turn might restrict our cash and affect our liquidity. All of our credit agreements provide for a minimum security maintenance ratio. If the assessed value of our vessels declines below certain thresholds, we will be deemed to have violated these covenants and may incur penalties for breach of our credit agreements. For example, these penalties could require us to prepay the shortfall between the assessed value of our vessels and the value such vessels are required to maintain pursuant to the secured credit agreement, or to provide additional security acceptable to the lenders in an amount at least equal to the amount of any shortfall. Further, future loans that we may agree to may include various other covenants, in addition to the vessel-related ones, that may ultimately depend on the assessed values of our vessels. Such covenants include, but are not limited to, maximum fleet leverage covenants and minimum fair net worth covenants.

***Although charter rates in the international shipping industry reached historic highs recently, since then rates have declined and future profitability will be dependent on the level of charter rates and commodity prices.***

Charter rates for the international shipping industry have reached record highs during the past two years; however, recently rates have declined. We anticipate that the future demand for our drybulk, container and multipurpose vessels and the charter rates of the corresponding markets will be dependent upon continued economic growth in China, India and the world economy, seasonal and regional changes in demand, and changes to the capacity of the world fleet. The capacity of the world fleet seems likely to increase and economic growth may not continue. Adverse economic, political, social or other developments could also have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. If the number of new ships delivered exceeds the number of vessels being scrapped and lost, vessel capacity will increase. For instance, given that as of September 1, 2006 the capacity of the fully cellular worldwide container vessel fleet was approximately 9.1 million teu, with approximately 4.4 million teu of additional capacity on order, the growing supply of container vessels may exceed future demand, particularly in the short term. If the supply of vessel capacity increases but the demand for vessel capacity does not increase correspondingly, charter rates and vessel values could materially decline.

The factors affecting the supply and demand for vessels are outside of our control, and the nature, timing and degree of changes in industry conditions are unpredictable. Some of the factors that influence demand for vessel capacity include:

supply and demand for drybulk and container ship commodities, and separately for containerized cargo;

global and regional economic and political conditions;

the distance drybulk and containerized commodities are to be moved by sea;

environmental and other regulatory developments;

currency exchange rates;

· changes in global production and manufacturing distribution patterns of finished goods that utilize drybulk and other containerized commodities; and

· changes in seaborne and other transportation patterns.

Some of the factors that influence the supply of vessel capacity include:

· the number of newbuilding deliveries;

· the scrapping rate of older vessels;

· the price of steel and other materials;

· port congestion;

· changes in environmental and other regulations that may limit the useful life of vessels; and

· the number of vessels that are out of service.

***An economic slowdown in the Asia Pacific region could materially reduce the amount and/or profitability of our business.***

A significant number of the port calls made by our vessels involve the loading or discharging of raw materials and semi-finished products in ports in the Asia Pacific region. As a result, a negative change in economic conditions in any Asia Pacific country, particularly in China or India, may have an adverse effect on our business, financial position and results of operations, as well as our future prospects. In particular, in recent years, China has been one of the world's fastest growing economies in terms of gross domestic product. Such growth may not be sustained and the Chinese economy may experience contraction in the future. Moreover, any slowdown in the economies of the United States of America, the European Union or certain Asian countries may adversely effect economic growth in China and elsewhere. Our business, financial position and results of operations, as well as our future prospects, will likely be materially and adversely affected by an economic downturn in any of these countries.

***We may become dependent on spot charters in the volatile shipping markets, which may result in decreased revenues and/or profitability.***

Although most of our vessels are currently under period charters, in the future, we may have more of these vessels and/or any newly acquired vessels on spot charters. The spot market is highly competitive and rates within this market are subject to volatile fluctuations, while period charters provide income at pre-determined rates over more extended periods of time. If we decide to spot charter our vessels, we may not be able to keep all our vessels fully employed in these short-term markets or that future spot rates will be sufficient to enable our vessels to be operated profitably. A significant decrease in charter rates could affect the value of our fleet and could adversely affect our profitability and cash flows with the result that our ability to pay debt service to our lenders and dividends to our shareholders could be impaired.

***An over-supply of drybulk carrier and container ship capacity may lead to reductions in charter hire rates and profitability.***

The market supply of drybulk carriers and especially container ships has been increasing, and the number of container ships on order have recently reached historic highs. These newbuildings are expected to begin being delivered in significant numbers at the beginning of 2007. An over-supply of drybulk carrier and container ship capacity may

result in a reduction of charter hire rates. If such a reduction occurs upon the expiration or termination of our drybulk carriers' and container ships' current charters, such as during 2007, when the charters under which two of our container ships are currently deployed expire, we may only be able to recharter those drybulk carriers and container ships at reduced or unprofitable rates or we may not be able to charter these vessels at all.



***We are subject to regulation and liability under environmental laws that could require significant expenditures and affect our cash flows and net income.***

Our business and the operation of our vessels are materially affected by government regulation in the form of international conventions, national, state and local laws and regulations in force in the jurisdictions in which the vessels operate, as well as in the country or countries of their registration. Because such conventions, laws, and regulations are often revised, we may not be able to predict the ultimate cost of complying with such conventions, laws and regulations or the impact thereof on the resale prices or useful lives of our vessels. Additional conventions, laws and regulations may be adopted which could limit our ability to do business or increase the cost of our doing business and which may materially adversely affect our operations. We are required by various governmental and quasi-governmental agencies to obtain certain permits, licenses, certificates and financial assurances with respect to our operations.

The operation of our vessels is affected by the requirements set forth in the International Maritime Organization's ("IMO's") International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and Pollution Prevention ("ISM Code"). The ISM Code requires shipowners and bareboat charterers to develop and maintain an extensive "Safety Management System" that includes the adoption of a safety and environmental protection policy setting forth instructions and procedures for safe operation and describing procedures for dealing with emergencies. The failure of a shipowner or bareboat charterer to comply with the ISM Code may subject such party to increased liability, may decrease available insurance coverage for the affected vessels, and/or may result in a denial of access to, or detention in, certain ports. Currently, each of our vessels and Eurobulk, our affiliated ship management company, are ISM Code-certified, but we may not be able to maintain such certification indefinitely.

Although the United States of America is not a party, many countries have ratified and follow the liability scheme adopted by the IMO and set out in the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969, as amended (the "CLC"), and the Convention for the Establishment of an International Fund for Oil Pollution of 1971, as amended. Under these conventions, a vessel's registered owner is strictly liable for pollution damage caused on the territorial waters of a contracting state by discharge of persistent oil, subject to certain complete defenses. Many of the countries that have ratified the CLC have increased the liability limits through a 1992 Protocol to the CLC. The right to limit liability is also forfeited under the CLC where the spill is caused by the owner's actual fault or privity and, under the 1992 Protocol, where the spill is caused by the owner's intentional or reckless conduct. Vessels trading to contracting states must provide evidence of insurance covering the limited liability of the owner. In jurisdictions where the CLC has not been adopted, various legislative schemes or common law govern, and liability is imposed either on the basis of fault or in a manner similar to the CLC.

The United States Oil Pollution Act of 1990 ("OPA") established an extensive regulatory and liability regime for the protection and clean-up of the environment from oil spills. OPA affects all owners and operators whose vessels trade in the United States of America or any of its territories and possessions or whose vessels operate in waters of the United States of America, which includes the territorial sea of the United States of America and its 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone. OPA allows for potentially unlimited liability without regard to fault of vessel owners, operators and bareboat charterers for all containment and clean-up costs and other damages arising from discharges or threatened discharges of oil from their vessels, including bunkers (fuel), in the U.S. waters. OPA also expressly permits individual states to impose their own liability regimes with regard to hazardous materials and oil pollution materials occurring within their boundaries.

While we do not carry oil as cargo, we do carry fuel oil (bunkers) in our drybulk carriers. We currently maintain, for each of our vessels, pollution liability coverage insurance of \$1 billion per incident. If the damages from a catastrophic spill exceeded our insurance coverage, that would have a material adverse affect on our financial condition.

***Capital expenditures and other costs necessary to operate and maintain our vessels may increase due to changes in governmental regulations, safety or other equipment standards.***

Changes in governmental regulations, safety or other equipment standards, as well as compliance with standards imposed by maritime self-regulatory organizations and customer requirements or competition, may require us to make additional expenditures. In order to satisfy these requirements, we may, from time to time, be required to take our vessels out of service for extended periods of time, with corresponding losses of revenues. In the future, market conditions may not justify these expenditures or enable us to operate some or all of our vessels profitably during the remainder of their economic lives.

***Increased inspection procedures and tighter import and export controls could increase costs and disrupt our business.***

International shipping is subject to various security and customs inspection and related procedures in countries of origin and destination. Inspection procedures may result in the seizure of contents of our vessels, delays in the loading, offloading or delivery and the levying of customs duties, fines or other penalties against us.

It is possible that changes to inspection procedures could impose additional financial and legal obligations on us. Furthermore, changes to inspection procedures could also impose additional costs and obligations on our customers and may, in certain cases, render the shipment of certain types of cargo uneconomical or impractical. Any such changes or developments may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Rising fuel prices may adversely affect our profits.***

Fuel (bunkers) is a significant, if not the largest, operating expense for many of our shipping operations when our vessels are under voyage charter. When a vessel is operating under a time charter, these costs are paid by the charterer. However fuel costs are taken into account by the charterer in determining the amount of time charter hire and therefore fuel costs also indirectly affect time charters. The price and supply of fuel is unpredictable and fluctuates based on events outside our control, including geopolitical developments, supply and demand for oil and gas, actions by OPEC and other oil and gas producers, war and unrest in oil producing countries and regions, regional production patterns and environmental concerns. Fuel prices have been at historically high levels recently, but shipowners have not really felt the effect of these high prices because the shipping markets have also been at high levels. Any increase in the price of fuel may adversely affect our profitability. Further, fuel may become much more expensive in future, which may reduce the profitability and competitiveness of our business versus other forms of transportation, such as truck or rail.

***If our vessels fail to maintain their class certification and/or fail any annual survey, intermediate survey, drydocking or special survey, that vessel would be unable to carry cargo, thereby reducing our revenues and profitability and violating certain loan covenants of our third-party indebtedness.***

The hull and machinery of every commercial vessel must be classed by a classification society authorized by its country of registry. The classification society certifies that a vessel is safe and seaworthy in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the country of registry of the vessel and the Safety of Life at Sea Convention ("SOLAS"). Our vessels are currently classed with Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Bureau Veritas and Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. ISM and International Ship and Port Facilities Security ("ISPS") certification have been awarded by Bureau Veritas and the Panama Maritime Authority to our vessels and Eurobulk.

A vessel must undergo annual surveys, intermediate surveys, drydockings and special surveys. In lieu of a special survey, a vessel's machinery may be on a continuous survey cycle, under which the machinery would be surveyed periodically over a five-year period. Every vessel is also required to be drydocked every two to three years for inspection of the underwater parts of such vessel.

If any vessel does not maintain its class and/or fails any annual survey, intermediate survey, drydocking or special survey, the vessel will be unable to carry cargo between ports and will be unemployable and uninsurable which could cause us to be in violation of certain covenants in our loan agreements. Any such inability to carry cargo or be employed, or any such violation of covenants, could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations. That status could cause us to be in violation of certain covenants in our loan agreements.



***Maritime claimants could arrest our vessels, which could interrupt our cash flow.***

Crew members, suppliers of goods and services to a vessel, shippers of cargo and other parties may be entitled to a maritime lien against that vessel for unsatisfied debts, claims or damages. In many jurisdictions, a maritime lienholder may enforce its lien by arresting a vessel through foreclosure proceedings. The arresting or attachment of one or more of our vessels could interrupt our cash flow and require us to pay large sums of funds to have the arrest lifted which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, in some jurisdictions, such as South Africa, under the “sister ship” theory of liability, a claimant may arrest both the vessel which is subject to the claimant’s maritime lien and any “associated” vessel, which is any vessel owned or controlled by the same owner. Claimants could try to assert “sister ship” liability against one of our vessels for claims relating to another of our vessels.

***Governments could requisition our vessels during a period of war or emergency, resulting in loss of earnings.***

A government could requisition for title or seize our vessels. Requisition for title occurs when a government takes control of a vessel and becomes the owner. Also, a government could requisition our vessels for hire. Requisition for hire occurs when a government takes control of a vessel and effectively becomes the charterer at dictated charter rates. Generally, requisitions occur during a period of war or emergency. Government requisition of one or more of our vessels could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

***World events outside our control may negatively affect our ability to operate, thereby reducing our revenues and net income or our ability to obtain additional financing, thereby restricting the implementation of our business strategy.***

Terrorist attacks such as the attacks on the United States of America on September 11, 2001, on London, England on July 7, 2005, and the response to these attacks, as well as the threat of future terrorist attacks, continue to cause uncertainty in the world financial markets and may affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. The continuing conflict in Iraq may lead to additional acts of terrorism and armed conflict around the world, which may contribute to further economic instability in the global financial markets. These uncertainties could also have a material adverse effect on our ability to obtain additional financing on terms acceptable to us or at all.

Terrorist attacks may also negatively affect our operations and financial condition and directly impact its vessels or its customers. Future terrorist attacks could result in increased volatility of the financial markets in the United States of America and globally and could result in an economic recession in the United States of America or the world. Any of these occurrences could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and costs.

**Company Risk Factors**

***If we cannot use proceeds of this offering to acquire vessels and expand our fleet, we may use the proceeds of this offering for general corporate purposes with which you may not agree.***

We intend to use proceeds of this offering to acquire vessels and expand our fleet. Our management will have the discretion to identify and acquire vessels with the proceeds of this offering. If our management is unable to identify and acquire vessels on terms acceptable to us, we may use the proceeds for general corporate purposes that you may not agree with. We will not escrow the proceeds from this offering and will not return the proceeds to you if we do not acquire one or more vessels. It may take a substantial period of time before we can locate and purchase suitable vessels. During this period, the proceeds of this offering may not be invested on a short-term basis and therefore may not yield returns at rates comparable to what a vessel might have earned.



***We depend entirely on Eurobulk to manage and charter our fleet, which may adversely affect our operations if Eurobulk fails to perform its obligations.***

We have no employees and we currently contract the commercial and technical management of our fleet, including crewing, maintenance and repair, to Eurobulk, our affiliated ship management company. We may lose Eurobulk's services or Eurobulk may fail to perform its obligations to us which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of our operations. Although we may have rights against Eurobulk if it defaults on its obligations to us, you will have no recourse against Eurobulk. Further, we expect that we will need to seek approval from our lenders to change Eurobulk as our ship manager.

***Because Eurobulk is a privately held company, there is little or no publicly available information about it and there may be very little advance warning of operational or financial problems experienced by Eurobulk that may adversely affect us.***

The ability of Eurobulk to continue providing services for our benefit will depend in part on its own financial strength. Circumstances beyond our control could impair Eurobulk's financial strength, and because Eurobulk is privately held it is unlikely that information about its financial strength would become public unless Eurobulk began to default on its obligations. As a result, there may be little advance warning of problems affecting Eurobulk, even though these problems could have a material adverse effect on us.

***We will continue to be controlled by Friends after this offering, which may limit your ability to influence our actions.***

Assuming that the underwriters do not exercise their over-allotment option, Friends, our largest shareholder, will own or control approximately % of the outstanding shares of our voting stock immediately following this offering. As a result of this share ownership and for so long as Friends owns a significant percentage of our outstanding voting stock, Friends will be able to influence the outcome of any shareholder vote, including the election of directors, the adoption or amendment of provisions in our articles of incorporation or bylaws and possible mergers, corporate control contests and other significant corporate transactions. This concentration of ownership may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control, merger, consolidation, takeover or other business combination involving us. This concentration of ownership could also discourage a potential acquirer from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of us, which could in turn have an adverse effect on the market price of our stock.

***We will be a "controlled company" under NASDAQ rules, and as such we are entitled to exemption from certain NASDAQ corporate governance standards, and you may not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the NASDAQ corporate governance requirements.***

After the consummation of this offering, Friends will continue to control a majority of our outstanding voting stock. As a result, we will be a "controlled company" within the meaning of the NASDAQ corporate governance standards. Under NASDAQ rules, a company of which more than 50% of its voting power is held by an individual, group or another company is a "controlled company" and may elect not to comply with certain NASDAQ corporate governance requirements, including (1) the requirement that a majority of the board of directors consist of independent directors and (2) the requirement to maintain independent compensation and nominating committees. Following this offering, we may utilize these exemptions. As a result, non-independent directors, including members of our management who also serve on our board of directors, will, among other things, fix the compensation of our management, make stock and option awards and resolve governance issues regarding our company. Accordingly, in the future you may not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the NASDAQ corporate governance requirements.





***We and our principal officers have affiliations with Eurobulk that could create conflicts of interest detrimental to us.***

Our principal officers are also principals, officers and employees of Eurobulk, which is our ship management company. These responsibilities and relationships could create conflicts of interest between us and Eurobulk. Conflicts may also arise in connection with the chartering, purchase, sale and operations of the vessels in our fleet versus other vessels that are or may be managed in the future by Eurobulk. Circumstances in any of these instances may make one decision advantageous to us but detrimental to Eurobulk and vice versa. Eurobulk is expected to manage at least one vessel other than those owned by Euroseas. In the past, Eurobulk has managed other vessels where the Pittas family was a minority shareholder but never any where there was no Pittas family participation at all. However, it is possible that in the future Eurobulk may manage additional vessels which will not belong to Euroseas and in which the Pittas family may have controlling, little or even no power or participation and where such conflicts may arise. Eurobulk may not be able to resolve all conflicts of interest in a manner beneficial to us.

***Companies affiliated with Eurobulk or our officers and directors may acquire vessels that compete with our fleet.***

Companies affiliated with Eurobulk or our officers and directors own drybulk carriers and may acquire additional drybulk carriers, container ships or multipurpose vessels in the future. These vessels could be in competition with our fleet and other companies affiliated with Eurobulk might be faced with conflicts of interest with respect to their own interests and their obligations to us.

***Our officers do not devote all of their time to our business.***

Our officers are involved in other business activities that may result in their spending less time than is appropriate or necessary in order to manage our business successfully. Our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary are not employed directly by us, but rather their services are provided pursuant to our master management agreement with Eurobulk. These officers may spend a material portion of their time providing services to Eurobulk and its affiliates on matters unrelated to us.

***We are a holding company, and we depend on the ability of our subsidiaries to distribute funds to us in order to satisfy our financial obligations or to make dividend payments.***

We are a holding company and our subsidiaries, which are all wholly-owned by us either directly or indirectly, conduct all of our operations and own all of our operating assets. We have no significant assets other than the equity interests in our wholly-owned subsidiaries. As a result, our ability to make dividend payments to you depends on our subsidiaries and their ability to distribute funds to us. If we are unable to obtain funds from our subsidiaries, we may be unable or our Board of Directors may exercise its discretion not to pay dividends.

***We may not be able to pay dividends.***

Under the terms of our convertible preferred stock we will pay regular, cumulative minimum quarterly dividends of \$ per share to holders of our convertible preferred stock, when, as and if declared by our Board of Directors. However, we may not earn sufficient charterhire or we may incur expenses or liabilities that would reduce or eliminate the cash available for distribution as dividends. Our loan agreements may also limit the amount of dividends we can pay under some circumstances based on certain covenants included in the loan agreements.

If we are not successful in acquiring additional vessels, any unused net proceeds from this offering may be used for other corporate purposes or held pending investment in other vessels. Identifying and acquiring vessels may take a significant amount time. The result may be that proceeds of this offering are not invested in additional vessels, or are so invested but only after some delay. In either case, we will not be able to earn charter hire consistent with our

current anticipations, and our profitability and our ability to pay dividends will be affected.

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In addition, the declaration and payment of dividends will be subject at all times to the discretion of our Board of Directors. The timing and amount of dividends will depend on our earnings, financial condition, cash requirements and availability, restrictions in our loan agreements, growth strategy, charter rates in the drybulk and container shipping industry, the provisions of Marshall Islands law affecting the payment of dividends and other factors. Marshall Islands law generally prohibits the payment of dividends other than from surplus (retained earnings and the excess of consideration received for the sale of shares above the par value of the shares), but if there is no surplus, dividends may be declared out of the net profits (basically, the excess of our revenue over our expenses) for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared or the preceding fiscal year. Marshall Islands law also prohibits the payment of dividends while a company is insolvent or if it would be rendered insolvent upon the payment of a dividend. As a result, we may not be able to pay dividends.

***If we are unable to fund our capital expenditures, we may not be able to continue to operate some of our vessels, which would have a material adverse effect on our business and our ability to pay dividends.***

In order to fund our capital expenditures, we may be required to incur borrowings or raise capital through the sale of debt or equity securities. Our ability to access the capital markets through future offerings may be limited by our financial condition at the time of any such offering as well as by adverse market conditions resulting from, among other things, general economic conditions and contingencies and uncertainties that are beyond our control. Our failure to obtain the funds for necessary future capital expenditures would limit our ability to continue to operate some of our vessels and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition and our ability to pay dividends. Even if we are successful in obtaining such funds through financings, the terms of such financings could further limit our ability to pay dividends.

***If we fail to manage our planned growth properly, we may not be able to successfully expand our market share.***

We intend to continue to grow our fleet. Our growth will depend on:

- locating and acquiring suitable vessels;
- identifying and consummating acquisitions or joint ventures;
- integrating any acquired business successfully with our existing operations;
- enhancing our customer base;
- managing our expansion; and
- obtaining required financing on acceptable terms.

During periods in which charter rates are high, vessel values generally are high as well, and it may be difficult to consummate vessel acquisitions at favorable prices. In addition, growing any business by acquisition presents numerous risks, such as undisclosed liabilities and obligations and difficulty experienced in (1) obtaining additional qualified personnel, (2) managing relationships with customers and suppliers, and (3) integrating newly acquired operations into existing infrastructures. We may not be successful in executing our growth plans or that we will not incur significant expenses and losses in connection with the execution of those growth plans.

***A decline in the market value of our vessels could lead to a default under our loan agreements and the loss of our vessels.***

We have incurred secured debt under loan agreements for our vessels and currently expect to incur additional secured debt in connection with our acquisition of other vessels. If the market value of our fleet declines, we may not be in compliance with certain provisions of our existing loan agreements and we may not be able to refinance our debt or obtain additional financing. If we are unable to pledge additional collateral, our lenders could accelerate our debt and foreclose on our fleet.

***Our existing loan agreements contain restrictive covenants that may limit our liquidity and corporate activities.***

Our existing loan agreements impose operating and financial restrictions on us. These restrictions may limit our ability to:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- create liens on our assets;
- sell capital stock of our subsidiaries;
- make investments;
- engage in mergers or acquisitions;
- pay dividends;
- make capital expenditures;
- change the management of our vessels or terminate or materially amend the management agreement relating to each vessel; and
- sell our vessels.

Therefore, we may need to seek permission from our lenders in order to engage in some corporate actions. The lenders' interests may be different from our interests, and we may not be able to obtain the lenders' permission when needed. This may prevent us from taking actions that are in our best interest.

***Servicing future debt would limit funds available for other purposes.***

To finance our fleet, we have incurred secured debt under loan agreements for our vessels. We also currently expect to incur additional secured debt to finance the acquisition of additional vessels. We must dedicate a portion of our cash flow from operations to pay the principal and interest on our debt. These payments limit funds otherwise available for working capital expenditures and other purposes. As of September 30, 2006, we had total bank debt of approximately \$58.9 million. Our current repayment schedule requires us to repay \$14.4 million of this debt over the next 12 months. If we were unable to service our debt, it could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

A rise in interest rates could cause an increase in our costs and have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. We have purchased, and may purchase in the future, vessels under loan agreements that provide for periodic interest payments based on indices that fluctuate with changes in market interest rates. If interest rates increase significantly, it would increase our costs of financing our acquisition of vessels, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Any increase in debt service would also reduce the funds available to us to purchase other vessels.

***Our ability to obtain additional debt financing may be dependent on the performance of our then existing charters and the creditworthiness of our charterers.***

The actual or perceived credit quality of our charterers, and any defaults by them, may materially affect our ability to obtain the additional debt financing that we will require to purchase additional vessels or may significantly increase

our costs of obtaining such financing. Our inability to obtain additional financing at all or at a higher than anticipated cost may materially affect our results of operation and our ability to implement our business strategy.

***As we expand our business, we may need to upgrade our operations and financial systems, and add more staff and crew. If we cannot upgrade these systems or recruit suitable employees, our performance may be adversely affected.***

Our current operating and financial systems may not be adequate if we expand the size of our fleet, and our attempts to improve those systems may be ineffective. In addition, if we expand our fleet, we will have to rely on Eurobulk to recruit suitable additional seafarers and shoreside administrative and management personnel. Eurobulk may not be able to continue to hire suitable employees as we expand our fleet. If Eurobulk's unaffiliated crewing agent encounters business or financial difficulties, we may not be able to adequately staff our vessels. If we are unable to operate our financial and operations systems effectively or to recruit suitable employees, our performance may be materially adversely affected.

***Because we obtain some of our insurance through protection and indemnity associations, we may also be subject to calls in amounts based not only on our own claim records, but also the claim records of other members of the protection and indemnity associations.***

We may be subject to calls in amounts based not only on our claim records but also the claim records of other members of the protection and indemnity associations through which we receive insurance coverage for tort liability, including pollution-related liability. Our payment of these calls could result in significant expense to us, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

***Labor interruptions could disrupt our business.***

Our vessels are manned by masters, officers and crews that are employed by third parties. If not resolved in a timely and cost-effective manner, industrial action or other labor unrest could prevent or hinder our operations from being carried out normally and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

***In the highly competitive international drybulk and container shipping industry, we may not be able to compete for charters with new entrants or established companies with greater resources.***

We employ our vessels in highly competitive markets that are capital intensive and highly fragmented. Competition arises primarily from other vessel owners, some of whom have substantially greater resources than us. Competition for the transportation of drybulk and container cargoes can be intense and depends on price, location, size, age, condition and the acceptability of the vessel and its managers to the charterers. Due in part to the highly fragmented market, competitors with greater resources could operate larger fleets through consolidations or acquisitions that may be able to offer better prices and fleets.

***We will not be able to take advantage of favorable opportunities in the current spot market with respect to vessels employed on period charters.***

Six of the nine vessels in our fleet are employed under period charters, with remaining terms ranging between three months and 63 months. Although period charters provide relatively steady streams of revenue, vessels committed to period charters may not be available for spot charters during periods of increasing charter hire rates, when spot charters might be more profitable. If we cannot re-charter these vessels on period charters or trade them in the spot market profitably, our results of operations and operating cash flow may suffer. We may not be able to secure charter hire rates in the future that will enable us to operate our vessels profitably.

***We may be unable to attract and retain key management personnel and other employees in the shipping industry, which may negatively affect the effectiveness of our management and our results of operations.***

Our success depends to a significant extent upon the abilities and efforts of our management team. Our success will depend upon our ability to hire additional employees and to retain key members of our management team. The loss of any of these individuals could adversely affect our business prospects and financial condition. Difficulty in hiring and retaining personnel could adversely affect our results of operations. We do not currently intend to maintain “key man” life insurance on any of our officers.



***Risks involved with operating ocean-going vessels could affect our business and reputation, which may reduce our revenues.***

The operation of an ocean-going vessel carries inherent risks. These risks include, among others, the possibility of:

marine disaster;

piracy;

environmental accidents;

grounding, fire, explosions and collisions;

cargo and property losses or damage;

· business interruptions caused by mechanical failure, human error, war, terrorism, political action in various countries, labor strikes or adverse weather conditions; and

· work stoppages or other labor problems with crew members serving on our vessels, substantially all of whom are unionized and covered by collective bargaining agreements.

Such occurrences could result in death or injury to persons, loss of property or environmental damage, delays in the delivery of cargo, loss of revenues from or termination of charter contracts, governmental fines, penalties or restrictions on conducting business, higher insurance rates, and damage to our reputation and customer relationships generally. Any of these circumstances or events could increase our costs or lower our revenues, which could result in reduction in the market price of our shares of convertible preferred stock. The involvement of our vessels in an environmental disaster may harm our reputation as a safe and reliable vessel owner and operator.

***The operation of drybulk carriers has certain unique operational risks.***

The operation of certain ship types, such as drybulk carriers, has certain unique risks. With a drybulk carrier, the cargo itself and its interaction with the ship can be a risk factor. By their nature, drybulk cargoes are often heavy, dense, easily shifted, and react badly to water exposure. In addition, drybulk carriers are often subjected to battering treatment during unloading operations with grabs, jackhammers (to pry encrusted cargoes out of the hold), and small bulldozers. This treatment may cause damage to the vessel. Vessels damaged due to treatment during unloading procedures may be more susceptible to breach to the sea. Hull breaches in drybulk carriers may lead to the flooding of the vessels holds. If a drybulk carrier suffers flooding in its forward holds, the bulk cargo may become so dense and waterlogged that its pressure may buckle the vessels bulkheads leading to the loss of a vessel. If we are unable to adequately maintain our vessels we may be unable to prevent these events. Any of these circumstances or events could negatively impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay dividends. In addition, the loss of any of our vessels could harm our reputation as a safe and reliable vessel owner and operator.

***The operation of container ships has certain unique operational risks.***

The operation of container ships has certain unique risks. Container ships operate at high speeds in order to move cargoes around the world quickly and minimize delivery delays. These high speeds can result in greater impact in collisions and groundings resulting in more damage to the vessel when compared to vessels operating at lower speeds. In addition, due to the placement of the containers on a container ship, there is a greater risk that containers carried on deck will be lost overboard if an accident does occur. Furthermore, with the highly varied cargo that can be carried on a single container ship, there can be additional difficulties with any clean-up operation following an accident. Also,

we may not be able to correctly control the contents and condition of cargoes within the containers which may give rise to events such as customer complaints, accidents on-board the ships or problems with authorities due to carriage of illegal cargoes. Any of these circumstances or events could negatively impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay dividends. In addition, the loss of any of our vessels could harm our reputation as a safe and reliable vessel owner and operator.

***Our vessels may suffer damage and it may face unexpected drydocking costs, which could affect our cash flow and financial condition.***

If our vessels suffer damage, they may need to be repaired at a drydocking facility. The costs of drydock repairs are unpredictable and may be substantial. We may have to pay drydocking costs that our insurance does not cover. The loss of earnings while these vessels are being repaired and reconditioned, as well as the actual cost of these repairs, would decrease our earnings.

***Purchasing and operating previously owned, or secondhand, vessels may result in increased operating costs and vessels off-hire, which could adversely affect our earnings.***

Although we inspect the secondhand vessels prior to purchase, this inspection does not provide us with the same knowledge about their condition and cost of any required (or anticipated) repairs that it would have had if these vessels had been built for and operated exclusively by us. Generally, we do not receive the benefit of warranties on secondhand vessels.

In general, the cost of maintaining a vessel in good operating condition increases with the age of the vessel. As of September 30, 2006, the average age of our fleet was approximately 18 years. As our fleet ages, we will incur increased costs. Older vessels are typically less fuel efficient and more costly to maintain than more recently constructed vessels due to improvements in engine technology. Cargo insurance rates also increase with the age of a vessel, making older vessels less desirable to charterers. Governmental regulations and safety or other equipment standards related to the age of a vessel may also require expenditures for alterations or the addition of new equipment to our vessels and may restrict the type of activities in which our vessels may engage.

Governmental regulations, safety or other equipment standards related to the age of vessels may require expenditures for alterations, or the addition of new equipment, to our vessels and may restrict the type of activities in which the vessels may engage. As our vessels age, market conditions may not justify those expenditures or enable us to operate our vessels profitably during the remainder of their useful lives. If we sell vessels, we are not certain that the price for which we sell them will equal their carrying amount at that time.

***We may not have adequate insurance to compensate us adequately for damage to, or loss of, our vessels.***

We procure hull and machinery insurance, protection and indemnity insurance, which includes environmental damage and pollution insurance and war risk insurance and freight, demurrage and defense insurance for our fleet. We do not maintain insurance against loss of hire, which covers business interruptions that result in the loss of use of a vessel. We can give no assurance that we are adequately insured against all risks. We may not be able to obtain adequate insurance coverage for our fleet in the future. The insurers may not pay particular claims. Our insurance policies contain deductibles for which we will be responsible and limitations and exclusions which may increase our costs or lower our revenue. Moreover, the insurers may default on any claims they are required to pay. If our insurance is not enough to cover claims that may arise, it may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

***Our international operations expose us to risks of terrorism and piracy that may interfere with the operation of our vessels.***

We are an international company and primarily conducts our operations outside the United States of America. Changing economic, political and governmental conditions in the countries where we are engaged in business or where our vessels are registered affect our operations. In the past, political conflicts, particularly in the Arabian Gulf, resulted in attacks on vessels, mining of waterways and other efforts to disrupt shipping in the area. Acts of terrorism and piracy have also affected vessels trading in regions such as the South China Sea. The likelihood of future acts of

terrorism may increase, and our vessels may face higher risks of being attacked. We are not fully insured against any of these risks. In addition, future hostilities or other political instability in regions where our vessels trade could have a material adverse effect on our trade patterns and adversely affect our operations and performance.

***Obligations associated with being a public company require significant company resources and management attention.***

We are subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and the other rules and regulations of the SEC, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires that we evaluate and determine the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. However, as a non-accelerated filer, we are not yet subject to this requirement. Currently, we would be subject to such requirement in 2007, but under proposed regulations, we may not be subject to this requirement until 2008. If we have a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting, we may not detect errors on a timely basis and our financial statements may be materially misstated. We have to dedicate a significant amount of time and resources to ensure compliance with these regulatory requirements.

We work with our legal, accounting and financial advisors to identify any areas in which changes should be made to our financial and management control systems to manage our growth and our obligations as a public company. We evaluate areas such as corporate governance, corporate control, internal audit, disclosure controls and procedures and financial reporting and accounting systems. We will make changes in any of these and other areas, including our internal control over financial reporting, which we believe are necessary. However, these and other measures we may take may not be sufficient to allow us to satisfy our obligations as a public company on a timely and reliable basis. In addition, compliance with reporting and other requirements applicable to public companies will create additional costs for us and will require the time and attention of management. Our limited management resources may exacerbate the difficulties in complying with these reporting and other requirements while focusing on executing our business strategy. We may not be able to predict or estimate the amount of the additional costs we may incur, the timing of such costs or the degree of impact that our management’s attention to these matters will have on our business.

***Our historical financial and operating data may not be representative of our future results because we are a recently formed company with a limited operating history as a stand-alone entity and as a publicly traded company.***

Our historical financial and operating data may not be representative of our future results because we are a recently formed company with a limited operating history as a stand-alone entity and as a publicly traded company. Our consolidated financial statements include the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of shipowning companies managed by Eurobulk and majority owned by the Pittas family prior to their contribution to us. Although our results of operations, cash flows and financial condition reflected in the consolidated financial statements include all expenses allocable to our business, due to factors such as the additional administrative and financial obligations associated with operating as a publicly traded company, they may not be indicative of the results of operations that we would have achieved had we operated as a public entity for all periods presented or of future results that we may achieve as a publicly traded company with our current holding company structure.

***Exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations will result in fluctuations in our cash flows and operating results.***

We generate all our revenues in U.S. dollars, but our ship manager, Eurobulk, incurs approximately 30% of vessel operating expenses and we incur general and administrative expenses in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. This difference could lead to fluctuations in our vessel operating expenses, which would affect our financial results. Expenses incurred in foreign currencies increase when the value of the U.S. dollar falls, which would reduce our profitability. We do not currently engage in hedging transactions to minimize our exposure to currency rate fluctuations, but we may do so in the future.

***U.S. tax authorities could treat us as a “passive foreign investment company,” which could have adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. holders.***

A foreign corporation will be treated as a “passive foreign investment company,” or PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes if either (1) at least 75% of its gross income for any taxable year consists of certain types of “passive income” or (2) at least 50% of the average value of the corporation’s assets produce or are held for the production of those types of “passive income.” For purposes of these tests, “passive income” includes dividends, interest, and gains from the sale or exchange of investment property and rents and royalties other than rents and royalties which are received from unrelated parties in connection with the active conduct of a trade or business. For purposes of these tests, income derived from the performance of services does not constitute “passive income.” U.S. shareholders of a PFIC are subject to a disadvantageous U.S. federal income tax regime with respect to the income derived by the PFIC, the distributions they receive from the PFIC and the gain, if any, they derive from the sale or other disposition of their shares in the PFIC.

Based on our proposed method of operation, we do not believe that we will be a PFIC with respect to any taxable year. In this regard, we intend to treat the gross income we derive or are deemed to derive from our time chartering activities as services income, rather than rental income. Accordingly, we believe that our income from our time chartering activities does not constitute “passive income,” and the assets that we own and operate in connection with the production of that income do not constitute passive assets.

There is, however, no direct legal authority under the PFIC rules addressing our proposed method of operation. Accordingly, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, or a court of law may not accept our position, and there is a risk that the IRS or a court of law could determine that we are a PFIC. Moreover, we may constitute a PFIC for any future taxable year if there were to be changes in the nature and extent of our operations.

If the IRS were to find that we are or have been a PFIC for any taxable year, our U.S. shareholders will face adverse U.S. tax consequences. Under the PFIC rules, unless those shareholders make an election available under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”) (which election could itself have adverse consequences for such shareholders, as discussed below under “Tax Consequences — United States Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders”), such shareholders would be liable to pay U.S. federal income tax at the then prevailing income tax rates on ordinary income plus interest upon excess distributions and upon any gain from the disposition of our shares, as if the excess distribution or gain had been recognized ratably over the shareholder’s holding period of our shares. See “Tax Consequences — United States Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders” for a more comprehensive discussion of the U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. shareholders if we are treated as a PFIC.

***We may have to pay tax on United States source income, which would reduce our earnings.***

Under the Code, 50% of the gross shipping income of a vessel owning or chartering corporation, such as ourselves and our subsidiaries, that is attributable to transportation that begins or ends, but that does not both begin and end, in the United States may be subject to a 4% United States federal income tax without allowance for deduction, unless that corporation qualifies for exemption from tax under section 883 of the Code and the applicable Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

We expect that we and each of our subsidiaries qualify for this statutory tax exemption and we will take this position for United States federal income tax return reporting purposes. However, there are factual circumstances beyond our control that could cause us to lose the benefit of this tax exemption after this offering and thereby become subject to United States federal income tax on our United States source income. Due to the factual nature of the issues involved, we may not be able to give any assurances on our tax-exempt status or that of any of our subsidiaries.

If we or our subsidiaries are not entitled to exemption under Section 883 for any taxable year, we or our subsidiaries could be subject for those years to an effective 2% United States federal income tax on the shipping income these companies derive during the year that are attributable to the transport or cargoes to or from the United States. The imposition of this taxation would have a negative effect on our business and would result in decreased earnings available for distribution to our shareholders.

***It may be difficult to enforce service of process and enforcement of judgments against us and our officers and directors.***

We are a Marshall Islands corporation, and our executive offices are located outside of the United States in Maroussi, Greece. A majority of our directors and officers reside outside of the United States, and a substantial portion of our assets and the assets of our officers and directors are located outside of the United States. As a result, you may have difficulty serving legal process within the United States upon us or any of these persons. You may also have difficulty enforcing, both in and outside of the United States, judgments you may obtain in the U.S. courts against us or these persons in any action, including actions based upon the civil liability provisions of U.S. federal or state securities laws.

There is also substantial doubt that the courts of the Marshall Islands or Greece would enter judgments in original actions brought in those courts predicated on U.S. federal or state securities laws.

### **Risk Factors Relating To Our Stock**

***There may not be a liquid market for our convertible preferred stock, which may cause our convertible preferred stock to trade at lower prices and make it difficult to sell your convertible preferred stock.***

There has been no market for the convertible preferred stock prior to this offering. We will apply for the listing of the convertible preferred stock on the NASDAQ Global Market. We cannot assure you that the convertible preferred stock will be listed on the NASDAQ Global Market. The liquidity of any trading market in the convertible preferred stock, and the market price quoted for the convertible preferred stock, may be adversely affected by changes in the overall market for convertible securities and by changes in our financial performance or prospects, changes in the price of our common stock or in the prospects for companies in our industry generally. As a result, we cannot assure you that an active trading market will develop for the convertible preferred stock, or, if one develops, that the convertible preferred stock will trade at prices higher than the initial offering price.

***The market price of our common stock has been and may in the future be subject to significant fluctuations.***

The market price of our common stock has been and may in the future be subject to significant fluctuations as a result of many factors, some of which are beyond our control. Among the factors that have in the past and could in the future affect our stock price are:

- quarterly variations in our results of operations;
- changes in sales or earnings estimates or publication of research reports by analysts;
- speculation in the press or investment community about our business or the shipping industry generally;
- changes in market valuations of similar companies and stock market price and volume fluctuations generally;
- strategic actions by us or our competitors such as acquisitions or restructurings;
- regulatory developments;
- additions or departures of key personnel;
- general market conditions; and



- domestic and international economic, market and currency factors unrelated to our performance.

The stock markets in general, and the markets for drybulk shipping and shipping stocks in general, have experienced extreme volatility that has sometimes been unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect the trading price of our common stock.

***Purchasers of convertible preferred stock may incur dilution.***

The terms of our convertible preferred stock do not restrict our ability to offer a new series of preferred stock that is on parity with the preferred stock in the future or to engage in other transactions that could dilute our convertible preferred stock.

***Our issuance of additional series of preferred stock could adversely affect holders of our common stock and our convertible preferred stock.***

Our Board of Directors is authorized to issue additional series of preferred stock on parity with our convertible preferred stock without requiring any action or consent on the part of our shareholders, including holders of our convertible preferred stock. Our Board of Directors also has the power, without shareholder approval, to set the terms of any such series of preferred stock that may be issued, including voting rights, dividend rights, preferences over stock with respect to dividends or if we liquidate, dissolve or wind up our business and other terms. If we issue preferred stock in the future that have preference over our common stock or is on parity with our convertible preferred stock with respect to the payment of dividends or upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, or if we issue preferred stock with voting rights that dilute the voting power of our common stock or convertible preferred stock, the rights of holders of our common stock or convertible preferred stock or the market price of our common stock or convertible preferred stock could be adversely affected.

***The shares of convertible preferred stock cannot be converted into shares of common stock unless and until the common stock has been approved for listing.***

We will use our best efforts to list our shares of common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market or another comparable U.S. national securities exchange, such as the New York Stock Exchange or American Stock Exchange, however, there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain approval to list our common stock. The preferred stock is not convertible into common stock unless and until we are able to list the common stock.

***Our convertible preferred stock will lose certain of its preferential rights on the mandatory conversion date.***

On the mandatory conversion date, our convertible preferred stock's liquidation preference will be reduced to \$ per share and it will lose certain of its preferential rights described elsewhere in this prospectus including, but not limited to, the right to receive a preferential quarterly dividend. Instead, our convertible preferred stock will thereafter be on parity with our common stock in all respects.

***Our convertible preferred stock provides limited conversion rate adjustments.***

The number of shares of common stock that you are entitled to receive on conversion is subject to adjustment in limited circumstances, such as stock splits and combinations, stock dividends on our common stock and certain other actions that modify our capital stock structure. We will not adjust the conversion rate for other events, including offerings of our common stock or preferred stock for cash or in connection with acquisitions or our stock incentive plan. As a result, an event that adversely affects the value of our convertible preferred stock, but does not result in an adjustment to the conversion rate, may occur.

***The shares of our convertible preferred stock are equity and are subordinate to our existing and future indebtedness.***

The shares of our convertible preferred stock are equity interests and do not constitute indebtedness. As such, our convertible preferred stock will rank junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness and other non-equity claims against us with respect to assets available to satisfy such claims, including in a liquidation. Additionally, unlike indebtedness, where principal and interest would customarily be payable on specified due dates, in the case of preferred securities like our convertible preferred stock, dividends are payable only if and as declared by our Board of Directors, and only to the extent funds are legally available therefor.

***Our convertible preferred stock will rank junior to all of our and our subsidiaries' liabilities in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or winding-up of our assets.***

In the event of bankruptcy, liquidation or winding-up, our assets will be available to pay obligations on our convertible preferred stock only after all of our liabilities have been paid. In addition, our convertible preferred stock will effectively rank junior to all existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries. The rights of holders of our convertible preferred stock to participate in the assets of our subsidiaries upon any liquidation or reorganization of any subsidiary will rank junior to the prior claims of that subsidiary's creditors and equity holders. In the event of bankruptcy, liquidation or winding-up due to losses incurred by us or otherwise, there may not be sufficient assets remaining, after paying our and our subsidiaries' liabilities, to pay amounts due on any or all of our convertible preferred stock then issued and outstanding.

***Our stock price may fall below the minimum share price requirements of the NASDAQ Global Market.***

We will apply to list our convertible preferred stock on the NASDAQ Global Market. Although the offering price is currently above the \$5.00 minimum share price requirement to initially list our shares on the NASDAQ Global Market, we cannot predict what the price for our shares of our convertible preferred stock will be following this offering. If our share price falls below \$5.00 after being listed, our convertible preferred stock will not be marginable and this may reduce the liquidity of our convertible preferred stock. If we are listed on the NASDAQ Global Market and our share price falls below the required \$1.00 minimum share price requirement for listed stock or we fail to maintain any other listing requirements, our stock could be delisted. Any of these events could result in an active trading market no longer existing for our shares.

***The price of our shares may be volatile and less than you originally paid for such shares.***

The price of our shares may be volatile, and may fluctuate due to factors such as:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in quarterly and annual results;
- mergers and strategic alliances in the shipping industry;
- market conditions in the industry;
- changes in government regulation;
- fluctuations in our quarterly revenues and earnings and those of our publicly held competitors;
- payment of dividends;
- shortfalls in our operating results from levels forecasted by securities analysts;

announcements concerning us or our competitors; and

the general state of the securities markets.

The international drybulk and container shipping industry has been highly unpredictable and volatile. The market for stock of companies in this industry may be equally volatile. Our shares may trade at prices lower than you originally paid for such shares.

***The price of our convertible preferred stock may be adversely affected by the price of our common stock.***

The market price of our convertible preferred stock may be directly affected by the market price of our common stock, which may be volatile, and other factors. To the extent there is a secondary market for our convertible preferred stock, we believe that the market price of our convertible preferred stock may be significantly affected by the market price of our common stock. We cannot predict how our common stock will trade. This may result in greater volatility in the market price of the convertible preferred stock than would be expected for nonconvertible preferred stock.

***If we issue additional shares of common stock in the future it may adversely affect the price of our convertible preferred stock.***

If we issue additional common stock, it may materially and adversely affect the price of our common stock and, because the convertible preferred stock is convertible into common stock initially on a 1-for-1 basis, such events may adversely effect the trading price of our convertible preferred stock.

***Our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws contain anti-takeover provisions that may discourage, delay or prevent (1) our merger or acquisition and/or (2) the removal of incumbent directors and officers.***

Our current Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws contain certain anti-takeover provisions. These provisions include blank check preferred stock, the prohibition of cumulative voting in the election of directors, a classified board of directors, advance written notice for shareholder nominations for directors, removal of directors only for cause, advance written notice of shareholder proposals for the removal of directors and limitations on action by shareholders. These provisions, either individually or in the aggregate, may discourage, delay or prevent (1) our merger or acquisition by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise, that a shareholder may consider in its best interest and (2) the removal of incumbent directors and officers.

***Future sales of our stock could cause the market price of our convertible preferred stock to decline.***

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock or convertible preferred stock in the public market, or the perception that these sales could occur, may depress the market price for our convertible preferred stock. These sales could also impair our ability to raise additional capital through the sale of our equity securities in the future.

Pursuant to our prior Form F-1 registration statement, we registered for resale 2,342,331 shares of common stock issued in our Private Placement, 585,581 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants issued in the Private Placement and 272,868 shares of our common stock issued to certain affiliates of Cove, in connection with the merger of Cove with our wholly-owned subsidiary, Euroseas Acquisition Company Inc. Registration of such shares has, except for any shares purchased by affiliates, resulted in such shares becoming freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

In addition, we have entered into a registration rights agreement with Friends, our largest shareholder, pursuant to which we have granted Friends the right to require us to register under the Securities Act, shares of our common stock held by it. Under the registration rights agreement, Friends has the right to request that we register the sale of shares held by it on its behalf and may require us to make available shelf registration statements permitting sales of shares into the market from time to time over an extended period. In addition, Friends has the ability to exercise certain piggyback registration rights in connection with registered offerings requested by stockholders or initiated by us. Friends has agreed to waive its rights under the registration rights agreement, including the right to have any of its

shares of our common stock registered in this offering, for a period beginning on the date of this prospectus and ending 180 days from the later of the effective date of the Registration Statement or the pricing of this offering. Registration of such shares under the Securities Act would, except for shares purchased by affiliates, result in such shares becoming freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act immediately upon the effectiveness of such registration. Shares not registered pursuant to the registration rights agreement may, subject to the lock-up agreement to which Friends is a party, be resold pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, including the exemptions provided by Rule 144 and Regulation S under the Securities Act. We refer you to the sections of this prospectus entitled “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions,” “Shares Eligible for Future Sale” and “Underwriting” for further information regarding the circumstances under which additional shares of our common stock may be sold.

We may issue additional shares of our stock in the future and our stockholders may elect to sell large numbers of shares held by them from time to time. Our amended and restated articles of incorporation authorize us to issue up to 100,000,000 shares of common stock and 20,000,000 shares of preferred stock, of which 12,620,114 shares of common stock and \_\_\_\_\_ shares of convertible preferred stock will be outstanding immediately after this offering, assuming that the underwriters do not exercise their over-allotment option. Immediately after this offering, assuming that the underwriters do not exercise their over-allotment option, entities affiliated with our President and Chief Executive Officer and certain other large shareholders will own or control 10,251,390 shares (assuming no exercise of 83,334 warrants owned by Eurobulk Marine Holdings, Inc.), or approximately \_\_\_\_\_%, of our outstanding common stock and convertible preferred stock. The number of shares of stock available for sale in the public market will be limited by restrictions applicable under securities laws and agreements that we and our executive officers, directors and principal shareholders have entered into with the underwriters of this offering. Subject to certain exceptions, these agreements generally restrict us and our executive officers, directors and certain shareholders from directly or indirectly offering, selling, pledging, hedging or otherwise disposing of our equity securities or any security that is convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our equity securities and from engaging in certain other transactions relating to such securities for a period of 180 days (with respect to our officers, directors and Friends) and 90 days (with respect to Eurobulk Marine Holdings Inc.) from the later of the effective date of this Registration Statement or the pricing of this offering without the prior written consent of Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.

***Dividends paid on the convertible preferred stock to U.S. individuals, trusts and estates may be taxed as ordinary income.***

Although we will apply to list our convertible preferred stock on the NASDAQ Global Market, if our convertible preferred stock fails to meet or maintain the requirements of the NASDAQ Global Market or another established securities market in the United States, such shares will trade on the OTCBB and any dividends paid on the shares will be treated for U.S. tax purposes as ordinary income rather than “qualified dividend income” which would otherwise be taxed to U.S. individuals, trusts and estates at preferential tax rates. Additionally, if you voluntarily convert your shares of convertible preferred stock to common stock prior to the mandatory conversion date, such common shares will initially trade on the OTCBB. Accordingly, any dividends paid on your common shares following such conversion will be treated as ordinary income. There is no assurance that we will be able to maintain the listing of our convertible preferred stock on the NASDAQ Global Market or another established securities market in the United States. Therefore there is no assurance that any dividends paid on the convertible preferred stock will be treated as “qualified dividend income” and subject to tax at preferential rates.

***Because the Republic of the Marshall Islands, where we are incorporated, does not have a well-developed body of corporate law, shareholders may have fewer rights and protections than under typical United States law, such as Delaware, and shareholders may have difficulty in protecting their interest with regard to actions taken by our Board of Directors.***

Our corporate affairs are governed by our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and by the Marshall Islands Business Corporations Act (the “BCA”). The provisions of the BCA resemble provisions of the corporation laws of a number of states in the United States. However, there have been few judicial cases in the Republic of the Marshall Islands interpreting the BCA. The rights and fiduciary responsibilities of directors under the law of the Republic of the Marshall Islands are not as clearly established as the rights and fiduciary responsibilities of directors under statutes or judicial precedent in existence in certain U.S. jurisdictions. Stockholder rights may differ as well. For example, under Marshall Islands law, a copy of the notice of any meeting of the shareholders must be given not less than 15 days before the meeting, whereas in Delaware such notice must be given not less than 10 days before the meeting. Therefore, if immediate shareholder action is required, a meeting may not be able to be convened as quickly as it can be convened under Delaware law. Also, under Marshall Islands law, any action required to be taken by a meeting of shareholders may only be taken without a meeting if consent is in writing and is signed by all of the shareholders

entitled to vote, whereas under Delaware law action may be taken by consent if approved by the number of shareholders that would be required to approve such action at a meeting. Therefore, under Marshall Islands law, it may be more difficult for a company to take certain actions without a meeting even if a majority of the shareholders approve of such action. While the BCA does specifically incorporate the non-statutory law, or judicial case law, of the State of Delaware and other states with substantially similar legislative provisions, public shareholders may have more difficulty in protecting their interests in the face of actions by the management, directors or controlling shareholders than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a U.S. jurisdiction. For more information with respect to how stockholder rights under Marshall Islands law compare with stockholder rights under Delaware law, please read “Marshall Islands Company Considerations.”

**PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK**

Our shares of convertible preferred stock are not currently listed and do not trade on any stock exchange. The trading market for shares of our common stock is the OTCBB, on which our shares trade under the symbol "EUSEF.OB." Our common stock began trading on the OTCBB on May 5, 2006. We will apply to have our convertible preferred stock listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol " " upon completion of this offering. The following table sets forth the high and low closing prices for shares of our common stock as reported by the OTCBB, after giving effect to our 1-for-3 reverse stock split that was effected on October 6, 2006:

For the period:	High	Low
<b>Quarterly for 2006:</b>		
Second Quarter (from May 5, 2006)	\$ 18.24	\$ 8.82
Third Quarter	\$ 9.15	\$ 8.55
<b>Monthly for 2006:</b>		
May (from May 5, 2006)	\$ 18.24	\$ 9.39
June	\$ 10.14	\$ 8.82
July	\$ 9.12	\$ 8.97
August	\$ 9.00	\$ 8.82
September	\$ 9.15	\$ 8.55
October	\$ 9.00	\$ 8.37
November (through November 15, 2006)	\$ 9.00	\$ 8.25



## DIVIDEND POLICY

Dividends on our convertible preferred stock will be cumulative from the date of issuance until the mandatory conversion date and, to the extent we are legally permitted to pay dividends and our Board of Directors declares a dividend payable, we will pay dividends on the convertible preferred stock in cash in the minimum amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, payable quarterly in arrears. Dividends on the convertible preferred stock will be payable on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of each year to holders of record of the convertible preferred stock on the immediately preceding \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Our first dividend on the convertible preferred stock will be a partial dividend, which will accrue from the date of issuance until December 31, 2006.

In addition, we also currently intend to pay regular cash dividends on our common stock on a quarterly basis. To the extent we declare any quarterly dividends on our common stock in excess of the amount declared on our convertible preferred stock, we will also pay such excess amount to holders of our convertible preferred stock. Any excess operating cash flow may be used to pay additional dividends, fund our growth or repay Company debt, as determined by our Board of Directors.

Since our Private Placement in August 25, 2005, we have declared dividends on our common stock in the amount of \$0.21, \$0.18, \$0.18 and \$0.18 per common share for the fiscal periods ended on September 30, 2005, December 31, 2005, March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 respectively for a total of \$0.75 per common share. The aggregate amount of such dividends for the twelve month period ended June 30, 2006 was \$9,465,085. On November 9, 2006 we declared a dividend on our common stock in the amount of \$0.21 per share which is payable on or about December 15, 2006 to all common shareholders of record as of December 8, 2006. We expect to declare our next dividend in February 2007.

The exact amount of dividend payments will be dependent upon our earnings, financial condition, cash requirements and availability, restrictions in our loan agreements, growth strategy, charter rates in the drybulk and container shipping industry, the provisions of Marshall Islands law affecting the payment of distributions to shareholders and other factors, such as the acquisition of additional vessels. However, we do not believe that the addition of vessels to our fleet will adversely impact our dividend policy of paying quarterly dividends to our shareholders out of our net profits. We believe that the addition of vessels to our fleet in the future should enable us to pay a higher dividend per share than we would otherwise be able to pay without additional vessels since such additional vessels should increase our earnings. However, we cannot give any current estimate of what dividends may be in the future since any such dividend amounts will depend upon the amount of revenues those vessels are able to generate and the costs incurred in operating such vessels.

In addition, Marshall Islands law generally prohibits the payment of dividends other than from surplus (retained earnings and the excess of consideration received for the sale of shares above the par value of the shares), but if there is no surplus, dividends may be declared out of the net profits (basically, the excess of our revenue over our expenses) for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared or the preceding fiscal year. Marshall Islands law also prohibits the payment of dividends while a company is insolvent or if it would be rendered insolvent upon the payment of a dividend.

Dividends may be declared in conformity with applicable law by, and at the discretion of, our Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting. Dividends may be declared and paid in cash, stock or other property of the Company. The payment of dividends is not guaranteed or assured, and may be discontinued at any time at the discretion of our Board of Directors.

We paid \$687,500, \$1,200,000, \$26,962,500, \$46,875,223 (consisting of \$30,175,223 of dividends and \$16,700,000 as return of capital) and \$4,543,240 in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and in the first six months of 2006, respectively. Over the period January 1, 2002 to June 30, 2005, we paid substantially all of our net income as dividends.



### USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately \$       million from this offering assuming that the underwriter's over-allotment option is not exercised. We intend to use approximately \$7.0 million of the net proceeds to repay a portion of the debt that was used to finance our acquisition of m/v *YM Xingang I*. Our outstanding indebtedness consists of eight loans used to finance all or a portion of the acquisition costs of our vessels. These loans have final maturity dates of between May 2008 and November 2013 and bear interest at rates ranging from LIBOR + 0.90% to LIBOR + 1.6%. We expect to use the remaining proceeds to acquire additional vessels in the sectors in which we currently operate. Any amounts not so used will be applied to general corporate purposes.

## CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our consolidated capitalization at June 30, 2006:

on a historical basis without any adjustment to reflect subsequent or anticipated events;

as adjusted for certain subsequent events:

(a) repayment of \$1,500,000 to the Bank financing the m/v *John P* due to the delivery of the vessel on July 5, 2006 to its buyer;

(b) cash dividend of \$2,271,621 paid on or about September 15, 2006;

(c) new loans to finance acquisition of the m/v *Aristides N.P.* of \$15,500,000 which was drawn down on September 4, 2006, and to finance the acquisition of m/v *YM Xingang I* of \$20,000,000 which was drawn on November 15, 2006 and repayments for loans outstanding at June 30, 2006 amounting to \$2,730,000;

(d) cash dividend of \$2,271,621 to be paid on or about December 15, 2006;

on an as further adjusted basis for the sale of      shares resulting in \$      million of net proceeds after the underwriters' discount and offering expenses.

There has been no material change in our capitalization between June 30, 2006 and the date of this prospectus as adjusted as described above. "Current portion of long term debt" in the "As Adjusted" and "As Further Adjusted" columns represents current portion of the new and existing debt as of September 30, 2006.

	Actual As of June 30, 2006	As Adjusted	As Further Adjusted
<b>Debt:</b>			
Current portion of long term debt	\$ 13,840,000	\$ 18,390,000	\$
Total long term debt, net of current portion	33,280,000	60,000,000	
Total debt	47,120,000	78,390,000	
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>			
Common stock, \$.03 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized on an actual and as adjusted basis; 12,620,114 shares issued and outstanding on an actual basis; 12,620,114 shares issued and outstanding on an as further adjusted basis	378,603	378,603	
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized on an actual and adjusted basis; 0 shares issued and outstanding;      shares issued and outstanding on an as further adjusted basis			
Additional paid-in capital	17,882,990	17,882,990	
Retained earnings	14,217,179	14,217,179	
Dividends declared August 7, 2006 and November 9, 2006		—	(4,543,242)
Total shareholders' equity	32,478,772	27,935,530	
Total capitalization	\$ 79,598,772	\$ 106,325,530	\$

As of June 30, 2006, we had \$20.2 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$15.7 million as adjusted for the subsequent events and \$56.9 million as further adjusted.

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED DIVIDENDS**

The following table sets forth the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends for Euroseas:

- on a historical basis for each of the four years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006.

For the purpose of calculating such ratios, “earnings” consist of income from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges. “Fixed charges” consist of interest expense and amortization of debt discount or premiums.

	Year Ended December 31,				Six Months Ended June 30,
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Ratio of Earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends	2.1x	11.8x	44.2x	17.8x	8.2x

**SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND DATA**

The following historical financial information and data were derived from our audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005 and our unaudited financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2006 included elsewhere in this prospectus. We derived the information for the year ended December 31, 2002 from our audited financial statements not included in this prospectus. The information is only a summary and should be read in conjunction with our historical financial statements and related notes included in this prospectus, and the section of this prospectus entitled Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. The historical data included below and elsewhere in this prospectus are not necessarily indicative of our future performance.

(Amounts in U.S. dollars)	Year Ended December 31,				Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006
<b>Income Statement Data:</b>						
Voyage revenues	\$ 15,291,761	\$ 25,951,023	\$ 45,718,006	\$ 44,523,401	\$ 23,833,736	\$ 20,421,220
Commissions	(420,959)	(906,017)	(2,215,197)	(2,388,349)	(1,340,228)	(895,968)
Voyage expenses	(531,936)	(436,935)	(370,345)	(670,551)	(131,903)	(866,365)
Vessel operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization expenses shown separately below)	(7,164,271)	(8,775,730)	(8,906,252)	(8,610,279)	(4,270,787)	(5,055,753)
Management fees	(1,469,690)	(1,722,800)	(1,972,252)	(1,911,856)	(965,384)	(1,112,850)
General and administrative expenses	-	-	-	(420,755)	-	(521,940)
Depreciation and amortization (2)	(4,053,049)	(4,757,933)	(3,461,678)	(4,208,252)	(1,824,322)	(3,195,074)
Net gain on sale of vessel	-	-	2,315,477	-	-	2,165,799
Interest and finance cost, net	(793,732)	(756,873)	(521,215)	(1,035,414)	(456,021)	(921,606)
Other income/(expenses), net	2,849	(690)	25,221	(99,491)	(81,717)	(2,007)
Equity in net gain (loss) of an associate	30,655	(167,433)	-	-	-	-
Net income for period	\$ 891,628	\$ 8,426,612	\$ 30,611,765	\$ 25,178,454	\$ 14,763,374	\$ 10,015,456
Earnings per share, basic and diluted	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.85	\$ 3.09	\$ 2.34	\$ 1.49	\$ 0.80
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during period	9,918,056	9,918,056	9,918,056	10,739,476	9,918,056	12,449,194

**Balance Sheet Data:**

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Total current assets	\$ 3,192,345	\$ 9,409,339	\$ 16,461,159	\$ 25,350,707	\$ 11,276,109	\$ 23,535,104
Vessels, net	45,254,226	41,096,067	34,171,164	52,334,897	32,978,300	59,679,713
Total assets	50,259,121	51,458,019	52,837,501	79,541,433	46,612,184	84,676,165
Total current liabilities, including current portion of long term debt	10,878,488	8,481,773	13,764,846	18,414,877	18,341,155	18,917,393
Long term debt, including current portion	23,845,000	20,595,000	13,990,000	48,560,000	41,400,000	47,120,000
Total liabilities	28,973,488	23,971,773	21,724,846	52,544,877	44,961,155	52,197,393
Total Shareholders' Equity	\$ 21,285,634	\$ 27,486,246	\$ 31,112,655	\$ 26,996,556	\$ 1,651,029	\$ 32,478,772

**Other Financial**

**Data:**

Adjusted EBITDA (3)	\$ 5,738,409	\$ 13,941,418	\$ 34,594,658	\$ 30,422,120	\$ 17,043,717	\$ 14,048,896
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,631,343	10,956,132	34,208,693	20,594,782	8,157,781	11,508,281
Net cash provided by (used in) from investing activities	(17,036,079)	214,832	6,756,242	(21,833,616)	(1,230,155)	(5,735,387)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	12,247,355	(4,778,000)	(33,567,500)	6,188,653	(16,972,500)	(6,014,490)
Vessel acquisition expenditures	(16,993,811)	-	-	(20,821,647)	-	(10,854,321)
Drydocking expenditures	-	(972,671)	(2,270,418)	(1,076,233)	(688,739)	(299,322)
Cash paid for dividends/return of capital (4)	687,500	1,200,000	26,962,500	46,875,223	44,225,000	4,543,240
Cash paid for dividends/return of capital, per common share	0.07	0.12	2.72	4.36	4.46	0.36
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends	2.1x	11.8x	44.2x	17.8x	28.1x	8.2x

**Fleet Data:**

Average number of vessels	6.82	8.00	7.31	7.10	7.00	8.19
Calendar days	2,490	2,920	2,677	2,591	1,267	1,483
Available days	2,448	2,867	2,554	2,546	1,242	1,460
Voyage days	2,440	2,846	2,542	2,508	1,239	1,458
Utilization rate (5)	99.7%	99.3%	99.5%	98.5%	99.8%	99.9%

**Average Daily Statistics:**

Average TCE rate (6)	\$ 6,049	\$ 8,965	\$ 17,839	\$ 17,485	\$ 19,124	\$ 13,414
Operating expenses	2,877	3,005	3,327	3,323	3,371	3,409



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Management fees	590	590	737	738	762	750
General and administrative expenses	-	-	-	162	-	352
Total vessel operating expenses	3,467	3,595	4,064	4,223	4,133	4,511

(1) We have not included financial data for the year ended 2001 since we were only formed in May 2005 and incurred significant expense in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements for 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 in connection with the filing of registration statements with the SEC for our public offering. We believe that it would constitute “unreasonable effort or expense” for us to include 2001 financials. The Company’s predecessors (which are the separate shipowning entities that became wholly-owned by the Company subsequent to its formation) prepared financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2001 on a basis different from the financial statements included in this prospectus and the effort and cost involved in converting such financial statements into a basis similar to those financial statements included herein would be unreasonably burdensome.

- (2) In 2004, the estimated scrap value of the vessels was increased from \$170 to \$300 per lightweight ton to better reflect market price developments in the scrap metal market. The effect of this change in estimate was to reduce 2004 depreciation expense by \$1,400,010 and increase 2004 net income by the same amount. The m/v *Widar* was sold in April 2004. Depreciation expenses for the m/v *Widar* for 2004 amounted to \$136,384 compared to \$409,149 for 2003. The m/v *Pantelis P* was sold in May 2006. Depreciation expenses for the m/v *Pantelis P* for the six month period ended June 30, 2006 amounted to \$107,587 compared to \$129,104 in the same period in 2005.
- (3) We consider Adjusted EBITDA to represent net earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization including the amortization of deferred revenue from a below market period charter when we acquired m/v *Tasman Trader*. Adjusted EBITDA does not represent and should not be considered as an alternative to net income or cash flow from operations, as determined by United States generally accepted accounting principles, or U.S. GAAP, and our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to that reported by other companies. Adjusted EBITDA is included herein because it is a basis upon which we assess our liquidity position and because we believe that it presents useful information to investors regarding a company's ability to service and/or incur indebtedness. The Company's definition of Adjusted EBITDA may not be the same as that used by other companies in the shipping or other industries.

## Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation to Net Income:

(Amounts in U.S. dollars)	Year Ended December 31,				Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006
Net income	\$ 891,628	\$ 8,426,612	\$ 30,611,765	\$ 25,178,454	\$ 14,763,374	\$ 10,015,456
Depreciation and amortization	4,053,049	4,757,933	3,461,678	4,208,252	1,824,322	3,195,074
Interest and finance cost	793,732	756,873	521,215	1,035,414	456,021	921,606
Deferred revenue amortization	-	-	-	-	-	(83,240)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 5,738,409	\$ 13,941,418	\$ 34,594,658	\$ 30,422,120	\$ 17,043,717	\$ 14,048,896

## Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation to Cash Flow from Operations:

(Amounts in U.S. dollars)	Year Ended December 31,				Six Months Ended	
	2002	2003	2004	2005	June 30, 2005	2006
Cash flow from operations	\$ 5,631,343	\$ 10,956,132	\$ 34,208,693	\$ 20,594,782	\$ 8,157,781	\$ 11,508,281
Net increase/(decrease) in operating asset/liabilities	(661,824)	2,466,840	(2,427,953)	8,975,697	8,573,728	(510,663)
Loss on derivative	-	-	-	(100,029)	(82,029)	-
Gain (loss) from vessel sales	-	-	2,315,477	-	-	2,165,799
Investment in associate / provision for doubtful accounts	30,655	(171,025)	27,907	-	-	-
Interest, net	738,235	689,471	470,534	951,670	394,237	885,479
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 5,738,409	\$ 13,941,418	\$ 34,594,658	\$ 30,422,120	\$ 17,043,717	\$ 14,048,896

(4) The dividend amounts for 2005 and for the six months ended June 30, 2005 reflect aggregate dividends of \$30,175,223 and \$27,525,000, respectively, and a return of capital in the amount of \$16,700,000. The total payment to shareholders made in 2005 is in excess of previously retained earnings because the Company decided to distribute to its original shareholders in advance of going public most of the profits relating to the Company's operations up to that time and to recapitalize the Company. This one-time dividend should not be considered indicative of future dividend payments and the Company refers you to the other sections in this prospectus for further information on the Company's dividend policy.

(5) During the three month period ended September 30, 2006, m/v *Ariel* was off-hire for 24 days for repairs.

(6) The average TCE rate calculation shown above is based on the actual number of available and voyage days. In the above table, the number of available voyage days was rounded to the nearest number of full days.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and footnotes thereto contained in this prospectus. This discussion contains forward-looking statements, which are based on our assumptions about the future of our business. Our actual results will likely differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Please read "Forward-Looking Statements" for additional information regarding forward-looking statements used in this prospectus. Reference in the following discussion to "our" and "us" refer to Euroseas, our subsidiaries and the predecessor operations of Euroseas, except where the context otherwise indicates or requires.

### General

We are a provider of worldwide ocean-going transportation services. We own and operate drybulk carriers that transport major bulks such as iron ore, coal and grains, and minor bulks such as bauxite, phosphate and fertilizers. We also own and operate container ships and multipurpose vessels that transport dry and refrigerated cargoes, mainly including manufactured products and perishables.

We actively manage the deployment of our fleet between spot charters, which generally last from several days to several weeks, and period charters, which can last up to several years. Some of our vessels may participate in shipping pools, or, in some cases participate in contracts of affreightment. Vessels operating on period charters provide more predictable cash flows but can yield lower profit margins than vessels operating in the spot market during periods characterized by favorable market conditions. Vessels operating in the spot market generate revenues that are less predictable but may enable us to achieve increased profit margins during periods of high vessel rates although we are exposed to the risk of declining vessel rates, which may have a materially adverse impact on our financial performance. Vessels operating in shipping pools benefit from better scheduling, and thus increased utilization, and better access to contracts of affreightment due to the larger commercial operation. Shipping pools may employ the vessels either exclusively in spot charters or a combination of spot and period charters and contracts of affreightment. We are constantly evaluating opportunities to increase the number of our vessels deployed on period charters or to participate in shipping pools (if available for our vessels). However, we only expect to enter into additional period charters or shipping pools if we can obtain contract terms that satisfy our criteria. Container ships are employed almost exclusively on period charter contracts. We carefully evaluate the length and the rate of the period charter contract at the time of fixing or renewing a contract considering market conditions, trends and expectations.

As of November 15, 2006, our fleet consisted of nine vessels as follows: four drybulk carriers, comprised of two Panamax drybulk carriers and two Handysize drybulk carriers, four container ships and one multipurpose vessel. The total cargo carrying capacity of our four drybulk carriers and our four container ships is 207,464 dwt and 6,235 teu, respectively. Our multipurpose vessel can carry 22,568 dwt or 950 teu, or a combination thereof.

We constantly evaluate secondhand vessel purchase opportunities to expand our fleet accretive to our earnings and cash flow, as well as, sale opportunities of certain of our vessels. Since our Private Placement in August 2005, we sold two of our drybulk carriers (m/v *John P* and m/v *Pantelis P*, both built in 1981) and we purchased one multipurpose vessel (m/v *Tasman Trader* built in 1990), one drybulk carrier (m/v *Aristides N.P.* built in 1993) and one container ship (m/v *Artemis* built in 1987) in accordance with our strategy of renewing and expanding our fleet. In furtherance of our growth strategy, on October 12, 2006 we contracted to acquire a 1,599 teu, 1993-built container ship, the m/v *YM Xingang I* for a purchase price of \$27.3 million. We took delivery of this container ship on November 15, 2006.

On November 9, 2006, we declared our fifth consecutive dividend on our common stock. The dividend was in the amount of \$0.21 per common share and will be paid on or about December 15, 2006 to all common shareholders of record as of December 8, 2006. This on our common stock follows our dividend declarations of \$0.18 per common share on August 7, 2006, \$0.18 per common share on May 12, 2006, \$0.18 per share on February 7, 2006 and \$0.21 per share on November 2, 2005. Since our Private Placement in August 2005, we have declared five consecutive dividends on our common stock in a total amount of \$0.96 per common share (all the per share amounts set forth in this section are adjusted for the 1-for-3 reverse stock split effected on October 6, 2006, as described below).

On October 6, 2006, we effected a 1-for-3 reverse stock split in order to increase our common share price to satisfy the price per share listing requirements of the NASDAQ Global Market. As a result of the reverse stock split, the outstanding number of shares of our common stock was reduced from 37,860,341 to 12,620,114, subject to increase to the extent the reverse stock split results in any shareholder receiving fractional shares, in which event such fractional share will be rounded up to the next whole share. The reverse stock split did not affect the number of authorized shares of our common stock or preferred stock which remain at 100,000,000 shares and 20,000,000 shares, respectively.

## Operating Results

### *Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations*

We believe that the important measures for analyzing trends in the results of our operations consist of the following:

Calendar days. We define calendar days as the total number of days in a period during which each vessel in our fleet was in our possession including off-hire days associated with major repairs, drydockings or special or intermediate surveys. Calendar days are an indicator of the size of our fleet over a period and affect both the amount of revenues and the amount of expenses that we record during that period.

Available days. We define available days as the total number of days in a period during which each vessel in our fleet was in our possession net of off-hire days associated with scheduled repairs, drydockings or special or intermediate surveys. The shipping industry uses available days to measure the number of days in a period during which vessels were available to generate revenues.

Voyage days. We define voyage days as the total number of days in a period during which each vessel in our fleet was in our possession net of off-hire days associated with scheduled and unscheduled repairs, drydockings or special or intermediate surveys or days waiting to find employment. The shipping industry uses voyage days to measure the number of days in a period during which vessels actually generate revenues.

Fleet utilization. We calculate fleet utilization by dividing the number of our voyage days during a period by the number of our available days during that period. The shipping industry uses fleet utilization to measure a company's efficiency in finding suitable employment for its vessels and minimizing the amount of days that its vessels are off-hire for reasons such as unscheduled repairs or days waiting to find employment.

Spot charter rates. Spot charter rates are volatile and fluctuate on a seasonal and year to year basis. The fluctuations are caused by imbalances in the availability of cargoes for shipment and the number of vessels available at any given time to transport these cargoes.

Time Charter Equivalent ("TCE"). A standard maritime industry performance measure used to evaluate performance is the daily time charter equivalent, or daily TCE. The TCE rate achieved on a given voyage is expressed in \$ per day and is generally calculated by subtracting voyage expenses, including bunkers and port charges, from voyage revenues and dividing the net amount (time charter equivalent revenues) by the voyage days, including the trip to the loading port. TCE is a standard seaborne transportation industry performance measure used primarily to compare period-to-period changes in a seaborne transportation company's performance despite changes in the mix of charter types (i.e., spot charters, time charters and bareboat charters) under which the vessels may be employed during specific periods.

### **Basis of Presentation and General Information**

We are a Marshall Islands company formed on May 5, 2005 to consolidate the beneficial owners of seven ship-owning companies. On June 28, 2005, the beneficial owners exchanged all their shares in the ship-owning companies for shares in Friends. On June 29, 2005, Friends then exchanged all the shares in the ship-owning companies for shares in the Company, thus becoming our sole shareholder. This transaction constituted a reorganization of companies under common control, and was accounted for in a manner similar to a pooling of interests as each ship-owning company was under the common control of the Pittas family prior to the transfer of ownership of the companies to us. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus have been presented as if the ship-owning companies were consolidated subsidiaries of the Company for all periods presented and use the historical carrying costs of the assets and the liabilities of the ship-owning companies listed

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We use the following measures to describe our financial performance:

*Voyage revenues.* Our voyage revenues are driven primarily by the number of vessels in our fleet, the number of voyage days during which our vessels generate revenues and the amount of daily charter hire that our vessels earn under charters, which, in turn, are affected by a number of factors, including our decisions relating to vessel acquisitions and disposals, the amount of time that we spend positioning our vessels, the amount of time that our vessels spend in drydock undergoing repairs, maintenance and upgrade work, the age, condition and specifications of our vessels, levels of supply and demand in the transportation market and other factors affecting spot market charter rates in both the drybulk carrier and container ship markets.

*Commissions.* We pay commissions on all chartering arrangements of 1.25% to Eurochart, one of our affiliates, plus additional commissions of usually up to 5% to other brokers involved in the transaction. These additional commissions, as well as changes to charter rates will cause our commission expenses to fluctuate from period to period. Eurochart also receives a fee equal to 1% calculated as stated in the relevant memorandum of agreement for any vessel bought or sold by them on our behalf. We also usually pay commissions of up to 2% to other brokers involved in purchase and sale transactions.

*Voyage expenses.* Voyage expenses primarily consist of port, canal and fuel costs that are unique to a particular voyage which would otherwise be paid by the charterer under a time charter contract, as well as commissions. Under time charters, the charterer pays voyage expenses whereas under voyage charters, we pay such expenses. The amounts of such voyage expenses are driven by the mix of charters undertaken during the period.

*Vessel operating expenses.* Vessel operating expenses include crew wages and related costs, the cost of insurance, expenses relating to repairs and maintenance, the costs of spares and consumable stores, tonnage taxes and other miscellaneous expenses. Our vessel operating expenses, which generally represent fixed costs, have historically changed in line with the size of our fleet. Other factors beyond our control, some of which may affect the shipping industry in general (including, for instance, developments relating to market prices for insurance or inflationary increases) may also cause these expenses to increase.

*Management fees.* These are the fees that we pay to Eurobulk, our affiliated ship manager, under our subsidiaries' management agreements with Eurobulk for the technical and commercial management that Eurobulk performs on our behalf. The current fee is €610 (or \$773.50) per vessel per day under a new master management agreement with Eurobulk effective as of October 1, 2006 and is payable monthly in advance, adjusted annually for inflation.

*Depreciation.* We depreciate our vessels on a straight-line basis with reference to the cost of the vessel, age and scrap value as estimated at the date of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated over the remaining useful life of the vessel, which is estimated to range from 25 to 30 years from the date of original construction. Remaining useful lives of property are periodically reviewed and revised to recognize changes in conditions, new regulations or other reasons. Revisions of estimated lives are recognized over current and future periods. As of September 30, 2006, we depreciated all but one of our vessels over a depreciable life of 25 years. One of our vessels, m/v *Ariel*, built in 1977, has already reached its 29th year, is fully depreciated and incurred no depreciation charge since the beginning of 2004. During 2004, management increased its estimate of the scrap value of its vessels from \$170 to \$300 per lightweight ton to better reflect market price developments in the scrap metal market.

*Amortization of deferred drydocking costs.* Our vessels are required to be drydocked approximately every 30 to 60 months for major repairs and maintenance that cannot be performed while the vessels are trading. We capitalize the costs associated with drydockings as they occur and amortize these costs on a straight-line basis over the period between drydockings. Costs capitalized as part of the drydocking include actual costs incurred at the drydock yard; cost of hiring riding crews to effect repairs on a vessel and parts used in making such repairs that are reasonably made in anticipation of reducing the duration or cost of the drydocking; cost of travel, lodging and subsistence of our



personnel sent to the drydocking site to supervise; and the cost of hiring a third party to oversee a drydocking. We believe that these criteria are consistent with industry practice and that our policy of capitalization reflects the economics and market values of the vessels. Commencing January 1, 2006, we revised our policy to exclude the cost of hiring riding crews and the cost of parts used by riding crews from amounts capitalized as drydocking cost. We have not restated any historical financial statements because we determined that the impact of such a revision is not material to our operating income and net income for any periods presented.

Interest expense. We traditionally finance vessel acquisitions partly with debt on which we incur interest expense. The interest rate we pay is generally linked to the 3-month LIBOR rate, although from time to time we utilize fixed rate loans or could use interest rate swaps to eliminate our interest rate exposure. Interest due is expensed in the period is accrued. Loan costs are amortized over the period of the loan; the un-amortized portion is written-off if the loan is prepaid early.

General and administrative expenses. We will incur expenses consisting mainly of the fixed portion of the fees which we pay Eurobulk, professional fees, directors' liability insurance and reimbursement of our directors' and officers' travel-related expenses. General and administrative expenses have increased since we became a public company. We acquire executive services of our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary, through Eurobulk. As of October 1, 2006, these services will now be provided to us under our new master management agreement with Eurobulk. For the period ended September 30, 2006, the fixed portion of the management fees which we paid due to us being as a public company is estimated to be \$379,375. Commencing October 1, 2006, the fee will be \$517,500 on an annualized basis. This fee is adjusted for Greek inflation every July 1 under our master management agreement with Eurobulk.

## Results from Operations

We operated the following types of vessels during the six month period ended June 30, 2006:

	Drybulk Carriers	Container Ships	Multipurpose Carriers	Total
Average number of vessels	4.83	3.00	0.36	8.19
Number of vessels at end of period	4.00	3.00	1.00	8.00
Dwt capacity at end of period	164,400	-	22,600	187,000
TEU capacity at end of period	-	4,636	950	5,586

(1) After the sale on July 5, 2006 of m/v *John P*, a 26,354 dwt, 1981-built drybulk carrier, and the acquisition on September 4, 2006 of m/v *Aristides N.P.*, a 69,268 dwt, 1993-built drybulk carrier, the average age of our drybulk carriers is 20.50 years and of the entire fleet is 18.25 years.

### *Six month period ended June 30, 2006 compared to six month period ended June 30, 2005.*

*Voyage revenues.* Voyage revenues for the period were \$20.4 million, down 14.3% compared to the same period in 2005 during which voyage revenues amounted to \$23.8 million. The decrease was primarily due to the lower charter rates our vessels achieved due, in turn, to a decline in charter market rates, and despite the fact that we operated on average more vessels compared to the same period in 2005. Our fleet of 8.2 vessels had throughout the period less than 2 unscheduled off-hire days and 23 days of scheduled off-hire for the drydocking of m/v *Kuo Hsiung*, generating an average TCE rate per vessel of \$13,414 per day compared to \$19,124 per day per vessel for the same period in 2005.

*Commissions.* Commissions for the period were \$0.9 million. At 4.4% of voyage revenues, commissions were lower than in the same period in 2005. For the six months ended June 30, 2005, commissions amounted to \$1.3 million, or 5.6% of voyage revenues. The lower level of commissions in 2006 is due to the fact that recently concluded charter contracts had lower commission levels and the fact that m/v *Irini* participated in the Klaveness Baumarine shipping pool, where commissions are paid mainly at the shipping pool level, in the six months ended June 30, 2006 but not during the same period in 2005.

*Voyage expenses.* Voyage expenses for the period were \$0.9 million related to expenses for certain voyage charters. For the six months ended June 30, 2005 voyage expenses amounted to \$0.1 million. In the first six months of 2006, a greater portion of our fleet operated under voyage charter contracts, where we pay for the voyage expenses. Still, the majority of our fleet operates under time charter contracts, and thus the voyage expenses represent a small fraction of voyage revenues at 4.2% during the six month period ended on June 30, 2006 versus 0.6% for the same period in 2005.

*Vessel operating expenses.* Vessel operating expenses were \$5.1 million for the period. Daily vessel operating expenses per vessel were \$3,409 per day. For the same period in 2005, vessel operating expenses were \$4.3 million, or \$3,371 per day.

*Management fees.* These are the fees we pay to Eurobulk under our subsidiaries' management agreements with Eurobulk. As of June 30, 2006, Eurobulk charged us €610 (or \$773.50) per day per vessel totaling \$1.1 million for the period, or \$750 per day per vessel reflecting a lower U.S. dollar per Euro exchange rate, but higher number of ship days than in the same period of 2005. For the same period in 2005, management fees amounted to \$1.0 million, or \$762 per day per vessel based on a daily rate per vessel of €590. The daily rate in Euros was adjusted for inflation on February 1, 2006 to €610 per day per ship according to the management agreement with Eurobulk.

*General and administrative expenses.* These are expenses we pay as part of our operation as a public company and include the fixed portion of our management agreement fees, legal and auditing fees, directors' and officers' liability insurance and other miscellaneous corporate expenses. During the six month period ended June 30, 2006 we had a total of \$0.5 million of general and administrative expenses. We had no such expenses during the same period of 2005.

*Depreciation and amortization.* Depreciation and amortization for the period was \$3.2 million. This consists of \$2.6 million of depreciation of vessels and \$0.6 million of amortization of deferred drydocking expenditures. Comparatively, depreciation and amortization for the same period in 2005 amounted to \$1.2 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, for a total of \$1.8 million. Depreciation in the six month period to June 30, 2006 is higher than in the same period in 2005 due to the higher number of vessels in our fleet. Amortization for the six month period to June 30, 2006 is lower than the same period in 2005 due to the lower capitalized drydocking expenses being amortized for those of our vessels subject to amortization. Our two vessel acquisitions between June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2006 had no capitalized drydocking expenses subject to amortization for the six month period ended June 30, 2006 and, in addition, m/v *Pantelis P* was sold on May 31, 2006.

*Gain from vessel sale.* There was one vessel sale in the six months ended June 30, 2006 as m/v *Pantelis P* was sold on May 31, 2006 realizing a gain on sale of \$2.2 million. During the same period in 2005, there were no vessel sales.

*Interest and finance costs, net.* Interest and finance costs, net for the period were \$0.9 million. Of this amount, \$1.4 million relates to interest incurred and loan fees and expenses paid and deferred loan fees written-off during the period, partly offset by \$0.5 million of interest income during the period. Comparatively, during the same period in 2005, net interest and finance costs amounted to \$0.5 million, comprised of \$0.5 million of interest incurred and loan fees and offset by \$0.1 million of interest income. Interest incurred and loan fees were higher in the six month period to June 30, 2006 due to the higher loan amount outstanding as a result of the new loans undertaken in May 2005 to re-capitalize the company, in December 2005 to partly finance the acquisition of m/v *Artemis* and in June 2006 to partly finance the acquisition of m/v *Tasman Trader*.

*Derivative and foreign exchange gains or losses.* There were no derivative gains or losses in the period and; only a small foreign exchange loss of \$2,007. During the same period in 2005, we had a derivative loss due to an interest rate swap on a notional amount of \$5.0 million of \$82,029 and foreign exchange gains of \$312.

Net income. As a result of the above, net income for the six month period ended on June 30, 2006 was \$10.0 million compared to \$14.8 million for the same period in 2005, representing a decrease of 32.2%.

#### **Year ended December 31, 2005 compared to year ended December 31, 2004.**

*Voyage revenues.* Voyage revenues for the period were \$44.5 million, down 2.6% compared to the same period in 2004 during which voyage revenues amounted to \$45.7 million. The decrease was primarily due to the lower charter rates our vessels achieved, the fact that we operated on average fewer vessels compared to the same period in 2004 (on average 7.1 vessels in 2005 versus 7.3 vessels in 2004) and the lower utilization rate of our available days (98.5% in 2005 compared to 99.5% in 2004). Our fleet of 7.1 vessels had throughout the period 38 unscheduled off-hire days, primarily due to an unscheduled repair for m/v *Ariel*, and 45 days of scheduled off-hire for the drydocking of m/v *Irini* and m/v *John P*, generating an average TCE rate per vessel of \$17,643 per day compared to \$17,839 per day per vessel for the same period in 2004. The average TCE rate our vessels achieve is a combination of the period charter rate earned by our vessels under period charter contracts, which is not influenced by market developments, and the TCE rate earned by our vessels employed in the spot market which is influenced by market developments. Shipping markets weakened in the second half of 2005 influencing a portion of the TCE earned by some of our vessels.

*Commissions.* Commissions for the period were \$2.4 million. At 5.4% of voyage revenues, commissions were higher than in the same period in 2004. For the year ended December 31, 2004, commissions amounted to \$2.2 million, or 4.8% of voyage revenues. The higher level of commissions in 2005 is due to the fact that fewer vessels operated in shipping pools (where commissions are paid by the shipping pool thus reducing the commissions paid by us).

*Voyage expenses.* Voyage expenses for the year were \$0.7 million related to expenses for certain voyage charters. For the year ended December 31, 2004, voyage expenses amounted to \$0.4 million. Because our vessels are generally chartered under time charter contracts, voyage expenses represent a small fraction of voyage revenues. In 2005, we had more voyage charters than in 2004, which resulted in higher voyage expenses.

*Vessel operating expenses.* Vessel operating expenses were \$8.6 million for the period compared to \$8.9 million for the same period in 2004. This difference was due to the lower average number of vessels we operated in 2005, specifically an average of 7.1 vessels in 2005 compared to 7.3 vessels in 2004. Daily vessel operating expenses per vessel were rather stable between the two periods at \$3,322 per day in 2005 compared to \$3,327 per day in 2004.

*Management fees.* These are the fees we pay to Eurobulk under our subsidiaries' management agreements with Eurobulk. As of December 31, 2005, Eurobulk charged us €590 (or \$738) per day per vessel totaling \$1.9 million for the period, or \$738 per day per vessel. For the same period in 2004, management fees amounted to \$2.0 million, or \$737 per day per vessel based on the same daily rate per vessel of €590. The Euro exchange rate has been on average the same during 2005 and 2004. The increase in the management fees paid in 2005 also resulted from an increase in the average number of vessels we owned during the period. In 2005, we owned 7.4 vessels compared to an average of 7.1 vessels we owned during 2004.

*General and administrative expenses.* These are expenses we pay as part of our operation as a public company and include the fixed portion of our management agreement fees, legal and auditing fees, directors' and officers' liability insurance and other miscellaneous corporate expenses. During 2005, we had a total of \$0.4 million of general and administrative expenses incurred in the second half of the year. We had no such expenses during 2004.

*Depreciation and amortization.* Depreciation and amortization for the period was \$4.2 million. This consists of \$2.7 million of depreciation of vessels and \$1.6 million of amortization of deferred drydocking expenditures. Comparatively, depreciation and amortization for the same period in 2004 amounted to \$2.5 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, for a total of approximately \$3.5 million. Depreciation in 2005 is higher than in 2004 despite the lower average number of vessels because the depreciation associated with m/v *Artemis* which was bought in November 2005 was higher than the corresponding depreciation of m/v *Widar* which was sold in April 2004. Amortization for 2005 is higher than the same period in 2004 due to the amortization of additional drydocking expenditures incurred in 2004 and 2005.

*Gain from vessel sale.* There were no vessel sales in the year ended December 31, 2005. In 2004, m/v *Widar* was sold on April 24 for a gain on sale of \$2.3 million.

*Interest and finance costs, net.* Interest and finance costs, net for the period were \$1.0 million. Of this amount, \$1.5 million relates to interest incurred and loan fees and expenses paid and deferred loan fees written-off during the period, offset by \$0.5 million of interest income during the period. Comparatively, during the same period in 2004, net interest and finance costs amounted to \$0.5 million, comprised of \$0.7 million of interest incurred and loan fees and offset by \$0.2 million of interest income. Interest incurred and loan fees are higher in 2005 due to the higher loan amount outstanding as a result of the new loans undertaken in May 2005 and December 2005.

*Derivative and foreign exchange gains or losses.* During the period, we had a derivative loss of \$0.1 million due to an interest rate swap on a notional amount of \$5.0 million, and foreign exchange gains of \$538. In the same period in 2004, there was a net derivative gain of \$27,029 (same interest rate swap) and foreign exchange losses of less than \$1,808.

*Net income.* As a result of the above, net income for the year ended on December 31, 2005 was \$25.2 million compared to \$30.6 million for the same period in 2004, representing a decrease of 17.7%.



***Year ended December 31, 2004 compared to year ended December 31, 2003.***

***Voyage revenues.*** Voyage revenues for the year ended December 31, 2004 were \$45.7 million, up 76.2%, compared to \$26.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. Results for 2004 reflect contributions from m/v *Widar* up to April 24, as the vessel was sold on that day. Our fleet operated throughout the period, with less than 12 unscheduled off-hire days and about 123 days of scheduled drydocking resulting in a fleet utilization rate of 99.5% and averaging a TCE rate per vessel of \$17,839 per day. The corresponding fleet utilization and average TCE equivalent for the year ended December 31, 2003 are 99.3% and \$8,965 per vessel per day.

***Commissions.*** Commissions in 2004 were \$2.2 million and amounted to 4.8% of voyage revenues. Commissions for 2003 were \$0.9 million amounting to 3.5% of voyage revenues. Commissions were higher as a percentage in 2004 than in 2003 due the fact that fewer vessels participated in shipping pools in 2004. Shipping pools pay most commissions before distribution of profits, and, thus the distribution to the shipping pool participants is net of third party commissions (we paid only commissions to Eurochart for our shipping pool derived revenues).

***Voyage expenses.*** Voyage expenses in 2004 of \$0.4 million relate to expenses for certain voyage charters. Voyage expenses for 2003 were \$0.4 million.

***Vessel operating expenses.*** Vessel operating expenses in 2004 were \$8.9 million reflecting the operation of an average of 7.3 vessels. Daily vessel operating expenses per vessel were \$3,327 per day, about 11.0% higher than daily vessel operating expenses for 2003 which were \$3,005. The increase is primarily due to higher insurance costs of \$98 per vessel per day, higher costs for spare parts and consumable stores of \$87 per vessel per day and an increase of \$101 per vessel per day for crew and related expenses. The total operating expenses in 2003 were \$8.8 million reflecting the operation of 8 vessels for the full year.

***Management fees.*** These are the fees we pay to Eurobulk under our subsidiaries' management agreements with Eurobulk. Management fees in 2004 amounted to \$2.0 million (or \$737) per calendar day per vessel based on our contract rate of €590 per day and the prevailing exchange rate of U.S. Dollar to Euro. In 2003, management fees amounted to \$1.7 million (or \$590) per calendar day per vessel. The difference of the fee on a per day per vessel basis is primarily attributed to the fact that the management fee was changed from \$590 in 2003 to €590 per day per vessel in 2004, the different number of ship days and the U.S. Dollar to Euro exchange rate.

***Depreciation and amortization.*** Depreciation and amortization in 2004 was \$3.5 million. As the vessel m/v *Widar* was sold in April 2004, the depreciation charge was reduced for the period after the sale of the vessel and amounted to \$2.5 million for the year. In 2004, we have revised upwards (from \$170/ton to \$300/ton) our estimate of the scrap price per lightweight ton, and, the expected life for m/v *Ariel* from 28 to 30 years (as it had gone through a special survey and was not expected to be sold before 2007). As a result, the depreciation charge was lower by \$1.4 million reflecting the above adjustments and, consequently, net income for the period was \$1.4 million higher or \$0.14 per share. Amortization of deferred drydock expenses for the period amounted to \$0.9 million, 55.0% higher than in 2003 due to additional drydocking expenditures during 2003 and 2004. Depreciation for 2003 was \$4.2 million while amortization of deferred drydocking costs was \$0.6 million.

***Gain on vessel sale.*** m/v *Widar* was sold on April 24, 2004 for a net gain on sale of \$2.3 million. There were no vessel sales during 2003.

***Interest and finance costs, net.*** Interest and finance costs, net in 2004 were \$0.5 million. Of this amount, \$0.7 million relates to interest incurred and loan fees and expenses paid and deferred loan fees written-off during the period offset by \$0.2 million of interest income during the period. Net interest expense for the period ended December 31, 2003 was \$0.8 million reflecting primarily lower interest income of \$0.4 million and higher interest incurred and loan fees of \$0.8 million.



*Derivative and foreign exchange gains or losses.* During the year ended December 31, 2004, we had a derivative gain due to an interest rate swap on a notional amount of \$5.0 million of \$27,029, and, foreign exchange losses of \$1,808. In the year ended to December 31, 2003, there was no derivative exposure and foreign exchange losses of \$690.

*Net income.* Net income for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$30.6 million compared to \$8.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2003, an increase of 263.3%.

***Lack of Historical Operating Data for Vessels Before their Acquisition***

Consistent with shipping industry practice, other than inspection of the physical condition of the vessels and examinations of classification society records, we do not conduct historical financial due diligence when we acquire vessels. Accordingly, we do not obtain the historical operating data for the vessels from the sellers because that information is not material to our decision to make acquisitions, nor do we believe it would be helpful to potential investors in our common shares in assessing our business or profitability. Most vessels are sold under a standard agreement, which, among other things, provides the buyer with the right to inspect the vessel and the vessel's classification society records. The standard agreement does not give the buyer the right to inspect, or receive copies of, the historical operating data of the vessel. Prior to the delivery of a purchased vessel, the seller typically removes from the vessel all records, including past financial records and accounts related to the vessel. In addition, the technical management agreement between the seller's technical manager and the seller is automatically terminated and the vessel's trading certificates are revoked by its flag state following a change in ownership.

Consistent with shipping industry practice, we treat the acquisition of a vessel (whether acquired with or without charter) as the acquisition of an asset rather than a business. Although vessels are generally acquired free of charter, we may acquire vessels with a period charter. Where a vessel has been under a spot charter, the vessel is delivered to the buyer free of charter, and it is rare in the shipping industry for the last charterer of the vessel in the hands of the seller to continue as the first charterer of the vessel in the hands of the buyer. In most cases, when a vessel is under spot charter and the buyer wishes to assume that charter, the vessel cannot be acquired without the charterer's consent and the buyer's entering into a separate direct agreement with the charterer to assume the charter. The purchase of a vessel itself does not transfer the charter, because it is a separate service agreement between the vessel owner and the charterer.

When we purchase a vessel and assume or renegotiate a related period charter, we must take the following steps before the vessel will be ready to commence operations:

- obtain the charterer's consent to us as the new owner;
- obtain the charterer's consent to a new technical manager;
- obtain the charterer's consent to a new flag for the vessel;
- arrange for a new crew for the vessel;
- replace all hired equipment on board, such as gas cylinders and communication equipment;
- negotiate and enter into new insurance contracts for the vessel through our own insurance brokers;
- register the vessel under a flag state and perform the related inspections in order to obtain new trading certificates from the flag state;
- implement a new planned maintenance program for the vessel; and
- ensure that the new technical manager obtains new certificates for compliance with the safety and vessel security regulations of the flag state.

**Cash Flows**

As of June 30, 2006, we had a cash balance of \$20.2 million, funds due from related companies of \$1.8 million and \$0.4 million cash in restricted retention accounts. The \$1.8 million due from related companies represents advances to the manager of the fleet, Eurobulk, for operating expenses, management fees and executive services as per the management agreements and executive services agreement.

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Working capital is current assets minus current liabilities, including the current portion of long term debt. We have a working capital surplus of \$4.6 million including the current portion of long term debt which was \$13.8 million as of June 30, 2006. We consider our liquidity sufficient for our operations.

As of December 31, 2005, we had a cash balance of \$20.5 million plus restricted cash of \$1.1 million. Working capital is current assets minus current liabilities, including the current portion of long term debt. The current portion of long term debt included in our current liabilities was \$14.4 million as of December 31, 2005. The working capital was \$6.9 million as of December 31, 2005. All of the \$46.9 million dividend declared was paid as of December 31, 2005.

As of December 31, 2004, we had a cash balance of \$15.5 million plus restricted cash of \$68,980. Working capital is current assets minus current liabilities, including the current portion of long term debt. The current portion of long term debt included in our current liabilities was \$6.0 million as of December 31, 2004. The working capital was \$2.7 million as of December 31, 2004. All of the \$27.0 million dividend declared was paid as of December 31, 2004.

***Net cash from operating activities.***

Our net cash from operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2006 was \$11.5 million. This represents the net amount of cash, after expenses, generated by chartering our vessels. Eurobulk and another related party, on our behalf, collect our chartering revenues and pay our chartering expenses. This amount resulted from net income for the period of \$10.0 million plus a reduction in the amount due from related parties of \$1.2 million. In the same period in 2005, net cash flow from operating activities was \$8.2 million. This amount is attributable to net income of \$14.8 million less an increase in the amount due from related parties of \$8.6 million offset by other changes in working capital.

Our net cash from operating activities for 2005 was \$20.6 million. This represents the net amount of cash, after expenses, generated by chartering our vessels. Eurobulk and another related party, on our behalf, collect our chartering revenues and pay our chartering expenses. Net income for the period was \$25.2 million, which was reduced by amounts due from related parties of \$7.6 million. The increase in the amounts due from related companies is primarily due to a payment of the amount due to related companies of \$4.6 million as of December 31, 2004 and advances to our fleet manager of funds to pay for all anticipated vessel expenses. In the same period in 2004, net cash flow from operating activities was \$34.2 million based on a contribution of net income of \$30.6 million.

Our net cash from operating activities during 2004 was \$34.2 million. This is primarily attributable to the favorable trading conditions which contributed net income of \$30.6 million, a gain of \$2.3 million from the sale of m/v *Widar* in April, deferred drydocking expenses of \$2.3 million, and, a further increase of funds due to related companies by \$3.5 million during the period. During 2003, net cash flow from operating activities was \$11.0 million, primarily attributable to net income of \$8.4 million.

***Net cash from investing activities.***

For the six months ended June 30, 2006, net cash flow used in investing activities was \$5.7 million. We received net proceeds from the sale of m/v *Pantelis P* of \$4.4 million and had a reduction of cash in retention accounts of \$0.7 million. At the same time we spent \$10.9 for the purchase of m/v *Tasman Trader* resulting in a cash deficit from investment activities of \$5.7 million. During the same period in 2005, cash flow from investing activities amounted to a deficit of \$1.2 million reflecting an increase of cash in retention accounts.

During 2005, we purchased m/v *Artemis* for \$20.8 million and we had to put in retention accounts \$1.0 million to satisfy requirements of our new loan facilities for a total of funds used in investment activities of \$21.8 million. During 2004, cash flow from investing activities amounted to \$6.8 million contribution reflecting the sale of m/v *Widar* in April 2004, while there were no investment activities in 2003 except a release of \$0.2 million of restricted

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***Net cash used in financing activities.***

Net cash used in financing activities for the six month period ended June 30, 2006 was \$6.0 million. This mainly relates to \$4.5 million of dividends paid, \$9.7 million of debt repayments and the drawdown of \$8.3 million of new debt to partly finance the purchase of m/v *Tasman Trader*. In the same period in 2005, net cash used in financing activities was \$17.0 million mainly related to a dividend and return of capital of \$44.2 million paid to shareholders on April 10, 2005 and May 15, 2005, and the net proceeds from re-financing long term debt of \$27.4 million.

In 2005, net cash provided by financing activities amounted to \$6.2 million. This is mainly accounted by proceeds from our Private Placement and share capital increases of \$18.6 million and net proceeds from long term debt of \$34.6 million offset by \$46.9 million consisting of dividends and return of capital and \$0.2 million in loan arrangement fees paid. In 2004, net cash used in financing activities amounted to \$33.6 million reflecting dividend payments of \$27.0 million and repayment of debt of \$6.6 million.

Net cash used in financing activities during 2004 was \$33.6 million. This mainly relates to a dividend of \$27.0 million that was paid to existing shareholders, repayment of long term debt of \$6.6 million which included the repayment of the balance of the loan of m/v *Widar* when the vessel was sold. During 2003, net cash used in financing activities was \$4.8 million, reflecting primarily a dividend of \$1.2 million that was paid to existing shareholders, repayment of long term debt of \$6.3 million and new debt incurred of \$3.0 million and a repayment of an advance from shareholders of \$0.3 million made in the prior year.

**Off-balance Sheet Arrangements**

We do not and have never had any off-balance sheet arrangements.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Historically, our sources of funds have been equity provided by our shareholders, operating cash flows and long-term borrowings. Our principal use of funds has been capital expenditures to establish and expand our fleet, maintain the quality of our vessels, comply with international shipping standards and environmental laws and regulations, fund working capital requirements, make principal and interest payments on outstanding loan facilities, and pay dividends. Our main short term liability needs are to fund our vessel operations including the drydocking and special survey requirements of our vessels. We expect to rely on cash flows from operations and short term borrowings if necessary to cover our short term liquidity needs. We expect to rely upon funds raised from this offering, operating cash flows, long term borrowings, as well as future offerings to implement our growth plan and meet our liquidity needs going forward. In our opinion our working capital is sufficient for our present requirements and for the upcoming 12-month period.

**Debt Financing**

We operate in a capital intensive industry which requires significant amounts of investment, and we fund a major portion of this investment through long term debt. We maintain debt levels we consider prudent based on our market expectations, cash flow, interest coverage and percentage of debt to capital. During the six month period ended on June 30, 2006, we repaid loans of \$9.7 million and drew down a new loan of \$8.3 million.

As of June 30, 2006, after considering the loan repayments and new loan discussed in the preceding paragraph, we had five outstanding loans with a combined outstanding balance of \$47.1 million. As of November 15, 2006, we had eight outstanding loans with a combined outstanding balance of \$78.4 million. These loans have maturity dates between 2008 and 2013. Our long-term debt comprises bank loans granted to our vessel-owning subsidiaries.



Diana Trading Ltd. (our subsidiary and the owner of m/v *Irini*) entered into a loan agreement with HSBC Bank plc amounting to \$4.2 million which was drawn down on May 9, 2005. The loan is repayable in twelve consecutive quarterly installments consisting of four installments of \$0.45 each, and eight installments of \$0.3 million each, with the last installment due in May 2008. The first installment was paid in August 2005. The outstanding amount of this facility as of June 30, 2006 is \$2.4 million. The interest is calculated at LIBOR plus 1.25% per annum. Diana Trading Ltd also has another credit facility with HSBC Bank plc with an outstanding balance of \$2.82 million to be repaid in ten consecutive quarterly installments of \$0.22 million and a balloon payment of \$0.6 million along with the last installment.

Alcinoe Shipping Ltd (the owner of m/v *Pantelis P.*), Oceanpride Shipping Ltd. (the owner of m/v *John P.*), Searoute Maritime Ltd. (the owner of m/v *Ariel*) and Oceanopera Shipping Ltd. (the owner of m/v *Nikolaos P*) jointly and severally entered into a new eurodollar loan agreement with EFG Eurobank Ergasias S.A. amounting to \$13.5 million which was drawn down on May 16, 2005. Prior to obtaining the loan, an amount of \$1.4 million was paid in settlement of the outstanding loans as at March 31, 2005 for Alcinoe Shipping Ltd. and Oceanpride Shipping Ltd. The new loan is repayable in twelve consecutive quarterly installments consisting of two installments of \$2.0 million each, one installment of \$1.5 million, nine installments of \$0.6 million each, and a balloon payment of \$2.6 million payable with the last installment in May 2008. The first installment was due in August 2005. Interest is calculated on LIBOR plus 1.5% per annum. As of June 30, 2006 the outstanding amount of this loan is \$5.9 million due to a repayment of an additional \$1.5 million as a result of the sale of m/v *Pantelis P.* An additional \$1.5 million repayment took place in early July 2006 as a result of the sale of m/v *John P.* The remaining amount of \$4.4 million will be repaid in eight consecutive quarterly installments of \$0.3 million each, with a balloon payment of \$2.0 million along with the last installment.

Allendale Investments S.A. (the owner of m/ v *Kuo Hsiung*) and Alterwall Business Inc. (the owner of m/ v *YM Qingdao1* (ex *Kuo Jane*)) jointly and severally entered into a loan agreement with Fortis Bank (Nederland) N.V. amounting to \$20.0 million when the outstanding amount of the old loans were \$3.6 million which was drawn down on May 26, 2005. The loan is repayable in twenty-four unequal consecutive quarterly installments of \$1.5 million each in the first year, \$1.125 million each in the second year, \$0.775 million in the third year, \$0.45 million each in the fourth through the sixth years and a balloon payment of \$1.0 million payable with the last installment in May 2011. The interest is calculated at LIBOR plus 1.25% per annum as long as the outstanding amount remains below 60% of the fair market value (FMV) of the vessel and 1.375% if the outstanding amount is above 60% of the FMV of the vessel. The outstanding portion of this loan as of June 30, 2006 is \$14.0 million.

Salina Shipholding Corp. (the owner m/v *Artemis*) entered into a loan agreement with Caylon amounting to \$15.5 million which was drawn on December 28, 2005. The loan is payable in ten consecutive semi-annual installments consisting of six installments of \$1.75 million each and four installments of \$0.65 million each and a balloon payment of \$2.4 million payable with the final installment in January 2011. The first installment is due in June 2006. The interest is based on LIBOR plus a margin that ranges between 0.9-1.1%, depending on the asset cover ratio. The outstanding amount of this loan as of June 30, 2006 is \$13.75 million.

Xenia International Corp. (the owner of m/v *Tasman Trader*) entered into a loan agreement with Fortis Bank N.V./S.A., Athens Branch amounting to \$8.25 million which was drawn on June 30, 2006. The loan is payable in twenty three consecutive quarterly installments consisting of \$0.265 million each and a balloon payment of \$2.155 million payable with the final installment in March 2012. The first installment was due in September 2006. The interest is based on LIBOR plus a margin of 0.95%.

Prospero Maritime Inc. (the owner of the m/v *Aristides N.P.*) entered into a loan agreement with Caylon in the amount of \$15.5 million dated August 30, 2006. The loan is payable in 14 consecutive semi-annual installments in the following amounts: (a) in the case of the first and second installments, \$1.2 million each; (b) in the case of the third installment, \$1.0 million; (c) in the case of the fourth to fourteenth installments, \$0.825 million, and a balloon



payment payable together with the 14th installment in the amount of \$3.025 million. The first installment is due in March 2007. The interest is based on LIBOR plus a margin that ranges between 0.9-1.1%, depending on the asset cover ratio.

Xingang Shipping Ltd. (the owner of the m/v *YM Xingang I*) entered into a loan agreement with HSBC Bank plc in the amount of \$20.0 million dated November 14, 2006. The loan is payable in eight consecutive quarterly installments of \$1.0 million each, followed by four consecutive quarterly installments of \$750,000 each, followed by sixteen consecutive installments of \$250,000 each and a balloon payment of \$5.0 million payable with the last installment in November 2013. The first installment is due in February 2007. The interest is based on LIBOR plus a margin of 0.935%.

The loan agreements contain ship finance covenants, including restrictions as to changes in management and ownership of the vessels, distribution of dividends or any other distribution of profits or assets, additional indebtedness and mortgaging of vessels without the lender's prior consent, the sale of vessels, as well as minimum requirements regarding the hull ratio cover. We are not in default of any credit facility covenant as of November 15, 2006.

## Dividend Policy

Dividends on our convertible preferred stock will be cumulative from the date of issuance until the mandatory conversion date and, to the extent we are legally permitted to pay dividends and our Board of Directors declares a dividend payable, we will pay dividends on the convertible preferred stock in cash in the minimum amount of \$ per share, payable quarterly in arrears. Dividends on the convertible preferred stock will be payable on , , and of each year to holders of record of the convertible preferred stock on the immediately preceding , , and . Our first dividend on the convertible preferred stock will be a partial dividend, which will accrue from the date of issuance until December 31, 2006.

In addition, we also currently intend to pay regular cash dividends on our common stock on a quarterly basis. To the extent we declare any quarterly dividends on our common stock in excess of the amount declared on our convertible preferred stock, we will also pay such excess amount to holders of our convertible preferred stock. Any excess operating cash flow may be used to pay additional dividends, fund our growth or repay Company debt, as determined by our Board of Directors. On November 9, 2006 we declared a dividend on our common stock in the amount of \$0.21 per share which is payable on or about December 15, 2006 to all common shareholders of record as of December 8, 2006. We expect to declare our next dividend in February 2007.

The timing and amount of dividend payments will be dependent upon our earnings, financial condition, cash requirement and availability, restrictions in its loan agreements, growth strategy, charter rates in the drybulk and container shipping industry, the provisions of Marshall Islands law affecting the payment of distributions to shareholders and other factors, such as the acquisition of additional vessels. The payment of dividends is not guaranteed or assured, and may be discontinued at any time at the discretion of our Board of Directors.

**Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations*****Contractual Obligations and Commitments***

Contractual obligations are set forth in the following table as of September 30, 2006:

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)	Total	Less Than			
		One Year	One to Three Years	Three to Five Years	More Than Five Years
Bank debt	\$ 58,910	\$ 14,390	\$ 21,590	\$ 13,920	\$ 9,010
Interest Payment (1)	\$ 11,009	\$ 3,576	\$ 4,429	\$ 2,271	\$ 734
Management fees (2)	\$ 12,394	\$ 2,311	\$ 4,868	\$ 5,215	\$ -

(1) Assuming the amortization of the loan described above and an estimated average effective LIBOR of 5.5% for all the periods shown in the table and margin over LIBOR ranging from 90 basis points to 160 basis points as the case for each loan might be.

(2) Refers to our obligation for our subsidiaries' management fees of €610 per day per vessel (or \$773.5), as adjusted annually for inflation, for the eight vessels owned by Euroseas at September 30, 2006 under our new master management agreement as of October 1, 2006. We have assumed no change in the number of vessels, an inflation rate of 3.5% per year and no changes in this U.S. Dollar to Euro exchange rate.

Contractual obligations are set forth in the following table as of June 30, 2006:

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)	Total	Less Than			
		One Year	One to Three Years	Three to Five Years	More Than Five Years
Bank debt	\$ 47,120	\$ 13,840	\$ 19,260	\$ 11,070	\$ 2,950
Interest Payment (1)	\$ 7,392	\$ 2,798	\$ 3,155	\$ 1,309	\$ 130
Management fees (2)	\$ 8,169	\$ 2,009	\$ 4,229	\$ 1,931	\$ -

(1) Assuming the amortization of the loan described above and an estimated average effective LIBOR of 5.5% for all the periods shown in the table and margin over LIBOR ranging from 95 basis points to 160 basis points as the case for each loan might be.

(2) Refers to our obligation for our subsidiaries' management fees of €610 per day per vessel (or \$773.5) as adjusted on February 1, 2006 to account for inflation in Greece during 2005, and as further adjusted annually for inflation on February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, for the eight vessels owned by Euroseas at June 30, 2006 under our management agreements at the time. We have assumed no change in the number of vessels other than the delivery of m/v *John P* to its buyers on July 5, 2006, an inflation rate of 3.5% per year and no changes in this U.S. Dollar to Euro exchange rate.

Contractual obligations are set forth in the following table as of December 31, 2005:

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)	Total	Less Than			
		One Year	One to Three Years	Three to Five Years	More Than Five Years
Bank debt	\$ 48,560	\$ 14,430	\$ 23,630	\$ 8,600	\$ 1,900
Interest Payment (1)	\$ 7,242	\$ 2,910	\$ 3,215	\$ 1,061	\$ 57
Management fees (2)	\$ 10,299	\$ 2,326	\$ 4,900	\$ 3,073	\$ -

- (1) Assuming the amortization of the loan described above and an estimated average effective interest rate based on an underlying assumption for LIBOR of 5.50% and margin over LIBOR ranging from 110 basis points to 160 basis points as the case for each loan might be.

(2) Refers to our obligation for management fees of €590 (approximately \$748 based on a U.S. Dollar exchange rate of €1.00 = U.S.\$1.268 as in effect on September 29, 2006) for the eight vessels owned by Euroseas at December 31, 2005 under our management agreements at the time, which expire on January 31, 2010. We have assumed no changes in the number of vessels, an inflation rate of 3.5% per year and no changes in this US Dollar to Euro exchange rate.

### **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

In the normal course of business, we face risks that are non-financial or non-quantifiable. Such risks principally include country risk, credit risk and legal risk. Our operations may be affected from time to time in varying degrees by these risks but their overall effect on us is not predictable. We have identified the following market risks as those which may have the greatest impact upon our operations:

#### ***Interest Rate Fluctuation Risk***

The international drybulk and container shipping industry is a capital intensive industry, requiring significant amounts of investment. Much of this investment is provided in the form of long term debt. Our debt usually contains interest rates that fluctuate with LIBOR. We do not use financial instruments such as interest rate swaps to manage the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and increasing interest rates could adversely impact future earnings.

As at June 30, 2006, we had \$47.1 million of floating rate debt outstanding with margins over LIBOR ranging from 0.95% to 1.60%. Our interest expense is affected by changes in the general level of interest rates. As an indication of the extent of our sensitivity to interest rate changes, an increase of 100 basis points would have decreased our net income and cash flows in the three-month period to June 30, 2006 by approximately \$0.1 million assuming that the current debt level was the same throughout the quarter.

In March of 2004, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement on a notional amount of \$3.0 million. Under this swap agreement, we receive interest based on the 3-month LIBOR rate and we pay based on 1.10% fixed rate if the 1-year LIBOR remains below 4.02%; otherwise we pay the 1-year LIBOR rate. This agreement was terminated in October 2005.

The following table sets forth the impact on interest expense of a 100 basis points increase in LIBOR during the next five years:

<b>Twelve Months Ended June 30,</b>	<b>Amount (thousand US\$)</b>
2007	\$ 418
2008	296
2009	178
2010	126
2011 and thereafter	93

On September 4, 2006, we drew down \$15.5 million under our loan agreement signed on August 29, 2006 to finance our acquisition of m/v *Aristides N.P.* This increased the impact on interest expense of a 100 basis points increases in LIBOR by approximately: \$113,000 until June 30, 2007; \$132,000 year ended June 30, 2008; \$113,000 year ended June 30, 2009; \$96,000 year ended June 30, 2010; and \$200,000 for 2011 and thereafter.

On November 15, 2006, we drew down \$20.0 million under our loan agreement to finance our acquisition of m/v *YM Xingang I.* This increased the impact on interest expense of a 100 basis points increases in LIBOR by approximately: \$97,500 until June 30, 2007; \$165,000 year ended June 30, 2008; \$126,000 year ended June 30, 2009; \$94,000 year ended June 30, 2010; and \$207,500 for 2011 and thereafter.

### ***Foreign Exchange Rate Risk***

The international drybulk and container shipping industry's functional currency is the U.S. dollar. We generate all of our revenues in U.S. dollars, but incur approximately 28% of our vessel operating expenses in currencies other than U.S. dollars. In addition, our management fee is denominated in euros (€590 per vessel per day in 2004 and 2005 and €610 or \$773.50 per vessel per day, adjusted annually for inflation, as of February 1, 2006). At June 30, 2006, approximately 27% of our outstanding accounts payable were denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, mainly in Euros. We do not make use of currency exchange contracts to reduce the risk of adverse foreign currency movements but we believe that our exposure from market rate fluctuations is unlikely to be material. Net foreign exchange losses for the six month period ending June 30, 2006 were \$2,007.

### ***Inflation Risk***

The general rate of inflation has been relatively low in recent years and as such its associated impact on costs has been minimal. We do not believe that inflation has had, or is likely to have in the foreseeable future, a significant impact on expenses. Should inflation increase, it will increase our expenses and subsequently have a negative impact on our earnings.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated condensed financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or U.S. GAAP. The preparation of those financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Critical accounting policies are those that reflect significant judgments or uncertainties, and potentially result in materially different results under different assumptions and conditions. We have described below what we believe are our most critical accounting policies that involve a high degree of judgment and the methods of their application.

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### ***Depreciation***

We record the value of our vessels at their cost (which includes acquisition costs directly attributable to the vessel and expenditures made to prepare the vessel for its initial voyage) less accumulated depreciation. We depreciate our vessels on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, estimated to range from 25 to 30 years from date of initial delivery from the shipyard. We believe that the 25 to 30 year range of depreciable life is consistent with that of other shipowners. We use a depreciable life of 25 years for all of our vessels except one which has already reached an age of 29 years and continues to be employed. This vessel, m/v *Ariel*, is fully depreciated and carried no depreciation charge in 2004, 2005 or the first six months ended June 30, 2006. Depreciation is based on cost less the estimated residual scrap value. In 2004, the estimated scrap value of the vessels was increased from \$170 to \$300 per lightweight ton to better reflect market price developments in the scrap metal market. An increase in the useful life of the vessel or in the residual value would have the effect of decreasing the annual depreciation charge and extending it into later periods. A decrease in the useful life of the vessel or in the residual value would have the effect of increasing the annual depreciation charge.

### ***Deferred drydock costs***

Our vessels are required to be drydocked approximately every 30 to 60 months for major repairs and maintenance that cannot be performed while the vessels are trading. We capitalize the costs associated with drydockings as they occur and amortize these costs on a straight-line basis over the period between drydockings. Costs capitalized as part of the drydocking include actual costs incurred at the drydock yard cost of hiring riding crews to perform specific tasks determined by us in accordance with the requirements of the classification society in connection with the drydocking and parts used in performing such tasks, cost of travel, lodging and subsistence of our personnel sent to the drydocking site to supervise and the cost of hiring a third party to oversee a drydocking. We believe that these criteria are consistent with industry practice and that our policy of capitalization reflects the economics and market values of the vessels. Commencing January 1, 2006, we have revised our policy to exclude the cost of hiring riding crews and the cost of parts used by riding crews from amounts capitalized as drydocking cost. We have not restated any historical financial statements because we determined that the impact of such a revision is not material to our operating income and net income for any periods presented.

### ***Impairment of long-lived assets***

We evaluate the carrying amounts and periods over which long-lived assets are depreciated to determine if events have occurred which would require modification to their carrying values or useful lives. In evaluating useful lives and carrying values of long-lived assets, we review certain indicators of potential impairment, such as undiscounted projected operating cash flows, vessel sales and purchases, business plans and overall market conditions. We determine undiscounted projected net operating cash flows for each vessel and compare it to the vessel carrying value. In the event that impairment occurred, we would determine the fair value of the related asset and we record a charge to operations calculated by comparing the asset's carrying value to the estimated fair market value. We estimate fair market value primarily through the use of third party valuations performed on an individual vessel basis.



## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FIN 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities," which clarified the application of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, "Consolidated Financial Statements," to address perceived weaknesses in accounting for entities commonly known as special-purpose or off-balance sheet entities. It provides guidance for identifying the party with a controlling financial interest resulting from arrangements or financial interests rather than voting interests. It requires consolidation of Variable Interest Entities ("VIEs") only if those VIEs do not effectively disperse the risks and benefits among the various parties involved. On December 24, 2003, the FASB issued a complete replacement of FIN 46 ("FIN 46R"), which clarified certain complexities of FIN 46. FIN 46R is applicable for financial statements issued for reporting periods that end after March 5, 2004. The Company has reviewed FIN 46R and determined that the adoption of the standard does not have a material impact on the financial statements.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), Share Based Payments (SFAS 123R). This statement eliminates the option to apply the intrinsic value measurement provisions of Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" to stock compensation awards issued to employees. Rather, SFAS 123R requires companies to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award. That cost will be recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide services in exchange for the award-the requisite service period (usually the vesting period). SFAS No. 123R applies to all awards granted after the required effective date, as of the beginning of the first interim or annual reporting period that begins after June 15, 2005, and to awards modified, repurchased, or cancelled after that date. SFAS 123R will be effective for our fiscal year 2006. The Company does not anticipate that the implementation of this standard does not have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

On December 16, 2004, FASB issued SFAS No. 153, Exchanges of Non-monetary Assets, an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29, Accounting for Non-monetary Transactions ("FAS 153"). This statement amends APB Opinion No. 29 to eliminate the exception for non-monetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replaces it with a general exception for exchanges of non-monetary assets that do not have commercial substance. Under SFAS No. 153, if a non-monetary exchange of similar productive assets meets a commercial-substance criterion and fair value is determinable, the transaction must be accounted for at fair value resulting in recognition of any gain or loss. SFAS No. 153 is effective for non-monetary transactions in fiscal periods that begin after June 15, 2005. The Company does not anticipate that the implementation of this standard does not have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

FASB has issued SFAS No. 154, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and SFAS No. 3. The Statement applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principle, and changes the requirements for accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle.

SFAS No. 154 requires retrospective applications to prior periods' financial statements of a voluntary change in accounting principle unless it is impracticable. APB Opinion No. 20 previously required that most voluntary change in accounting principle be recognized by including in net income of the period of the change the cumulative effect of changing to the new accounting principle. SFAS No. 154 improves financial reporting because its requirements enhance the consistency of financial information between periods. The Company is analyzing the effect which this pronouncement will have on its financial condition, statement of operations, and cash flows. This statement is effective for the Company on January 1, 2006. The statement did not have an effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operation or cash flows.

In February 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 155, "Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments." This Statement amends SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," and SFAS No. 140,

“Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities” and resolves issues addressed in Statement 133 Implementation Issue No. D1, “Application of Statement 133 to Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets.”

SFAS No. 155 permits fair value re-measurement for any hybrid financial instruments that contains an embedded derivative that otherwise would require bifurcation and clarifies which interest-only strips and principal-only strips are not subject to the requirements of SFAS No. 133. SFAS No. 155 establishes a requirement to evaluate interests in securitized financial assets to identify interests that are freestanding derivatives or that are hybrid financial instruments that contain an embedded derivative requiring bifurcation. SFAS No. 155 also clarifies that concentrations of credit risk in the form of subordination are not embedded derivatives and amends SFAS No. 140 to eliminate the prohibition on a qualifying special purpose entity from holding a derivative financial instrument that pertains to a beneficial interest other than another derivative financial instrument.

SFAS No. 155 is effective for all financial instruments acquired or issued after the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006. The Company has not completed the study of what effect SFAS No. 155 will have on its financial position and results of operations.

On March 29, 2005, the SEC released a Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) relating to the FASB accounting standard for stock options and other share-based payments. The interpretations in SAB No. 107, "Share-Based Payment," (SAB 107) express views of the SEC Staff regarding the application of SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" (Statement 123R). Among other things, SAB 107 provides interpretive guidance related to the interaction between Statement 123R and certain SEC rules and regulations, as well as provides the Staff's views regarding the valuation of share-based payment arrangements for public companies. The Company does not anticipate that adoption of SAB 107 will have any effect on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In March 2005, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. ("FIN") 47 "Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 143", which clarifies the term "conditional asset retirement obligation" as used in SFAS No. 143 "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations". Specifically, FIN 47 provides that an asset retirement obligation is conditional when either the timing and (or) method of settling the obligation is conditioned on a future event. Accordingly, an entity is required to recognize a liability for the fair value of a conditional asset retirement obligation if the fair value of the liability can be reasonably estimated. Uncertainty about the timing and (or) method of settlement of a conditional asset retirement obligation should be factored into the measurement of the liability when sufficient information exists. This interpretation also clarifies when an entity would have sufficient information to reasonably estimate the fair value of an asset retirement obligation. FIN 47 is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2005. This statement did not have an impact on the Company's financial position and results of operations.

In March 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 156 Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets—an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140. The Statement provides a single definition of fair value, together with a framework for measuring it, and requires additional disclosure about the use of fair value to measure assets and liabilities. Statement 157 also emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement, and sets out a fair value hierarchy with the highest priority being quoted prices in active markets. Under the Statement, fair value measurements are disclosed by level within that hierarchy. The Statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. This statement will be effective for the Company on January 1, 2008. The Company does not believe that this pronouncement will have an effect on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157 Fair Value Measurements. This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, the FASB having previously concluded in those accounting pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measurement attribute. Accordingly, this Statement does not require any new fair value measurements. However, for some entities, the application of this Statement will change current practice. This Statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. This statement will be effective for the Company on January 1, 2008. The Company does not believe that this pronouncement will have an effect on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

On September 13, 2006, the SEC released SAB No. 108, which provides guidance on materiality. SAB No. 108 states that registrants should use both a balance sheet (iron curtain) approach and an income statement (rollover) approach when quantifying and evaluating the materiality of a misstatement, contains guidance on correcting errors under the dual approach, and provides transition guidance for correcting errors existing in prior years. If prior-year errors that had been previously considered immaterial (based on the appropriate use of the registrant's prior approach) now are

considered material based on the approach in the SAB, the registrant need not restate prior period financial statements. SAB No. 108 is effective for annual financial statements covering the first fiscal year ending after November 15, 2006. This statement will be effective for the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that adoption of SAB No. 108 will have on its financial position and results of operations.

## **THE INTERNATIONAL DRYBULK AND CONTAINER SHIPPING INDUSTRY**

The information and data in this section relating to the international drybulk and container shipping industry has been provided by Maritime Strategies International Ltd., or MSI, and is taken from MSI databases and other sources available in the public domain. MSI has advised us that it accurately describes the international drybulk and container shipping industry, subject to the availability and reliability of the data supporting the statistical and graphical information presented. MSI's methodologies for collecting information and data, and therefore the information discussed in this section, may differ from those of other sources, and does not reflect all or even necessarily a comprehensive set of the actual transactions occurring in the drybulk and container shipping industry.

### **Trends in the International Drybulk Shipping Market**

#### **Introduction**

##### *Overview*

The international drybulk shipping industry provides seaborne transportation of drybulk commodities for related industries. The most important of these commodities are iron ore, coal and grains which together account for an estimated 75% of total trade. Other key cargoes, commonly referred to as minor bulks, include agricultural products (e.g. fertilizers), steel products, forest products, metals, cement and a wide range of other minerals. Shipping companies provide seaborne transportation to customers that include power utilities, steelmakers, grain houses, commodity traders and government agencies. In recent years there has been a substantial increase in the use of commodities transported in drybulk. In 2005, the amount of cargo transported by the industry was estimated to have exceeded 2.2 billion metric tons - an increase of over 9% over the previous year and almost 30% since 2000.

##### *Freight*

This is the primary source of revenue to a shipping company. The freight rate of transporting drybulk commodities can be volatile and is related to demand for and supply of drybulk carriers. Demand for vessels is influenced by many factors, but particularly by economic activity and changes in production, consumption, inventories and prices of the commodities mentioned above and their substitutes (if any). The distances over which commodities are transported is also a key determinant of shipping demand. Drybulk carrier supply is influenced by newbuildings (or additions to the existing fleet), the scrapping of older vessels, the drydocking (for maintenance or storage) of existing bulk carriers and other efficiency factors such as port delays and the speed at which vessels travel.

Freight is paid when a customer charters a vessel for a specified period of time or to carry a specific cargo. The charter market is highly competitive as shipping companies compete on the offered freight rate, the location, technical specification and quality of the vessel and the reputation of the vessel's manager. Typically, the contractual agreement between the shipping company and the customer, known as a charterparty, is based on standard industry terms.

A vessel is usually chartered under a voyage charter or a time charter. A voyage charter is a contract to carry a specific cargo between two ports for an agreed rate per ton of cargo carried. Under voyage charters, the shipowner pays voyage expenses such as port, canal and fuel costs. A time charter is a contract to charter a vessel for an agreed period of time at a set daily rate. Under time charters, the charterer pays for the voyage expenses and decides what ports the vessel should go. A spot charter is a voyage charter or a time charter that is fixed for just one trip. A period charter is a longer term time charter. Of course, a vessel can carry cargoes on behalf of its own owner like in a case of a steel mill, or, in case its owner has secured a cargo transportation contract ("Contract or Affreightment" or "COA"). Variations of the above mentioned employment types are bareboat charters or shipping pools (please refer to "Glossary of Shipping Terms" for definitions).



### ***Fleet Ownership***

International seaborne drybulk transportation services are primarily provided by independent shipowners, in contrast to the tanker industry where many oil companies also have their own fleets. As a result ownership of the fleet is highly fragmented, with no single shipowner controlling more than 5% of the global drybulk carrier fleet.

The size of a drybulk carriers can be from several hundred tons of cargo carrying capacity (“deadweight tons” or “dwt”) to 300,000 dwt or more. The oceangoing fleet is considered to be from 10,000 dwt and up as smaller vessels are generally employed in local trades. The drybulk carriers are generally grouped in 4 size sectors: Capesize, from 80,000 dwt and above; Panamax, from 60,000 to 79,999 dwt; Handymax, from 40,000 to 59,999 dwt, and, Handysize, from 10,000 to 39,999 dwt.

### **Drybulk Carrier Demand**

#### ***Overview***

The amount of cargo transported in drybulk carriers is governed by demand for the various commodities, which is affected by international economic activity, regional imbalances between domestic production and consumption, commodity prices and inventories. In addition to the volume of cargo, drybulk carrier demand is driven by the average distance required to transport it from commodity-producing locations to commodity-consuming destinations. Demand can be expressed in “ton-miles”, measured as the product of (a) the amount of cargo transported, multiplied by (b) the distance over which it is transported.

The mile component is generally the most variable element of ton-mile demand. Seaborne trading distances for commodities are determined principally by the location of production and their efficient distribution for processing and consumption. To illustrate the importance of this consider that a ton of ore carried from Brazil to China generates roughly 2 to 3 times the demand for sea transport as the same amount of ore shipped from Australia. Trading patterns are sensitive both to major geopolitical events and to small shifts, imbalances and disruptions in all stages of production and processing through to end-use. Seaborne transportation distances are also influenced by infrastructural factors, such as the availability of canal ‘shortcuts’ and capacity at ports and inland distribution. The following chart outlines seaborne trade in drybulk commodities from 1980 to 2005.

### **SEABORNE DRYBULK TRADE**

Seaborne drybulk trade has grown by a compound annual rate of 3% per annum since 1980, but in the last 5 years growth has risen to over 5% per annum. The acceleration in trade in recent years has been driven primarily by China, whose economic growth averaged 10% per annum from 2003-2005. China’s entry into the World Trade Organisation in 2001 caused a large increase in investment funds flowing into the country as foreign manufacturers sought to benefit from lower wage costs and the future prospects of a large consumer market. China’s growth helped foster a wider rebound in the other Asian economies, particularly Japan, Korea and Taiwan. As a result there has been substantial growth of drybulk trade to and from the Pacific region, for a number of key commodities.

Steel industry related trades, mainly iron ore and metallurgical coal used in the production of steel and steel products, account for about 50% of the seaborne drybulk trade. The table below shows the main drybulk commodities and the main segments of the drybulk carrier fleet they are transported by.

Commodity	Seaborne trade 2005 (million tons)	Percent of seaborne drybulk trade	Typical Drybulk carrier segment carried by
Iron Ore	710	32.1%	Capesize, Panamax
Metallurgical Coal	199	9.0%	Capesize, Panamax
Thermal Coal	500	22.6%	Capesize, Panamax
Grains	292	13.2%	Panamax, Handymax, Handysize
Minor Bulks	511	23.1%	Handymax, Handysize
Total	2,212	100.0%	

### *Steel & Iron Ore*

Chinese growth has been very steel-intensive, driven by construction and underpinned by large government infrastructure projects. Chinese production of crude steel has increased by a compound annual rate of 21.7% per annum from 2000 to 2005 to 339 million tons. The strength of Chinese steel consumption has also contributed to an export-led revival in other steel producing nations.

### STEEL PRODUCTION (Million Metric tons)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Compound Annual Growth 2000-2005
North America	135	120	123	126	134	126	-1.4%
Western Europe	163	158	159	160	168	164	0.1%
Former Soviet Union	99	100	102	107	143	112	2.5%
China	127	151	182	222	272	339	21.7%
Japan	106	103	108	111	113	112	1.1%
Other Asia	98	100	105	109	116	122	4.5%
Rest of World	118	118	126	133	142	143	3.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

The steelmaking process requires 2 major commodity inputs: iron ore and coking (or metallurgical) coal. Although China has vast domestic reserves of both commodities, its domestic reserves of iron ore are poor in quality (i.e. low in iron content) and are normally mixed with high quality imported ore. As a result, the rapid development of steel production has had a significant impact on Chinese iron ore imports, which have grown by a compound annual rate of over 30% per annum over the last 5 years.



**IRON ORE IMPORTS (Million Metric tons)**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Compound Annual Growth 2000-2005
Western Europe	151	131	136	135	150	140	-1.4%
China	70	92	111	148	208	275	31.5%
Japan	131	125	132	132	135	132	0.1%
Other Asia	74	79	78	79	80	85	2.8%
Rest of the World	75	64	71	82	80	80	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>7.3%</b>

**CHINESE STEEL PRODUCTION AND IRON ORE IMPORTS**

Australia and Brazil together account for approximately two thirds of global iron ore exports. Although both have seen strong demand from China, Australia continues to benefit the most, accounting for 30% of every extra ton of iron ore imported by China in 2005 over 2004, compared to a corresponding figure of 20% for Brazil. However, although Brazilian exports to China have grown more slowly, the contribution to ton-mile demand has been greater due to the greater distances between origin and destination. India is also becoming a major exporter of ore. Unlike Australia and Brazil who tend to export primarily in the larger Capesize vessels, much of India's exports are in the smaller Panamax/Handymax vessel sizes.

**IRON ORE EXPORTS (Million Metric tons)**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Compound Annual Growth 2000-2005
Australia	165	175	174	197	221	239	7.7%
Brazil	160	156	170	184	201	223	6.9%
India	33	41	55	57	63	81	19.7%
Africa	33	34	35	34	36	38	3.2%
Rest of the World	115	102	110	123	123	135	3.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>7.2%</b>

***Coal***

Asia's rapid industrial development has also contributed to strong demand for coal, which accounted for roughly a third of the total growth of seaborne bulk trade between 2000 and 2005. Coal is usually divided into two categories: thermal coal (or steam coal), used in power stations, and metallurgical coal (coking coal) used as an input by the steel industry.

Expansion in air-conditioned office and factory space, along with industrial use, has raised demand for electricity, of which nearly half is generated from coal-fired plants, thus increasing demand for thermal coal. In addition, Japan's domestic nuclear power generating industry has suffered from safety problems in recent years, resulting in the temporary closure of a number of nuclear power reactors and leading to increased demand for oil, gas and coal-fired power generation. Furthermore the high cost of oil and gas has led to increasing development of coal fired electricity plants across the world, especially in Asia. Thermal coal represents the majority of the total coal trade (72% in 2005) and by itself accounted for 28% of the growth of total seaborne dry bulk trade between 2000 and 2005.

Metallurgical, or coking coal, accounted for 9% of seaborne trade in 2005. Future prospects are heavily tied to the steel industry. It is used within the blast furnace to impart its carbon into the iron, giving the final steel product more strength and flexibility. Because coking coal is of higher quality than thermal coal (i.e. more carbon and less impurities), its price is higher and its trade more volatile.

### COAL IMPORTS (Million Metric tons)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Compound Annual Growth 2000-2005	
Western Europe		184	198	190	206	226	252	6.5%
Japan		145	156	159	166	179	181	4.5%
Other Asia		21	25	39	45	53	39	12.8%
Rest of the World		256	272	278	302	314	329	5.1%
<b>Total</b>		<b>607</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

Australia is the world's dominant exporter of coal, accounting for approximately 30% of global exports. However, Indonesia has increased its exports in recent years, becoming a good source for business for Panamax/Handymax vessels. Growth in Indonesian exports has been very strong with compound annual growth of 15.9% between 2000 and 2005.

### COAL EXPORTS (Million Metric tons)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Compound Annual Growth 2000-2005	
North America		84	73	60	64	70	70	-3.6%
Colombia		36	38	35	44	51	55	8.9%
South Africa		70	69	70	71	68	72	0.6%
China		55	91	84	94	87	66	3.8%
Indonesia		57	66	73	89	105	119	15.9%
Australia		187	194	204	215	225	234	4.6%
Rest of World		97	98	116	123	149	167	11.3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>586</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

**Grains**

Wheat and coarse grains are primarily used for direct human consumption or as feed for livestock. International trade fluctuates considerably. Grains have a long history of price volatility, government interventionism and weather conditions which strongly impact trade volumes. In 2005, adverse weather impacted wheat and corn harvests in many of the world's major growing regions and production fell roughly 3% from 2004, causing total trade to decline by 1%. Soyabean trade has risen rapidly in recent years as demand for animal feed and vegetable oil has increased. However, demand growth for wheat and coarse grains is fundamentally linked in the long term to population growth and rising per capita income. With Asia experiencing rapid economic growth and increasing standards of living, it is expected that meat consumption will increase, leading to rising demand for animal feed.

**WHEAT AND COARSE GRAINS IMPORTS (Million Metric tons)**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Compound Annual Growth 2000-2005
Latin America	41	37	35	34	34	34	-3.6%
Europe/Former Soviet Union	21	26	32	30	19	17	-4.0%
Africa	39	39	40	35	44	42	1.4%
Middle East	28	28	26	23	27	28	-0.3%
Japan	26	26	26	26	25	25	-0.6%
Other Asia	34	34	35	35	34	34	0.2%
Rest of World	15	19	18	19	26	21	6.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>

International trade in grains is dominated by 4 key exporting regions; North America, Latin America, Oceania and Europe, including the Former Soviet Union which together account for over 90% of global exports. Large importers are typically North Africa (Egypt), the Middle East and more recently India.

**WHEAT AND COARSE GRAINS EXPORTS (Million Metric tons)**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Compound Annual Growth 2000-2005
North America	104	99	80	105	98	108	0.8%
Latin America	30	26	24	27	30	20	-7.9%
Europe/Former Soviet Union	37	47	67	29	48	52	6.8%
Oceania	22	22	13	22	21	22	0.4%
Rest of World	15	19	29	24	20	17	2.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

**Minor Bulks**

Trade in minor bulks constituted approximately 25% of total seaborne trade for dry bulk carriers in 2005. The table below shows that compound annual growth for all minor bulks was 2.3%, but those related to the steel and construction industries have grown even faster. Steel scrap trade has grown the fastest as scrap is the key input for steel makers using the 'electric arc furnace' means of production. The trade for these minor bulks is geographically widespread but the Middle East has been a key importer of construction inputs in recent years.



**TOTAL SEABORNE TRADE IN SELECTED MINOR BULKS (Million Metric tons)**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Compound Annual Growth 2000-2005
Steel Scrap	35	35	40	49	56	58	10.5%
Steel Products	184	193	205	211	234	241	5.6%
Cement	46	46	45	47	60	60	5.5%
Bauxite	53	51	55	63	67	69	5.6%
<b>Total Minor Bulks</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

**Drybulk Carrier Supply***Overview*

The supply of drybulk shipping capacity is measured by the amount of suitable deadweight tons (dwt) available to transport cargo. This depends on the aggregate tons of the existing world fleet, deliveries of newbuildings, scrapping of older vessels, and the number of vessels undergoing maintenance, repairs, inspection, or otherwise unavailable for use. The decision to order newbuildings or scrap older vessels is influenced by many factors, including prevailing and expected charter rates, newbuilding and scrap prices, and availability of delivery dates and government and industry regulation of seaborne transportation practices.

Port and inland infrastructure developments in key load and discharge areas (particularly for iron ore and coal) have struggled to keep pace with strong growth in seaborne trade of drybulk commodities from 2003 to 2006. This has resulted in escalating port congestion and increased the time spent by vessels waiting to berth. As the time required to complete a single vessel voyage has increased, the number of vessels required has also risen, contributing to higher freight rates.

*Newbuildings*

In general, it takes from 18 to 36 months from the date of placing a newbuilding contract to the date a shipowner takes delivery of the vessel. During the last three to four years, the high levels of vessel orderbook have resulted in the average delivery lag being about three years and in some instances even larger. Vessels are constructed at shipyards of varying size and technical sophistication. Bulk carriers are generally considered to be the least technically sophisticated vessels (although there are many clear exceptions to this rule) and as such tend to be those where the shipyards can extract the smallest margin for their construction.

The price of newbuildings is linked to the level of demand for and supply of shipyard space, the cost of steel, labour and other factors. Generally, a shipyard can build most types of ships hence the price for drybulk carriers is influenced by the orderbook of all ship types. High newbuilding ordering activity in a particular sector is typically driven by high freight rates in that sector. As of September 2006, the total drybulk orderbook stood at 70.3 million tons representing 20% of the existing fleet. The existing orderbook is to be delivered over the next 3-4 years.

*Scrapping*

Scrapping (demolition) is a function of the freight market and the size of the fleet which is "over-aged", usually considered to include vessels 25 years or older. However, the scrap age of a vessel depends on its size: the scrap age of smaller vessels like handysize and handymax carriers tends to be longer than the scrap age of larger ones like capsized carriers. The larger the pool of over-aged vessels, the higher the increase in scrapping during a freight market

downturn. At times of high freight rates, scrapping is rare since shipowners prefer to extend the trading life of vessels to earn more freight. Demolition is carried out by teams of breakers with blow-torches, oxy-acetylene steel cutters, etc once the vessel has been purposefully beached. The scrap value of the vessel depends on the local steel price, the quality and the amount of steel recoverable from the vessel ("lightweight", or, "lwt"). Since the beginning of 2004, the scrap price per ton has fluctuated between \$300 and \$400 per ton of steel. For example, a panamax drybulk carrier of about 70,000 dwt typically has 10-12,000 tons of lightweight; such a vessel if when scrapped gets \$350 per lightweight ton would fetch \$3.5 - \$4.2 million.

The graph below shows that in recent years the average age at which vessels have been scrapped has increased dramatically. It also shows that smaller vessels tend to have considerably longer trading lives.

***AVERAGE SCRAPPING AGE OF DRY BULK CARRIERS***

**Drybulk Carrier Sectors**

While there is no standard definition, drybulk carriers are commonly categorised into the following size sectors:

**DRYBULK CARRIER SECTORS as at 01/09/2006**

Segment	Size Range (Dwt)	Number of Vessels		Deadweight Capacity	
		Total	Share (%)	Total (MnDwt)	Share (%)
Capesize	80,000 and above	808	13.7%	127.7	36.5%
Panamax	60,000 to 79,999	1,270	21.5%	90.5	25.9%
Handymax	40,000 to 59,999	1,330	22.5%	63.7	18.2%
Handysize	10,000 to 39,000	2,511	42.4%	67.9	19.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,000 and above</b>	<b>5,919</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>349.8</b>	<b>100%</b>



The table above provides information concerning the number of vessels and deadweight capacity of each of these market sectors. Although the majority of capacity in number of ships falls into the smaller Handysize and Handymax sectors, over half the fleet's deadweight carrying capacity falls into the larger Panamax and Capesize sectors.

### *The Capesize Sector*

The Capesize sector constitutes 36.5% of the drybulk carrier fleet's total deadweight capacity. These vessels are principally designed to provide economies of scale, as innovations in handling technology tend to favour larger units. But the size restrictions of specific ports or trade routes are often taken into consideration as well - hence, the "Newcastlemax" or "Dunkirkmax" designs of Capesize bulk carriers. Over half the Capesize bulk carrier fleet falls into the 160,000 to 200,000 dwt size range, which is capable of passing through the Suez Canal.

Capesize bulk carriers are deployed almost exclusively on the major coal and iron ore trades. Until the early 1990s, the Atlantic and Pacific Capesize markets were separate and heavily reliant on long term contracts (though smaller Capesize vessels, often elderly, were sometimes spot chartered in the Atlantic). As Rotterdam expanded its capacity, and US draft restricted coal exports gave way to increasing Latin American and South African shipments, larger Capesize vessels began to gain a foothold in the Atlantic. Heightened competition between suppliers led to longer haul inter-ocean trade. Hence, major Capesize loading regions include the major iron exporters Brazil, Australia and India. And the major destinations are China, Japan, Korea, and Western Europe. For coal, the key Capesize loading areas include Australia, South Africa and Colombia.

The Capesize sector has benefited most from Asia's industrial development. The rapid expansion of Chinese steel production has lifted imports of iron ore, principally from Australia, India and Brazil, whilst the recovery in Japanese steelmaking has drawn imports from both Australia and Brazil.

Ownership of the Capesize fleets is marginally more concentrated compared to the smaller vessel sectors, though it is still highly fragmented. 200 shipowner or operators control 808 Capesize vessels - an average of 4 ships per shipowner. 18 of these companies control 10 or more Capesize vessels, at an average of 19.4 vessels per company, and they constitute 48% of the sector's total deadweight capacity. 32 companies control between 5 and 9 vessels, at an average of 6.2 ships per company, and constitute 25% of total capacity. 81 companies own just 1 Capesize vessel and account for 9% of fleet capacity.

The chart below outlines the Capesize fleet by year of build, including scheduled new deliveries. It shows that the fleet is distributed more evenly across the age spectrum than the other sectors of the fleet, with almost no 1970s built tonnage remaining to be scrapped. Capesizes built before 1980 constitute only 1% of the sector's total deadweight capacity, while those built since 2000 constitute 38%. The average age of the fleet at Sept 1, 2006 was 10.5 years.

The orderbook at the beginning of September 2006 amounted to 40.8 million dwt or 32% of the existing fleet. Actual deliveries will depend on whether shipyards alter their delivery schedules and whether newbuilding contracts are added to the volume of new orders placed. In practice, however, available yard berths for new contracts for delivery prior to 2010 are limited.

**CAPE SIZE FLEET BY YEAR OF BUILD AND  
SCHEDULED NEW DELIVERIES (AS AT Sept 1<sup>ST</sup> 2006)**

Capesize freight rates can be highly volatile and vary substantially even on a day-to-day basis. While Capesize rates depend largely on the market fundamentals of supply and demand, other factors (including the cost of bunkers and port charges) also influence their level. Modern vessels typically earn more than older vessels due to fuel and other efficiencies. In addition, older vessels are prone to longer off-hire periods, which reduce their earnings.

Capesize spot and time charter rates increased sharply during the second half of 2003 and reached record levels in 2004, with average spot earnings for modern vessels briefly exceeding \$100,000 per day during January 2004. Although rates subsequently declined from that peak, they have remained well above pre-2003 historical peaks. During the second half of 2004, the Capesize freight market underwent a revival, with average earnings briefly surpassing \$100,000 per day once again in early December 2004. Rates then trended lower in 2005, with a brief surge during October and November, before a large increase in August 2006 when their average earnings reached their highest level since April 2005.

#### **MODERN CAPESIZE (170,000 DWT) FREIGHT RATES**

### *The Panamax Sector*

The Panamax sector constitutes 26% of the fleet's total deadweight capacity. Panamax vessels were originally designed to be the largest vessels able to transit the Panama Canal.

Panamaxes mainly carry coal, grains and minor drybulk cargoes on routes where relatively short voyage distances, limited cargo volumes or restricted port drafts and length of berths discourage the use of larger Capesize vessels. Key Panamax loading areas include North America, Latin America, Africa and Asia for coal, and North America, Latin America and Australia for wheat and coarse grains. Discharge areas are more uniformly distributed around the world. In recent years, Panamax vessels have also benefited from strong iron ore trade, as high cargo volumes and increased port congestion have constrained the availability of Capesize vessels and resulted in charterers using two Panamax vessels to transport traditional Capesize cargoes.

Ownership of the Panamax fleet is the most fragmented of the drybulk carrier fleet on a vessel per company basis. As of September 1, 2006, there were an estimated 402 shipowner or operators controlling approximately 1,270 Panamaxes - an average of only 3.2 vessels per company. 170 of these controlled only 1 vessel each. The top 10 shipowners controlled 21% of the sector's deadweight capacity, while the top 20 controlled 29% of the sector's deadweight capacity.

The chart below outlines the Panamax fleet by year of build, including scheduled new deliveries. The chart illustrates that the age distribution is skewed towards the younger end of the spectrum. Panamaxes built before 1980 constitute 3% of the sector's total deadweight capacity, while those built since 2000 constitute 36%. The average age of the fleet at Sept 1, 2006 was approximately 11.9 years.

The orderbook at Sept 1, 2006 amounted to 9 million dwt or 10% of the existing fleet. Actual deliveries will depend on whether shipyards alter their delivery schedules and whether newbuilding contracts are added to the volume of new orders placed. In practice, however, available yard berths for new contract delivery prior to 2010 are limited.

**PANAMAX FLEET BY YEAR OF BUILD AND  
SCHEDULED NEW DELIVERIES (AS AT Sept 1<sup>ST</sup> 2006)**

Panamax freight rates can be highly volatile and vary substantially even on a day-to-day basis though to a lesser extent compared with Capesize freight rates. While Panamax rates depend largely on the market fundamentals of supply and demand, other factors (including the cost of bunkers and port charges) also influence their level. Modern vessels typically earn more than older vessels due to fuel and other efficiencies. In addition, older vessels are prone to longer off-hire periods, which reduce their earnings.

Panamax spot and time charter rates increased sharply during the second half of 2003 and reached record peaks in 2004, with average spot earnings for modern vessels exceeding \$40,000 per day for most of the first quarter of 2004. Although rates subsequently declined from that peak, they have remained well above pre-2003 historical peaks. During the second half of 2004, the Panamax freight market underwent a revival, with average earnings briefly surpassing \$40,000 per day once again in late November to early December 2004. Rate then trended lower in 2005 until August 2006 when they moved up again and average earnings touched \$29,000 per day.

**MODERN PANAMAX (75,000 DWT) FREIGHT RATES**

***The Handymax Sector***

The Handymax (40,000-59,000 dwt) is the smallest sector of the drybulk carrier fleet, accounting for 18% of fleet deadweight capacity as of September 1, 2006. This sector, along with the Handysizes, has the greatest diversity in cargoes and routes. Their size and design (vessels are usually equipped with their own cranes, and are referred to as “geared”) makes them extremely versatile and able to access smaller ports where size restrictions or inadequate load and discharge facilities would exclude larger vessels.

Trading patterns and cargoes for these types of vessel are highly diversified. Typical cargoes include wheat and coarse grains, agricultural bulk commodities such as sugar and rice, fertilisers, minor ores and minerals, steel products and scrap, forest products, and semi-processed commodities such as coke and cement. In addition, Handymax vessels are employed on a limited number of low-volume short-haul iron ore and coal trades, as well as those where port size or infrastructure constraints require smaller, geared vessels.

Handymax fleet ownership is highly fragmented, with 446 different owner operators of the approximately 1,330 vessels in the world Handymax fleet: an average of just 3 vessels per company. As of Sept 1, 2006, 17 companies controlled 10 ships or more (at an average of 22.5 ships per company), amounting to only 28.4% of the fleet. Another 55 companies owned 5 to 9 ships (at an average of 5.8 ships per company) or 25% of the fleet. 207 companies control 1 vessel each, accounting collectively for 15% of the fleet.

The chart below outlines the Handymax fleet by year of build, including scheduled new deliveries. The chart indicates that at Sept 1, 2006, approximately 5% of the fleet's existing deadweight capacity was accounted for by vessels built before 1980, and these may be considered likely candidates for scrapping in the near future. Vessels built since 2000 constituted 42% of the existing fleet. The average age of the fleet at Sept 1, 2006 was 11.2 years.

The orderbook at the beginning of September 2006 amounted to 14.6 million dwt or 22.8% of the existing fleet. Actual deliveries will depend on whether shipyards alter their delivery schedules and whether newbuilding contracts are added to the volume of new orders placed.

**HANDYMAX FLEET BY YEAR OF BUILD AND  
SCHEDULED NEW DELIVERIES (AS AT SEPT 1<sup>st</sup> 2006)**

Handymax freight rates can be volatile and fluctuate even on a day-to-day basis. While Handymax rates depend largely on the market fundamentals of supply and demand, other factors (including the cost of bunkers and port charges) also influence their level. Modern vessels typically earn more than older vessels due to fuel and other efficiencies. In addition, older vessels are prone to longer off-hire periods, which reduce their earnings.

Handymax earnings increased sharply during the second half of 2003 in line with the larger bulk carrier sectors, and reached record peaks in 2004, with average spot earnings for modern 45,000 dwt vessels exceeding \$38,000 per day in March 2004. During the second half of 2004, the Handymax freight market underwent a revival, with earnings briefly surpassing \$32,000 per day once again in late November to early December 2004. Rates then trended lower in 2005 before a rebound in March through September 2006 to average spot earnings of \$26,000, the highest rates since May 2005.

## **HANDYMAX AVERAGE FREIGHT RATES**

### *The Handysize Sector*

The Handysize (10,000-39,000 dwt) sector is the largest sector of the drybulk carrier fleet by number of vessels, accounting for 42% of the total fleet. However, in terms of deadweight capacity, it is only marginally larger than the Handymax fleet with 19.4% of total capacity. Like Handymax vessels, they are fitted with cranes which, along with their shallow drafts, make them extremely versatile and able to access smaller ports with less sophisticated onshore facilities. As a result trading patterns and cargoes for these types of vessel are highly diversified.

Handysize vessels are generally older than Handymax. The latter have begun to replace the former as new developments in ship design has enabled larger vessels to be constructed with similar drafts. Increasingly the industry is moving towards building larger vessels to benefit from economies of scale. However this does not mean that smaller vessels have become obsolete, for they are less likely to have to travel part-laden and are often able to generate substantial returns.

Like the Handymax sector, Handysize fleet ownership is highly fragmented. 815 different shipowners control 2,511 vessels: an average of just 3 vessels per company. As of Sept 1, 2006, 38 companies controlled 10 ships or more (at an average of 24.5 ships per company), amounting to only 37% of the fleet. Another 76 companies owned 5 to 9 ships (at an average of 6.1 ships per company) or 18% of the fleet. 450 companies control 1 vessel each, collectively accounting for 17% of the fleet.

The chart below outlines the Handysize fleet by year of build, including scheduled new deliveries. The chart indicates that at Sept 1, 2006, approximately 28% of the fleet's existing dwt capacity was accounted for by vessels built before 1980, and these may be considered likely candidates for scrapping in the near future. Vessels built since 2000 constituted 14% of the existing fleet. The average age of the fleet at Sept 1, 2006 was 20.7 years.

The orderbook at the beginning of September 2006 amounted to 5.9 million dwt or 9% of the existing fleet. Actual deliveries will depend on whether shipyards alter their delivery schedules and whether newbuilding contracts are added to the volume of new orders placed.



**HANDYSIZE FLEET BY YEAR OF BUILD AND  
SCHEDULED NEW DELIVERIES (AS AT SEPT 1, 2006)**

Handysize earnings increased sharply in the second half of 2003 in line with the larger bulk carrier sectors. The 18 month time charter peaked in Feb 2004 at \$22,000 per day before declining rapidly to a low of \$13,000 in June of that year. During the second half of 2004, rates rebounded and 18 month time charter rates in the Handysize sector peaked again in December 2004 at \$21,800 per day. Rates then trended lower in 2005 until a recent rebound has brought rates to \$16,000 their highest level since April 2005.

**HANDYSIZE ONE-YEAR TIME CHARTER RATES**

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## **Vessel Prices**

### ***Newbuilding Prices***

Prices for the construction of new vessels have soared in recent years and have been sustained by an environment of high freight rates in all shipping sectors which has spurred ordering of all ship types, limiting the availability of shipyard berths and pushing up the prices of drybulk carriers. The first quarter of 2005 witnessed the peak of the current newbuilding price cycle. Since then prices have fallen but remain historically high. An increase in the number of tankers ordered in the second quarter, was responsible for the rebound in 2006.

### **BULK CARRIER NEWBUILDING PRICES**

*Secondhand Prices*

The second hand, or sale and purchase, market for drybulk carriers has witnessed an unprecedented rise in prices in the last few years as shipowners seek to increase the size of their fleets to benefit from the rise in trade. Prices tend to follow the direction of the freight market.

**BULK CARRIER 10 YEAR OLD PRICES**

**BULK CARRIER 15 YEAR OLD PRICES**

## **Trends in the Container Shipping Market**

### **Introduction**

#### *Overview*

The international container shipping industry provides seaborne transportation for a wide range of manufactured goods and perishables in a unitized form and represents an important and increasingly significant part of the global seaborne movement of goods. In 2005, global containerized trade (primary port to port cargo movements) stood at an estimated 115.00 million teu, while global trade including transshipment was estimated at 157 million teu as shown in the chart below. As of September 1 2006, the global container shipping fleet contained 3,779 fully cellular container ships with a total standing slot capacity of 9.05 million teu, while the total container capable fleet capacity was slightly over 11.0 million teu.

Source: Drewry/MSI

Growth in the liner shipping market has been relatively rapid in comparison with other major shipping sectors such as tankers and bulk carriers. In the last three years, demand for container shipping has greatly accelerated, with a compound annual growth rate in world container trade of over 12% per annum.

This growth has been both integral, with an increase in commodities already carried in containers, and plausible through a spread in the scope of containerization to new cargoes previously carried breakbulk (both dry and temperature-controlled) or on ro-ro vessels.

#### *Industry Ownership*

The range of container ship owners is diverse, including liner companies, who are often significant corporate entities, and operators, who are often part of wider groups involved in other shipping activities. Shipowning generally requires a relatively high level of capital investment. Ownership of the Panamax size and larger ship sectors is less fragmented than the ownership of smaller vessels. There are several hundred operators who own only a few vessels. As a result the ownership is highly fragmented, with no single owner controlling more than about 10% of the global container fleet.

## Container Ship Demand

Global container trade is spread over a range of long-haul, regional, and intra-regional routes. The mainline container trades on the major East-West routes are the world's largest in terms of volume, with the Transpacific forming the world's largest container trade. In addition to these trades, there are intermediate trades on the mainline East-West corridor serving the Middle East and the Indian Sub-Continent. North-South trades form the second layer of the global liner network, connecting the Northern hemisphere with South America, Africa and Australasia. Additionally, there are also important intra-regional container trades such as intra-Asia or intra-Europe.

### Total Loaded Moves ('000TEU)

Load Region	1995	2000	2005	Avg. growth per annum (%)
N.America	17,896	23,878	33,472	7%
Latin America	6,829	11,903	20,177	12%
W.Europe	26,141	41,845	61,662	9%
E.Europe	592	851	3,578	21%
Africa	3,400	5,217	8,912	10%
Middle East	4,950	8,118	17,080	13%
Indian SubCont	2,673	4,591	7,728	11%
S.E.Asia	18,509	28,067	45,289	9%
P.R.China	15,083	29,717	76,291	18%
Other Asia	19,589	27,470	37,260	7%
Oceania	2,770	3,985	5,750	8%
World	118,435	185,640	317,200	10%

Source: Drewry/MSI

The Transpacific and the Far East-Europe routes are the world's two largest container trade routes. In recent years, Chinese trade routes have driven most of the increase in volumes from Asia. From 2000 to 2005 loaded exports from China have grown over 2.5 times. Other significant expenses include Latin America and Eastern Europe (incorporating FSU).

Clearly the demand for container ship capacity is a function of the volume of traffic on the key trades but effective demand is also heavily dependent on trade distance, and the operational and trading networks. Seasonality also affects demand with the peak season in the 3-4 months prior to December.

## Container Ship Supply

Global container trade is served by a large and diverse fleet of container carrying vessels. The most significant part of this fleet is the fully cellular container ships, which as of September 1, 2006, comprised 80% of global available teu capacity. The remainder of the container capable fleet is comprised of a range of non-fully cellular ship types, including Multi-Purpose/Dry Cargo Vessels (Dry Cargo), Roll-On Roll-Off vessels (Ro-Ros) and numerous miscellaneous vessels (Other), which often have container carrying capacity.

The container carrying fleet has responded to rapid demand growth. Overall container capable standing slot capacity expanded at a compound annual growth rate of approximately 8% over the previous 10 years, driven mainly by growth of the fully cellular container ship fleet, which has more than doubled in capacity. As of September 1, 2006, total capacity in the fully cellular container capable fleet was 9.05 million teu. The capacity of the fully cellular

container ship fleet has grown at a compound annual growth rate of over 10% per annum over the last 10 years.

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**Container Capable Capacity**

Vessel Type	2002		2003		2004		2005		2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	
	Mn TEU	% Share	Mn TEU	% Share	Mn TEU	% Share	Mn TEU	% Share	Mn TEU	% Share
FCC	6.08	74%	6.62	75%	7.26	77%	8.19	78%	9.05	80%
Dry Cargo	1.43	17%	1.45	17%	1.49	16%	1.52	15%	1.53	14%
RoRo	0.33	4%	0.33	4%	0.33	4%	0.33	3%	0.33	3%
Other	0.39	5%	0.39	4%	0.40	4%	0.40	4%	0.40	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9.48</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10.44</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11.32</b>	<b>100%</b>

(1) As of September 1, 2006

The fully cellular container ship fleet is made up of a wide range of ships from less than 500 teu in capacity to more than 8,000 teu. While there is no industry standard categorization of ships according to their size they are generally divided into the following groups. At the top end of the scale are the deep sea container ships of 3,000 teu and above, which are generally responsible for servicing the mainlane East-West trade routes. These ships are designated as Panamax or Post-Panamax according to their ability to transit the Panama Canal based on their physical dimensions. Intermediate container ships are between 2,000 teu and 2,999 teu in capacity and generally serve intermediate, North-South, and in some cases intra-regional, trade routes. Handysize vessels are between 1,300 teu and 1,999 teu while ships below 1,300 teu in capacity are the conventional feeder container ships generally operated on an intra-regional basis, that often relay or "feed" cargo within a region from or to main port hubs served by mainlane trade routes. The largest proportion of the growth in container ship capacity in recent years has been in the Panamax and Post-Panamax deep sea segments.

(1) As of September 1, 2006

As of September 1, 2006, the container ship orderbook of vessels over 500 teu was comprised of 1,195 ships, with an aggregate 4.375 million teu, and represented over 50% of the existing fleet in terms of capacity. Vessels over 4,500 teu dominate the current orderbook by teu but there is scope for more smaller vessels to be delivered by 2009 to 2010, given shorter construction times.

(1) As of September 1, 2006

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As of September 1, 2006, the global container ship fleet had an average age of just slightly less than 11 years. The Post-Panamax container ship fleet had an average age of 4.5 years. Ninety-two per cent of Post-Panamax capacity (vessels 4,500 teu or larger) was less than 10 years old. This is in stark contrast to the smaller vessels particularly those under 2,000 teu where vessels less than 5 years of age are significantly less than half the total built in the previous ten year period. Given the youthful age profile of the fleet, container ship demolition is marginal in relation to fleet additions. During the periods of buoyant freight markets, operators generally allow their older vessels to trade beyond 25 years of age but the 25+ year old fleet still accounts for under 5% of the global fleet measured by teu capacity.

## Container Ship Market Sectors

The table below highlights the markets in which each container ship sector was deployed as at July 1, 2006 across the main trade routes. While certain size ranges are associated with specific trade routes, this concentration is not as high as generally assumed.

### Deployment by Trade as of July 1, 2006

Route	1,500- 1,999	2,000- 2,499	2,500- 3,299	3,300-5,100PX	PPX	Total
East-West Trades	36	60	185	395	404	1,080
North- South Trades	215	251	102	81	15	664
Intra-regional	168	55	58	11	14	306
South-south Trades	24	4	0	0	0	28
Inactive *	13	9	14	11	8	55
Total	456	379	359	498	441	2,133

Note \*Includes dry docking and moving between services

### *The Post-Panamax and Panamax Container Ship Sectors*

The overwhelming majority of container ship capacity growth has been provided by the largest sectors of the fleet. Over two-thirds of the growth in teu container ship capacity in the worldwide container ship fleet over the last 10 years has been recorded in the post Panamax and Panamax sectors.

As a result of their physical size (unable to transit the Panama Canal), Post Panamax ships are generally restricted to operating on two trade routes only, the Transpacific, between Asia and the U.S. West Coast, and the Far East to Europe route. They can also operate on a combination of the two routes.

These two routes are the world's largest container trade routes and, given their economies of scale, Post-Panamax container ships are the vessels of choice with a commanding market share. As volumes have grown, so have the dimensions of post Panamax vessels, with a new breed of 'super post Panamaxes' emerging in recent years to push the economies of scale benefits further.

The deployment table reveals that of 441 post Panamax ships in service at the beginning of July, 29 vessels in the 4,300-5,900 teu range were operating on trades other than the East-West ones. Fifteen were deployed on North-South routes (trading on two routes from North Europe - to the East Coast South America and South Africa) and 14 on intra-regional routes, including 12 operating between the Far East and Middle East or Indian Subcontinent.

The Panamax container ship sector is made up of container ships of 3,000 teu and above in capacity, with dimensions such that they are able to transit the Panama Canal. Consequently, these ships largely operate on the three mainlane trade routes—the Transpacific (including Far East to US East coast via Panama), the Far East to Europe and the Transatlantic.

However, many ships over 3,000 teu now operate on trade routes elsewhere in the global liner network, such as on secondary East to West trades and increasingly on North-South and even a few intra regional trades.

The deployment table includes data for Panamax ships of 3,300 teu and above, and shows that almost one fifth of the ships in this bracket operate outside the East-West trades, with 81 on North-South routes and a small number on intra regional trades.

### ***Intermediate, Handysize and Feeder Container Ship Sectors***

The dependence of liner operators on the charter market has grown substantially and there is also an increasing prevalence of ships chartered in vessel sharing partnerships.

A large number of container ships destined for the charter markets have been financed by the German KG system, which provides tax benefits (derived from accelerated asset depreciation) to private investors in certain shipowning companies. KG equity houses are generally responsible for collecting the funds. While scheduled changes to the structure of the KG system eliminating the tax benefit to investors have been implemented, KG houses are expected to continue to promote significant investment in ships through the German tonnage tax system. Other identifiable charter shipowner groups include Greek shipowners and companies using other financing schemes such as Scandinavian KS financing.

Interest in the flexible Handysize sector remains high. Recent newbuilding developments have seen a focus on the 1,800 teu (25,000 dwt) vessel size which is aimed mainly at the intra-Asian markets. There is a gap developing between this size and the next larger size of 2,600-3,000 teu (35-40,000 dwt), which includes both geared and gearless ships from a wide variety of shipyards. Nevertheless, approximately 50% of Handysize container ships remain active in their traditional trading areas of Latin America, Africa and, to a lesser extent, Australasia.

In the smaller ship segments, there has been little pressure on Chinese yards for upsizing beyond the 1,200 teu mark with respect to particular marketing standard designs. Not many ships are being built in the traditional 1,300-1,700 teu range.

In the Feeder sector, interest remains evenly spread among vessels slightly less than and more than the 900 teu threshold. New vessel ordering has been underpinned by significant replacement demand.

### **The Charter Market**

As liner shipowners have increased their reliance on chartered in tonnage, the charter market has matured and become more liquid. This has fostered the development of a new breed of shipowners called charter or tramp shipowners who rely on the charter market to find ongoing employment for their vessels. Indeed, charter shipowners have increased their share of the fleet in recent years and have been responsible for a substantial share of investment in container ship contracting.

The vast majority of the charter market is focused on container ships of 4,500 teu or less, and the large majority of charter market activity in this sector is the time charter business, with charter periods ranging from several months to three years or more. However, in other instances, and generally in the case of larger Panamax and Post-Panamax container ships, the charter shipowner orders a container ship newbuilding at a shipyard and then charters it out to one of the major liner companies on a long-term time charter for a period of up to 10 or 12 years or more in duration.

### ***Time Charter Rate Development***

As can be seen from the index below, there was significant upward movement in time charter rates from the beginning of 2002 until mid-2005. Increases in global container trade initiated this upward market movement. The index below represents a weighted average of charter rates for vessels between 250 and 4,000 teu, with vessels across this spectrum generally moving in unison.

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(1) As of September 1, 2006

Source: Howe Robinson

This index does not cover post Panamax vessels, which are not yet a feature of the charter market. Large post Panamaxes are ordered against a specific long term time charter and assessments for standard deals cannot generally be meaningfully tracked.

(1) As of September 1, 2006

In line with rising charter rates, the average charter period also escalated rapidly through 2003 to early 2005, tripling from 11 months in January 2004 to over 33 months approximately 2 years later. The average period collapsed to approximately 11 months by the end of 2005 and, after a turbulent 2006, around 16 by the end of August 2006.

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## **The Newbuilding Market**

Demand for new container ships has increased in recent years and, because the supply of shipbuilding capacity has been relatively tight, the newbuilding price for benchmark handysize ships has risen rapidly from approximately \$22.0 million for a 1,600 teu vessel at the beginning of 2003 to approximately \$40.0 million by the middle of 2005. This number then declined slightly to the end of November 2005, and almost regained its peak by the end of August 2006. A similar pattern is evident for other vessel categories but price variations have been less pronounced for the Panamax and Post-Panamax categories where the effects of more limited shipyard capacity combined with a period of intense demand have been overwhelmed by the benefits of economies of scale. Equivalent price moves for a representative 6,000 teu vessel show contract prices escalating from around \$60.0 million in January 2003 to around \$95.0 million in July 2005. After dipping at the end of 2005, a renewed surge in ordering in the middle of 2006 has recently pushed contracting prices up to \$100.0 million.

(1) As of September 1, 2006

Despite this volatile charter market, shipowners continue to order vessels. What is significant about the container market and separates it from other sectors is the commitment to growth demonstrated by the top 20 players, with almost all operators participating in an orderbook that stands at just over 2.0 million teu.



### **The Secondhand Sale & Purchase Market**

Growth in the charter market has helped to increase liquidity in the sale and purchase of secondhand container ships. Not only are liner companies now more willing to charter in newbuildings on long term charters but they have begun to consider acquisitions in the secondhand market as well.

After doubling in a three year period from 1991 to 1994, resale activity levels fluctuated between 60-120 units over the following 7 years before exploding to over 200 units in line with charter market strength. Liquidity is much greater for small and medium-sized container ships than for large vessels. For instance, 3,000+ teu vessels have constituted roughly 25% of the resale market in the last 5 years but these figures include time charter back provisions whereby the liner company sells the vessel and arranges a time charter of the buyer in order to remove the asset from its balance sheet.

In the first 8 months of 2006, the resale market has outperformed the previous year in teu terms but the share of orders by size ranges highlights continued volatility, although there is no denying the strong upward trend.

Developments in secondhand prices are plotted below. It is worth noting that values are highly correlated for 5, 10 and 15 year old benchmark vessels of 1,500 teu throughout any cycle. Similar behavior is evident from other vessel sizes as well.

### **Container Ship Secondhand Price Development**

(1) As of September 1, 2006

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## BUSINESS

### General

We are a Marshall Islands company incorporated in May 2005. We are a provider of worldwide ocean-going transportation services. We own and operate drybulk carriers that transport major bulks such as iron ore, coal and grains, and minor bulks such as bauxite, phosphate and fertilizers. We also own and operate container ships and multipurpose vessels that transport dry and refrigerated containerized cargoes, mainly including manufactured products and perishables.

As of November 15, 2006, our fleet consisted of nine vessels, including two Panamax drybulk carriers, two Handysize drybulk carriers, four container ships and one multipurpose vessel with an average fleet age of approximately 18 years. The total cargo carrying capacity of our four drybulk carriers and our four container ships is 207,464 dwt and 6,235 teu, respectively. Our multipurpose vessel can carry 22,568 dwt or 950 teu, or a combination thereof.

Our drybulk carriers transport major bulk cargoes (such as grain, coal, iron-ore and steel products) and minor bulk cargoes (such as bauxite, phosphate and sugar) along worldwide shipping routes. Our container ships and multipurpose vessel transport containerized dry and refrigerated cargoes, mainly including manufactured products and perishables and operate along different shipping routes depending on their size. Our container ships generally operate along inter-regional trade routes between Northern Europe and the Mediterranean Sea, the United States and Europe, the Black Sea, the Persian Gulf and Southeast Asia or serve as feeder vessels that transport cargoes between hub ports (where larger vessels call) and smaller ports in the same geographic region. None of our vessels operates in areas where European Union, United States or United Nations sanctions have been imposed or in areas that are not covered by our insurance.

## Our Fleet

Since August 2005, as part of our fleet growth and renewal strategy, we purchased four vessels with an average age of 15 years for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$82.5 million. During the same period of time, we sold two of our oldest drybulk carriers with an average age of 25 years, thus significantly reducing the average age of our fleet. We sold these two drybulk carriers for an aggregate sales price of approximately \$9.6 million, realizing a net gain of approximately \$4.5 million.

Our objective is to expand our fleet with selective acquisitions of cargo carrying vessels. In furtherance of our objective, on October 12, 2006, we contracted to acquire a 1,599 teu, 1993-built container ship, m/v *YM Xingang I*. We took delivery of this container ship on November 15, 2006. The vessel was purchased with a charter to Yang Ming at the gross charter rate of \$26,650 which expires in July/September 2009.

As of November 15, 2006, the profile and employment of our fleet was the following:

Name	Type	DWT	TEU	Year Built	Employment	TCE Rate (\$ per day)
<b><u>Drybulk Carriers</u></b>						
ARISTIDES N.P.	Panamax	69,268	—	1993	Spot Charter until Jan. 2007	\$ 26,000
IRINI	Panamax	69,734	—	1988	Baumarine Pool until end 2008	\$ 17,000 to \$20,000 (*)
NIKOLAOS P.	Handysize	34,750	—	1984	Spot Charter until Nov. 2006	\$ 14,000
ARIEL	Handysize	33,712	—	1977	Spot Charter until Dec. 2006	\$ 12,150
<b>Total Drybulk Carriers</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>207,464</b>				
<b><u>Container Ships</u></b>						
YM XINGANG I	Handysize	23,596	1,599	1993	Period Charter until July 2009	\$ 26,650
KUO HSIUNG	Feeder	18,154	1,269	1993	Period Charter until Nov. 2007	\$ 16,000 until Nov. 2006; \$ 12,000 until Nov. 2007
YM QINGDAO I	Feeder	18,253	1,269	1990	Period Charter until Mar. 2007	\$ 11,900
ARTEMIS	Intermediate	29,693	2,098	1987		\$ 19,000

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<b>Total Container Ships</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>89,696</b>	<b>6,235</b>
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**Multipurpose Vessels**

						8,850 until \$ Dec. 2008;
					Period	9,950 until
TASMAN					Charter	\$ Dec. 2010;
TRADER	Multipurpose	22,568	950	1990	until Mar. 2012	9,000 until \$ Mar. 2012
<b>Total Multipurpose Vessels</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22,568</b>	<b>950</b>			
<b>TOTAL FLEET</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>319,728</b>	<b>7,185</b>			

(\*) Our subsidiary that owns m/v *Irini*, participates in three short funds (contracts of affreightment to carry cargo) that provide an effective coverage of 102% in 2006, 77% in 2007 and 42% in 2008. The combination of the short funds and shipping pool employment secures the stated rate for the respective percentages for each year. For the remaining portion of 2007 and 2008, the vessel will effectively earn the spot rate through its employment in the shipping pool.

**Shipping Pool**

Our subsidiary that owns m/v *Irini* participates in the Klaveness' Baumarine spot shipping pool, a panamax shipping pool, the earnings of which largely follow the spot market. m/v *Irini* participates in the shipping pool's revenues on the basis of "pool points" that she was assigned when she joined the shipping pool and that reflect her technical specifications. At the same time, such subsidiary participates in three "short panamax funds" also managed by Klaveness. A short fund is a collection of one or more contracts of affreightment (COA). A COA relates to the carriage of multiple cargoes over the same route and enables the COA holder to nominate different ships to perform the individual sailings. Essentially it constitutes a number of voyage charters to carry a specified amount of cargo, at a fixed price per ton during the term of the COA. Participants in a short fund undertake the financial obligations under the COAs that belong to the fund. In turn, the fund's manager, Klaveness, fulfills the contractual obligations under the COAs by chartering vessels from the spot market or using vessels from the shipping pool, for which it pays the then prevailing spot rate, to carry the underlying cargoes. If the cost of chartering these vessels from the spot market is less than the contractual rate per ton under the COAs, then the short fund earns the difference. Conversely, if the cost of chartering these vessels from the spot market is higher than the contractual rate per ton under the COAs, then the short fund pays the difference. Every month Klaveness makes a payment to our subsidiary that owns m/v *Irini* by calculating the earnings of m/v *Irini* from the Baumarine shipping pool and adding the earnings or subtracting the losses from the participation of such subsidiary in the short funds. Thus, for all practical purposes the subsidiary's revenue is fixed for the percentage of the ship that is covered by the participation in the short funds. The subsidiary will earn the spot market rate via m/v *Irini*'s participation in the Baumarine shipping pool, will pay the equivalent of a spot market vessel cost to fulfill its share of the COAs and will receive its share of the COA revenue.

We believe the daily time charter equivalent earnings of the m/v *Irini* to be fixed as if the vessel was on a period charter with daily charter hire which we currently estimate will range from \$17,000 to \$20,000 per day for the vessel percentage covered by the short funds. Our effective coverage for 2006 amounts to 102% of m/v *Irini*, which means that we have contracted to cover 2% more than the capacity of m/v *Irini*, or approximately the equivalent of an additional seven days of capacity for such vessel. We would have to, via the short fund, secure a charter for this capacity in the spot market. If the rate we pay for this capacity is lower than the rate the short fund receives, we will have a gain; otherwise we will have a loss on these extra seven days.





## Management of Our Fleet

The operations of our vessels are managed by Eurobulk, an affiliated ship management company, under a master management agreement with us and separate management agreements with each shipowning company. Eurobulk was founded in 1994 by members of the Pittas family and is a reputable ship management company with strong industry relationships and experience in managing vessels. Under our master management agreement, Eurobulk is responsible for providing us with executive services and commercial management services, which include obtaining employment for our vessels and managing our relationships with charterers. Eurobulk also performs technical management services, which include managing day-to-day vessel operations, performing general vessel maintenance, ensuring regulatory and classification society compliance, supervising the maintenance and general efficiency of vessels, arranging our hire of qualified officers and crew, arranging and supervising dry docking and repairs, arranging insurance for vessels, purchasing stores, supplies, spares and new equipment for vessels, appointing supervisors and technical consultants and providing technical support and shoreside personnel who carry out the management functions described above and certain accounting services. Eurobulk also currently manages one other vessel not owned by us.

Our master management agreement with Eurobulk is effective as of October 1, 2006 and has an initial term of 5 years until September 30, 2011. The master management agreement cannot be terminated by Eurobulk without cause or under the other limited circumstances, such as sale of the Company or Eurobulk or the bankruptcy of either party. This master management agreement will automatically be extended after the initial period for an additional five year period unless terminated on or before the 90<sup>th</sup> day preceding the initial termination date. Pursuant to the master management agreement, each new vessel we acquire in the future will enter into a separate five year management agreement with Eurobulk. In addition, upon expiration of the current ship management agreements between Eurobulk and each vessel-owning subsidiary, such subsidiaries will enter into new ship management agreements with Eurobulk that terminate contemporaneously with the master management agreement.

## Our Competitive Strengths

We believe that we possess the following competitive strengths:

- *Experienced Management Team.* Our management team has significant experience in all aspects of commercial, technical, operational and financial areas of our business. Aristides J. Pittas, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer holds a dual graduate degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Ocean Systems Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has worked in various technical, shipyard and ship management capacities and since 1991 has focused in the ownership and operation of vessels carrying dry cargoes. Dr. Anastasios Aslidis, our Chief Financial Officer, holds a Ph.D. in Ocean Systems Management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has over 18 years of experience, primarily as a partner at a Boston based international consulting firm focusing on investment and risk management in the maritime industry. We believe their combined experience, among other things, enables us to identify attractive purchase and sale opportunities and efficiently manage the commercial, technical and financial aspects of our business.
- *Cost Effective Vessel Operations.* We believe that because of the efficiencies afforded to us through Eurobulk, the strength of our management team and the quality of our fleet, we are, and will continue to be, a reliable, low cost vessel operator, and without compromising our high standards of performance, reliability and safety. Despite the average age of our fleet being approximately 18 years, our total vessel operating expenses, including management fees and general and administrative expenses were \$4,511 per day for the six month period ended June 30, 2006. We consider this amount to be among the lowest of the publicly listed drybulk shipping companies in the U.S. Our technical and operating expertise allows us to efficiently manage and transport a wide range of cargoes with a flexible trade route profile, which helps reduce ballast time between voyages and minimize off-hire days. Our professional, well-trained masters, officers and on board crews further help us to control costs and ensure consistent

vessel operating performance. We actively manage our fleet and strive to maximize utilization and minimize maintenance expenditures. For the six month period ended June 30, 2006, our fleet utilization was 99.9% and our vessels had only two unscheduled off-hire days.

*·Strong Relationships with Customers and Financial Institutions.* We believe Eurobulk and the Pittas family have developed strong industry relationships and have gained acceptance with charterers, lenders and insurers because of their long-standing reputation for safe and reliable service and financial responsibility through various shipping cycles. Through Eurobulk, we offer reliable service and cargo carrying flexibility that enables us to attract customers and obtain repeat business. We also believe that the established customer base and reputation of Eurobulk and the Pittas family helps us to secure favorable employment for our vessels with well known charterers.

## **Our Business Strategy**

Our business strategy is focused on providing consistent shareholder returns by carefully timing and the structuring acquisitions of drybulk carriers and container ships and by reliably, safely and competitively operating our vessels through Eurobulk. We continuously evaluate purchase and sale opportunities, as well as long term employment opportunities for our vessels. Additionally, with the proceeds from this offering, we plan to expand our fleet to increase our revenues and earnings and make our drybulk carrier and container ship fleet more cost efficient and attractive to our customers. We believe the following describe our business strategy:

*·Renew and Expand our Fleet.* We expect to grow our fleet in a disciplined manner through timely and selective acquisitions of quality vessels. We perform in-depth technical review and financial analysis of each potential acquisition and only purchase vessels as market conditions and developments present themselves. We will be initially focused on purchasing well-maintained, secondhand vessels, which should provide a significant value proposition given the strong charter rates that exist currently. However, we will also consider purchasing younger vessels or newbuildings if the value proposition exists at the time. Furthermore, as part of our fleet renewal, we will continue to sell certain vessels when we believe it is in the best interests of the Company and our shareholders.

*·Maintain Balanced Employment.* We intend to strategically employ our fleet between period and spot charters. We actively pursue period charters to obtain adequate cash flow to cover our fleet's fixed costs, consisting of vessel operating expenses, management fees, general and administrative expenses, interest expense and drydocking costs for the upcoming 12-month period. We look to deploy the remainder of our fleet through period charters, spot charters, shipping pools or contracts of affreightment depending on our view of the direction of the markets and other tactical or strategic considerations. We believe this balanced employment strategy will provide us with more predictable operating cash flows and sufficient downside protection, while allowing us to participate in the potential upside of the spot market during periods of rising charter rates. On the basis of our existing contracts, our current period charter coverage for the fourth quarter of 2006 is 76.5% and 56.5% for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2007, which will help protect us from market fluctuations, enable us to make significant principal and interest payments on our debt and pay dividends to our shareholders.

*·Operate a Fleet in Two Sectors.* While remaining focused on the dry cargo segment of the shipping industry, we intend to continue to develop a diversified fleet of drybulk carriers and container ships of up to Panamax size. A diversified drybulk fleet profile will allow us to better serve our customers in both major and minor bulk trades, as well as to reduce any dependency on any one cargo, trade route or customer. We will remain focused on the smaller size ship segment of the container market, which has not experienced the same level of expansion in vessel supply that has occurred with larger container ships. A diversified fleet, in addition to enhancing the stability of our cash flows, will also help us to reduce our exposure to unfavorable developments in any one shipping sector and to benefit from upswings in any one shipping sector experiencing rising charter rates.

*Optimize Use of Financial Leverage.* We will use bank debt to partly fund our vessel acquisitions and increase financial returns for our shareholders. We actively assess the level of debt we incur in light of our ability to repay that debt based on the level of cash flow generated from our balanced chartering strategy and efficient operating cost structure. Our debt repayment schedule as of September 30, 2006 calls for a reduction of more than 50% of our then outstanding debt by the end of 2008. We expect this will increase our ability to borrow funds to make additional vessel acquisitions to grow our fleet and pay consistent and possibly higher dividends to our shareholders.

## **Vessel Employment**

We strategically employ our fleet between period and spot charters. We actively pursue period charters to obtain adequate cash flow to cover our fleet's fixed costs, consisting of vessel operating expenses, management fees, general and administrative expenses, interest expense and drydocking costs for the upcoming 12-month period. We look to deploy the remainder of our fleet through period charters, spot charters, shipping pools or contracts of affreightment depending on our view of the direction of the markets and other tactical or strategic considerations. Presently, six of our vessels are employed under period charters that provide relatively steady streams of revenue, including m/v *Irini* which is employed in the Klaveness run Baumarine shipping pool, and one of our vessels is under a spot charter. The shipowning company of m/v *Irini* also participates in three short funds managed by Klaveness. We believe this balanced employment strategy provides us with more predictable operating cash flows and sufficient downside protection, while allowing us to participate in the potential upside of the spot market during periods of rising charter rates.

We strategically monitor developments in the shipping industry on a regular basis and, subject to market demand, negotiate the charterhire periods for our vessels according to prevailing market conditions and our expectations of future market conditions. As at November 15, 2006, six of our nine vessels were employed on period charters with remaining terms (based on latest expiration dates) of between three and 63 months, providing us with an average period charter coverage of approximately 1.5 years at an average charter rate of approximately \$15,800 per day per vessel. However, in the future, depending on market conditions, we may consider reducing the length of our charters to take advantage of the benefits of shorter term vessel employment. We expect that the charter periods for our vessels will generally be longer under charters that are entered into during periods of relatively favorable market conditions and shorter under charters that are entered into during periods of relatively less favorable market conditions. We seek to enter into charters with customers who we believe are blue-chip customers thereby minimizing the risk of default by our charterers. We also fix charters in order to manage our exposure to a particular vessel. We also try to choose charterers depending on the type of product they want to carry and the jurisdictions in which they want to trade.

A voyage charter is a contract to carry a specific cargo for a per ton carry amount. Under voyage charters, we pay voyage expenses such as port, canal and fuel costs. A time charter is a contract to charter a vessel for an agreed period of time at a set daily rate. Under time charters, the charterer pays these voyage expenses. A spot charter is a voyage charter or a time charter that is fixed for just one trip. A longer term time charter is called a period charter. A shipping pool contract is essentially a period charter with a floating charter rate that generally follows the spot market, if the shipping pool employs the vessels exclusively under spot charters, or fluctuates according to the average charter hire achieved by the pool from a combination of spot charters, time charters and contracts of affreightment. The actual charter hire the vessel in a shipping pool receives is its corresponding share of all the income generated by all vessels that participate in the shipping pool. A short fund comprises of one or more contracts of affreightment ("COA"). These are contracts secured by the shipping pool manager for carrying some specific types and quantities of cargo over a fixed time horizon at a fixed rate per ton of cargo carried. The combined effect of having a vessel in a spot shipping pool and securing COA's can be equivalent to establishing a long term period charter.

Under all types of charters, we will pay for vessel operating expenses, which include crew costs, provisions, deck and engine stores, lubricating oil, insurance, maintenance and repairs. We are also responsible for each vessel's

intermediate drydocking and special survey costs.

Vessels operating on period charter provide more predictable cash flows, but can yield lower profit margins than vessels operating in the spot market during periods characterized by favorable market conditions. Vessels operating in the spot market generate revenues that are less predictable but may enable us to increase profit margins during periods of improvements in charter rates. However, we would then be exposed to the risk of declining charter rates, which may be higher or lower than the rates at which we chartered our vessels. Although we do not presently do so, we may in the future enter into freight forward agreements in order to hedge our exposure to market volatility. We are constantly evaluating opportunities for period charters, but only expects to enter into additional period charters if we can obtain contract terms that satisfy our criteria.

In connection with the arrangement of a charter, we generally pay brokerage commissions calculated as a percentage of the daily charter hire rate to Eurochart, an affiliated brokering company who negotiates the terms of the charters based on market conditions, and to brokers associated with the charterer, as well as address commissions to the charterer. The total amount of these commissions historically has varied between 1.25% and 6.25% of the daily charter hire rate payable under the charter depending on the number of brokers involved in the transaction and the address commissions.

### *International Operations*

Our vessels trade worldwide and at times may need to trade to areas where there is an increased risk of civil conflict, war or war-like operations. However, our vessels are at all times covered by war risk insurance and, in case a decision is taken to sail to a perceived higher risk area, an additional war risk premium might be payable by us. Our vessels do not trade to any port sanctioned by the United Nations and we have never experienced any significant problem due to its worldwide trading pattern.

While two of our container ships operate in the Far East, m/v *Artemis* has extended our container ship operations to Western Europe and the United States. Specifically, our four container ships are on regular lines calling the following ports:

- *Vessel m/v YM Xingang I*: Indonesia, Philippines, Hong Kong, China
- *Vessel m/v YM Qingdao I*: Japan (Tokyo, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama), Taiwan (Kaohsiung, Keelung, Taichung), Hong Kong, China (Tianjin, Dalian), Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)
- *Vessel m/v Kuo Hsiung*: Japan (Tokyo, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama), Taiwan (Kaohsiung, Keelung, Taichung), Hong Kong, Thailand (Bangkok, Laem Chabang)
- *Vessel m/v Artemis*: Belgium (Antwerp), Germany (Hamburg), England (Liverpool), United States (New York, Norfolk, Savannah, Miami)

The four drybulk carriers also trade worldwide. Most frequent ports of call by region are as follows:

- *Far East*: all major Chinese ports, Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia (various ports), Malaysia (Port Kelang), Bangladesh, all major Indian ports, Philippines (Manila)
- *Australia*: Newcastle, Port Lincoln
- *Middle East*: UAE (Dubai, Fujairah), Saudi Arabia, Jordan (Aqaba), Turkey (Eregli, Istanbul, Izmir)
- *Europe*: all seaport nations, mostly Italy, Spain, France, Greece, UK, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Scandinavian countries, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, etc.
- *Africa*: South Africa, Egypt, Morocco.

Our multi-purpose vessel trades in the following ports:

New Zealand (Auckland, New Plymouth, Wellington, Timaru, Bluff, Nelson, Tauranga), Taiwan (Keelung, Taichung, Kaohsiung), Hong Kong, China (Mawan), Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh), Thailand (Sri Racha) and Singapore.





## **Our Customers**

Our major charterer customers during the last three years include Klaveness (Bulkhandling and Baumarine shipping pools), Cheng Lie, Swiss Marine, Hamburg Bulk Carriers, Phoenix, Yang Ming Lines and Italia Maritima. We are a relationship driven company, and our top five customers for the six month period ended June 30, 2006 include three of our top five customers from 2005 (Cheng Lie, Yang Ming Lines and Klaveness). Our top five customers accounted for approximately 58% of our total revenues for the six month period ended June 2006, 65% of our total revenues in 2005, 68% of our total revenues for 2004 and 54% of our total revenues for 2003. Our three largest customers, Cheng Lie, Klaveness and Yang Ming Lines accounted for 26.85%, 17.48% and 12.32% of our total revenues, respectively, for the year ended 2005. For the six month period ended June 30, 2006, Italia Maritima, Klaveness, Cheng Lie and Yang Ming Lines accounted for 16.96%, 16.63%, 12.44% and 10.59% of our total revenues, respectively.

## **Our Employees**

We have no direct employees. The services of our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary are provided and paid for by Eurobulk under our master management agreement with Eurobulk.

Our subsidiary shipowning companies recruit through Eurobulk either directly or through a crewing agent, the senior officers and all other crew members for our vessels. Eurobulk currently has 25 employees.

We crew our vessels primarily with Greek Masters and Filipino or Ukrainian officers and seamen. Eurobulk is responsible for identifying and recruiting officers and seamen and its fee for this service is included in its daily management fee. Our Filipino officers and seamen are currently referred to us by More Maritime, a company based in Manila-Philippines and affiliated to the Pittas family. Our Ukrainian officers and seamen are currently referred to us by Epsilon, an independent crewing agency. The crewing agencies handle each seaman's training, travel and payroll. We ensure that all our seamen have the qualifications and licenses required to comply with international regulations and shipping conventions. Additionally, our seafaring employees perform most commissioning work and supervise work at shipyards, subcontractors and drydock facilities. We typically man our vessels with more crew members than is required by the country of the vessel's flag in order to allow for the performance of routine maintenance duties.

## **Our Property**

We do not at the present time own or lease any real property. As part of the management services provided by Eurobulk during the period in which we conducted business to date, we have shared, at no additional cost, offices with Eurobulk. We do not have current plans to lease or purchase space for our offices, although we may do so in the future.

## **Our Competitors**

We operate in markets that are highly competitive and based primarily on supply and demand. We compete for charters on the basis of price, vessel location, size, age and condition of the vessel, as well as on our reputation. Eurobulk arranges our charters (whether spot charters, period charters or shipping pools) through the use of Eurochart, an affiliated brokering company who negotiates the terms of the charters based on market conditions. We compete primarily with other shipowners of drybulk carriers in the Handysize, Handymax and Panamax drybulk carrier sectors and the container ship sector. Ownership of drybulk carriers and container ships is highly fragmented and is divided among state controlled and independent shipowners. Some of our publicly listed competitors include Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX), DryShips Inc. (NASDAQ: DRYS), Excel Maritime Carriers Ltd. (NYSE: EXM), Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (NASDAQ: EGLE), Genco Shipping and Trading Limited (NASDAQ: GSTL), Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. (NASDAQ: BULK), Quintana Maritime Limited (NASDAQ: QMAR), Danaos Corporation (NYSE: DAC) and Goldenport Holdings Inc. (LSE: GPRT).



## **Seasonality**

Coal, iron ore and grains, which are the major bulks of the drybulk shipping industry, are somewhat seasonal in nature. The energy markets primarily affect the demand for coal, with increases during hot summer periods when air conditioning and refrigeration require more electricity and towards the end of the calendar year in anticipation of the forthcoming winter period. The demand for iron ore tends to decline in the summer months because many of the major steel users, such as automobile makers, reduce their level of production significantly during the summer holidays. Grains are completely seasonal as they are driven by the harvest within a climate zone. Because three of the five largest grain producers (the United States of America, Canada and the European Union) are located in the northern hemisphere and the other two (Argentina and Australia) are located in the southern hemisphere, harvests occur throughout the year and grains require drybulk shipping accordingly.

The container ship industry seasonal trends are driven by the import patterns of manufactured goods and refrigerated cargoes by the major importers, such as the United States, Europe, Japan and others. The volume of containerized trade is usually higher in the fall in preparation for the holiday season. During this period of time, container shipping rates are higher and, as a result, the charter rates for container ships are higher. However, fluctuations due to seasonality in the container shipping industry are much less pronounced than in the drybulk shipping industry.

## **Environmental and Other Regulations**

Government regulation significantly affects the ownership and operation of our vessels. Our vessels are subject to international conventions and national, state and local laws and regulations in force in the countries in which our vessels may operate or are registered.

A variety of governmental and private entities subject our vessels to both scheduled and unscheduled inspections. These entities include the local port authorities (U.S. Coast Guard, harbor master or equivalent), classification societies, flag state administration (country of registry) and charterers. Certain of these entities require us to obtain permits, licenses and certificates for the operation of our vessels. Failure to maintain necessary permits or approvals could require us to incur substantial costs or temporarily suspend operation of one or more of our vessels.

We believe that the heightened level of environmental and quality concerns among insurance underwriters, regulators and charterers is leading to greater inspection and safety requirements on all vessels and may accelerate the scrapping of older vessels throughout the industry. Increasing environmental concerns have created a demand for vessels that conform to the stricter environmental standards. We are required to maintain operating standards for all of our vessels that will emphasize operational safety, quality maintenance, continuous training of our officers and crews and compliance with U.S. and international regulations. We believe that the operation of our vessels is in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations; however, because such laws and regulations are frequently changed and may impose increasingly stricter requirements, such future requirements may limit our ability to do business, increase our operating costs, force the early retirement of our vessels, and/or affect their resale value, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Environmental Regulation — International Maritime Organization (“IMO”)***

The IMO has negotiated international conventions that impose liability for oil pollution in international waters and a signatory's territorial waters. In September 1997, the IMO adopted Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships to address air pollution from ships. Annex VI was ratified in May 2004, and became effective in May 2005. Annex VI sets limits on sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from ship exhausts and prohibits deliberate emissions of ozone depleting substances, such as chlorofluorocarbons. Annex VI also includes a global cap on the sulfur content of fuel oil and allows for special areas to be established with more stringent controls on sulfur emissions. We had developed a plan to comply with the Annex VI regulations, which became

effective once Annex VI became effective. Additional or new conventions, laws and regulations may be adopted that could adversely affect our ability to operate our ships.

The operation of our vessels is also affected by the requirements set forth in the ISM Code. The ISM Code requires shipowners and bareboat charterers to develop and maintain an extensive “Safety Management System” that includes the adoption of a safety and environmental protection policy setting forth instructions and procedures for safe operation and describing procedures for dealing with emergencies. The failure of a shipowner or management company to comply with the ISM Code may subject such party to increased liability, may decrease available insurance coverage for the affected vessels, and may result in a denial of access to, or detention in, certain ports. Currently, each of our vessels is ISM Code-certified. However, there can be no assurance that such certification will be maintained indefinitely.

***Environmental Regulations — The United States of America Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (“OPA”)***

OPA established an extensive regulatory and liability regime for the protection and cleanup of the environment from oil spills. OPA affects all shipowners and operators whose vessels trade in the United States of America, its territories and possessions or whose vessels operate in waters of the United States of America, which includes the United States’ territorial sea of the United States of America and its 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone.

Under OPA, vessel owners, operators, charterers and management companies are “responsible parties” and are jointly, severally and strictly liable (unless the spill results solely from the act or omission of a third party, an act of God or an act of war) for all containment and clean-up costs and other damages arising from discharges or threatened discharges of oil from their vessels, including bunkers (fuel).

OPA was amended in 2006 to increase the limits of the liability of responsible parties for non-tank vessels to the greater of \$950 per gross ton or \$800,000 (subject to possible adjustment for inflation). These limits of liability do not apply if an incident was directly caused by violation of applicable United States federal safety, construction or operating regulations or by a responsible party’s gross negligence or willful misconduct, or if the responsible party fails or refuses to report the incident or to cooperate and assist in connection with oil removal activities.

We currently maintain for each of our vessels pollution liability coverage insurance in the amount of \$1 billion per incident. If the damages from a catastrophic pollution liability incident exceed our insurance coverage, the payment of those damages may materially decrease our net income.

OPA requires shipowners and operators of vessels to establish and maintain with the United States Coast Guard evidence of financial responsibility sufficient to meet their potential liabilities under OPA. In December 1994, the Coast Guard implemented regulations requiring evidence of financial responsibility for non-tank vessels in the amount of \$900 per gross ton, which includes the OPA limitation on liability of \$600 per gross ton and the U.S. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act liability limit of \$300 per gross ton. We expect that the Coast Guard will increase the amount of financial responsibility to reflect the 2006 increase in liability under OPA. Under the regulations, vessel owners and operators may evidence their financial responsibility by showing proof of insurance, surety bond, self-insurance, or guaranty.

OPA specifically permits individual states to impose their own liability regimes with regard to oil pollution incidents occurring within their boundaries, and some states have enacted legislation providing for unlimited liability for oil spills. In some cases, states, which have enacted such legislation, have not yet issued implementing regulations defining vessels owners’ responsibilities under these laws. We currently comply, and intends to comply in the future, with all applicable state regulations in the ports where our vessels call.

***Environmental Regulation - The United States of America Clean Water Act***

The U.S. Clean Water Act, or CWA, prohibits the discharge of oil or hazardous substances in navigable waters and imposes strict liability in the form of penalties for any unauthorized discharges. The CWA also imposes substantial liability for the costs of removal, remediation and damages and compliments the remedies available under OPA and CERCLA.

Currently, under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, regulations that have been in place since 1978, vessels are exempt from the requirement to obtain CWA permits for the discharge in U.S. ports of ballast water and other substances incidental to the normal operation of vessels. However, on March 30, 2005, the United States District Court for the Northern District of California ruled in *Northwest Environmental Advocate v. EPA*, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 5373, that EPA exceeded its authority in creating an exemption for ballast water. On September 18, 2006, the court issued an order granting permanent injunctive relief to the plaintiffs, invalidating the blanket exemption in EPA’s

regulations for all discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel as of September 30, 2008, and directing EPA to develop a system for regulating all discharges from vessels by that date. Under the Court's ruling, shipowners and operators of vessels visiting U.S. ports would be required to comply with the CWA permitting program to be developed by EPA or face penalties. Although EPA will likely appeal this decision, if the court's order is ultimately upheld, we will incur certain costs to obtain CWA permits for our vessels.

***Environmental Regulation - Other Environmental Initiatives***

The European Union is considering legislation that will affect the operation of vessels and the liability of shipowners for oil pollution. It is difficult to predict what legislation, if any, may be promulgated by the European Union or any other country or authority.

The U.S. National Invasive Species Act, or NISA, was enacted in 1996 in response to growing reports of harmful organisms being released into U.S. ports through ballast water taken on by ships in foreign ports. Under NISA, the U.S. Coast Guard adopted regulations in July 2004 imposing mandatory ballast water management practices for all vessels equipped with ballast water tanks entering U.S. waters. These requirements can be met by performing mid-ocean ballast exchange, by retaining ballast water on board the ship, or by using environmentally sound alternative ballast water management methods approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. (However, mid-ocean ballast exchange is mandatory for ships heading to the Great Lakes or Hudson Bay, or vessels engaged in the foreign export of Alaskan North Slope crude oil.) Mid-ocean ballast exchange is the primary method for compliance with the Coast Guard regulations, since holding ballast water can prevent ships from performing cargo operations upon arrival in the United States, and alternative methods are still under development. Vessels that are unable to conduct mid-ocean ballast exchange due to voyage or safety concerns may discharge minimum amounts of ballast water (in areas other than the Great Lakes and the Hudson River), provided that they comply with recordkeeping requirements and document the reasons they could not follow the required ballast water management requirements. The Coast Guard is developing a proposal to establish ballast water discharge standards, which could set maximum acceptable discharge limits for various invasive species, and/or lead to requirements for active treatment of ballast water.

At the international level, the IMO adopted an International Convention for the control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments in February 2004 (the "BWM Convention"). The Convention's implementing regulations call for a phased introduction of mandatory ballast water exchange requirements (beginning in 2009), to be replaced in time with mandatory concentration limits. The BWM Convention will not enter into force until 12 months after it has been adopted by 30 states, the combined merchant fleets of which represent not less than 35% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

***Vessel Security Regulations***

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, there have been a variety of initiatives intended to enhance vessel security. On November 25, 2002, the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 ("MTSA"), came into effect. To implement certain portions of the MTSA, in July 2003, the U.S. Coast Guard issued regulations requiring the implementation of certain security requirements aboard vessels operating in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States of America. Similarly, in December 2002, amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea ("SOLAS") created a new chapter of the convention dealing specifically with maritime security. The new chapter went into effect in July 2004, and imposes various detailed security obligations on vessels and port authorities, most of which are contained in the newly created ISPS Code. Among the various requirements are:

- on-board installation of automatic information systems ("AIS"), to enhance vessel-to-vessel and vessel-to-shore communications;
- on-board installation of ship security alert systems;

the development of vessel security plans; and  
 compliance with flag state security certification requirements.

The U.S. Coast Guard regulations, intended to align with international maritime security standards, exempt non-U.S. vessels from MTSA vessel security measures provided such vessels have on board, by July 1, 2004, a valid International Ship Security Certificate (“ISSC”) that attests to the vessel’s compliance with SOLAS security requirements and the ISPS Code. Our vessels are in compliance with the various security measures addressed by the MTSA, SOLAS and the ISPS Code. We do not believe these additional requirements will have a material financial impact on our operations.

### *Inspection by Classification Societies*

The hull and machinery of every commercial vessel must be classed by a classification society authorized by its country of registry. The classification society certifies that a vessel is safe and seaworthy in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the country of registry of the vessel and SOLAS. Our vessels are currently classed with Lloyd’s Register of Shipping, Bureau Veritas and Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. ISM and International Ship and Port Facilities Security (“ISPS”) certification have been awarded by Bureau Veritas and the Panama Maritime Authority to our vessels and Eurobulk, our ship management company.

A vessel must undergo annual surveys, intermediate surveys, drydockings and special surveys. In lieu of a special survey, a vessel’s machinery may be on a continuous survey cycle, under which the machinery would be surveyed periodically over a five-year period. Every vessel is also required to be drydocked every two to three years for inspection of the underwater parts of such vessel. If any vessel does not maintain its class and/or fails any annual survey, intermediate survey, drydocking or special survey, the vessel will be unable to carry cargo between ports and will be unemployable and uninsurable which could cause us to be in violation of certain covenants in our loan agreements. Any such inability to carry cargo or be employed, or any such violation of covenants, could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

The following table lists the next drydocking and special survey for the vessels in our current fleet.

Vessel	Next	Type
TASMAN TRADER	February 2007	Drydocking
YM QUINGDAO I	April 2007	Drydocking
ARTEMIS	May 2007	Special Survey
ARIEL (1)	September 2007	Drydocking
YM XINGANG I (2)	December 2007	Drydocking
ARISTIDES N.P.	January 2008	Special Survey
KUO HSIUNG (3)	April 2008	Special Survey
IRINI	June 2008	Special Survey
NIKOLAOS P (3)	January 2009	Special Survey



(1) *m/v Ariel* will be 30 years old in 2007 and will be due for drydocking in September 2007. We will decide whether it will undergo drydocking for further trading, or be sold for scrap based on market conditions at the time.

(2) We expect to drydock the vessel during the first six months of 2007.

(3) *m/v Nikolaos P* and *m/v Kuo Hsiung* each underwent drydocking in 2006.

## **Risk of Loss and Liability Insurance**

### ***General***

The operation of any cargo vessel includes risks such as mechanical failure, physical damage, collision, property loss, cargo loss or damage and business interruption due to political circumstances in foreign countries, hostilities and labor strikes. In addition, there is always an inherent possibility of marine disaster, including oil spills and other environmental mishaps, and the liabilities arising from owning and operating vessels in international trade. OPA, which imposes virtually unlimited liability upon shipowners, operators and bareboat charterers of any vessel trading in the exclusive economic zone of the United States of America for certain oil pollution accidents in the United States of America, has made liability insurance more expensive for shipowners and operators trading in the United States of America market. While we believe that our present insurance coverage is adequate, not all risks can be insured, and there can be no guarantee that any specific claim will be paid, or that we will always be able to obtain adequate insurance coverage at reasonable rates.

### ***Hull and Machinery Insurance***

We procure hull and machinery insurance, protection and indemnity insurance, which includes environmental damage and pollution insurance and war risk insurance and FD&D insurance for our fleet. We do not maintain insurance against loss of hire, which covers business interruptions that result in the loss of use of a vessel.

### ***Protection and Indemnity Insurance***

Protection and indemnity insurance is provided by mutual protection and indemnity associations, or P&I Associations, which covers our third-party liabilities in connection with our shipping activities. This includes third-party liability and other related expenses of injury or death of crew, passengers and other third parties, loss or damage to cargo, claims arising from collisions with other vessels, damage to other third-party property, pollution arising from oil or other substances, and salvage, towing and other related costs, including wreck removal. Protection and indemnity insurance is a form of mutual indemnity insurance, extended by protection and indemnity mutual associations, or “clubs.”

Our current protection and indemnity insurance coverage for pollution is \$1 billion per vessel per incident. The 14 P&I Associations that comprise the International Group insure approximately 90% of the world’s commercial tonnage and have entered into a pooling agreement to reinsure each association’s liabilities. Our vessels are members of the UK Club. Each P&I Association has capped its exposure to this pooling agreement at \$4.5 billion. As a member of a P&I Association, which is a member of the International Group, we are subject to calls payable to the associations based on our claim records as well as the claim records of all other members of the individual associations and members of the shipping pool of P&I Associations comprising the International Group.

### **Legal Proceedings**

To our knowledge, there are no material legal proceedings to which we are a party or to which any of our properties are subject, other than routine litigation incidental to our business. In our opinion, the disposition of these lawsuits should not have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position and cash flows.

### **Exchange Controls**

Under Marshall Islands law, there are currently no restrictions on the export or import of capital, including foreign exchange controls or restrictions that affect the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments to non-resident holders of our shares.

## MANAGEMENT

The following sets forth the name and position of each of our directors and executive officers.

Name	Age	Position
Aristides J. Pittas	47	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer; Class A Director
Dr. Anastasios Aslidis	46	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Class A Director
Aristides P. Pittas	54	Vice Chairman; Class A Director
Stephania Karmiri	38	Secretary
Panagiotis Kyriakopoulos	45	Class B Director
George Skarvelis	45	Class B Director
George Taniskidis	45	Class C Director
Gerald Turner	58	Class C Director

*Aristides J. Pittas* has been a member of our Board of Directors and our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since our inception on May 5, 2005. Since 1997, Mr. Pittas has also been the President of Eurochart S.A., our affiliate. Eurochart is a shipbroking company specializing in chartering and selling and purchasing ships. Since 1997, Mr. Pittas has also been the President of Eurotrade, a ship operating company and our affiliate. Since January 1995, Mr. Pittas has been the President and Managing Director of Eurobulk, our affiliate. He resigned as Managing Director of Eurobulk in June 2005. Eurobulk is a ship management company that provides ocean transportation services. From September 1991 to December 1994, Mr. Pittas was the Vice President of Oceanbulk Maritime SA, a ship management company. From March 1990 to August 1991, Mr. Pittas served both as the Assistant to the General Manager and the Head of the Planning Department of Varnima International SA, a shipping company operating tanker vessels. From June 1987 until February 1990, Mr. Pittas was the head of the Central Planning department of Eleusis Shipyards S.A. From January 1987 to June 1987, Mr. Pittas served as Assistant to the General Manager of Chios Navigation Shipping Company in London, a company that provides ship management services. From December 1985 to January 1987, Mr. Pittas worked in the design department of Eleusis Shipyards S.A. where he focused on shipbuilding and ship repair. Mr. Pittas has a B.Sc. in Marine Engineering from University of Newcastle - Upon-Tyne and a MSc in both Ocean Systems Management and Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

*Dr. Anastasios Aslidis* has been our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and member of our Board of Directors since September 2005. Prior to joining Euroseas, Dr. Aslidis was a partner at Marsoft, an international consulting firm focusing on investment and risk management in the maritime industry. Dr. Aslidis has more than 18 years of experience in the maritime industry. Between 2003 and 2005, he worked on financial risk management methods for shipowners and banks lending to the maritime industry, especially as pertaining to compliance to the Basel II Capital Accords. He also served as consultant to the Boards of Directors of shipping companies (public and private) advising in strategy development, asset selection and investment timing. Between 1993 and 2003, as part of his tenure at Marsoft, he worked on various projects including development of portfolio and risk management methods for shipowners, establishment of investments funds and structuring private equity in the maritime industry and business development for Marsoft's services. Between 1989 and 1993, Dr. Aslidis worked on economic modeling of the offshore drilling industry and on the development of a trading support system for the drybulk shipping industry on behalf of a major European shipowner. Dr. Aslidis holds a diploma in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens (1983), M.S. in Ocean Systems Management (1984) and Operations Research (1987) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in Ocean Systems Management (1989) also from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

*Aristides P. Pittas* has been a member of our Board of Directors since our inception on May 5, 2005 and our Vice Chairman since September 1, 2005. Mr. Pittas has been a shareholder in over 70 oceangoing vessels during the last 20 years. Since February 1989, Mr. Pittas has been the Vice President of Oceanbulk Maritime SA, a ship management company. From November 1987 to February 1989, Mr. Pittas was employed in the supply department of Drytank SA, a shipping company. From November 1981 to June 1985, Mr. Pittas was employed at Trust Marine Enterprises, a brokerage house as a sale and purchase broker. From September 1979 to November 1981, Mr. Pittas worked at Gourdomichalis Maritime SA in the operation and Freight Collection department. Mr. Pittas has a B.Sc in Economics from Athens School of Economics.

*Stephania Karmiri* has been our Secretary since our inception on May 5, 2005. Since July 1995, Mrs. Karmiri has been executive secretary to Eurobulk, our affiliate. Eurobulk is a ship management company that provides ocean transportation services. At Eurobulk, Mrs. Karmiri has been responsible for dealing with sale and purchase transactions, vessel registrations/deletions, bank loans, supervision of office administration and office/vessel telecommunication. From May 1992 to June 1995, she was secretary to the technical department of Oceanbulk Maritime SA, a ship management company. From 1988 to 1992, Mrs. Karmiri served as assistant to brokers for Allied Shipbrokers, a company that provides shipbroking services to sale and purchase transactions. Mrs. Karmiri has taken assistant accountant and secretarial courses from Didacta college.