



Safe Bulkers, Inc. Reports First Quarter 2015 Results and Declares Quarterly Dividend on Common Stock

Monaco, Monaco – June 8, 2015 -- Safe Bulkers, Inc. (the “Company”) (NYSE: SB), an international provider of marine drybulk transportation services, announced today its unaudited financial results for the three month period ended March 31, 2015. The Board of Directors of the Company also declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.01 per share of the common stock for the first quarter of 2015.

Summary of First Quarter 2015 Results

- Net revenue for the first quarter of 2015 decreased by 22% to \$32.1 million from \$41.3 million during the same period in 2014.
- Net loss for the first quarter of 2015 was \$6.0 million from net income of \$11.2 million, during the same period in 2014. Adjusted net loss¹ for the first quarter of 2015 was \$4.6 million from Adjusted net income of \$8.6 million, during the same period in 2014.
- EBITDA² for the first quarter of 2015 decreased by 68% to \$7.6 million from \$23.7 million during the same period in 2014. Adjusted EBITDA³ for the first quarter of 2015 decreased by 57% to \$9.1 million from \$21.1 million during the same period in 2014.
- Loss per share⁴ and Adjusted loss per share⁴ for the first quarter of 2015 was \$0.11 and \$0.10 respectively, calculated on a weighted average number of shares of 83,462,059, compared to earnings per share⁴ (“EPS”) of \$0.13 and Adjusted EPS of \$0.09 in the first quarter 2014, calculated on a weighted average number of shares of 83,441,135.
- The Board of Directors of Company declared a dividend of \$0.01 per share for the first quarter of 2015.

¹ Adjusted net income/(loss) is a non-GAAP measure. Adjusted net income/(loss) represents Net income/(loss) before gain on asset purchase cancellation, early redelivery cost, loss from inventory valuation, loss on derivatives and (loss)/gain on foreign currency. See Table 1.

² EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and represents Net income/(loss) plus net interest expense, tax, depreciation and amortization.

³ Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and represents EBITDA before gain on asset purchase cancellation, early redelivery income/(cost), loss from inventory valuation, loss on derivatives and (loss)/gain on foreign currency. See Table 1.

⁴ Earnings/(Loss) per share and Adjusted earnings/(Loss) per share represent Net income/(loss) and Adjusted net income/loss less preferred dividend divided by the weighted average number of shares respectively. See Table 1.

Fleet and Employment Profile

In January 2015, the Company took delivery of *Kypros Bravery* (Hull No. 822), a 78,000 dwt, Japanese eco-design newbuild Panamax class vessel. Upon her delivery, the vessel was employed in the spot charter market.

In March 2015, the Company took delivery of *Kypros Sky* (Hull No. 1689), a 77,100 dwt, Japanese eco-design newbuild Panamax class vessel. Upon her delivery, the vessel was employed on a 10 year charter at an average net daily charter hire rate of \$15,400.

We are currently in discussions with the builder of *Hull No. 1148* for a number of outstanding issues, upon the successful completion of which, we expect to take delivery of the vessel.

As of June 4, 2015 the Company's operational fleet comprised of 34 drybulk vessels with an average age of 5.9 years and an aggregate carrying capacity of 3.1 million dwt. The fleet consists of 13 Panamax class vessels, 7 Kamsarmax class vessels, 11 Post-Panamax class vessels and 3 Capesize class vessels, all built from 2003 onwards.

As of June 4, 2015, the Company had contracted to acquire 10 eco-design newbuild vessels, comprised of 3 Japanese Panamax class vessels, 3 Japanese Post-Panamax class vessels, 2 Japanese Kamsarmax class vessels and 2 Chinese Kamsarmax class vessels. Upon delivery of all of our newbuilds, assuming we do not acquire any additional vessels or dispose of any of our vessels, our fleet will comprise of 44 vessels, 15 of which will be eco-design vessels, having an aggregate carrying capacity of 3.9 million dwt.

Set out below is a table showing the contracted employment of the Company's vessels as of June 4, 2015:

Vessel Name	DWT	Year Built ⁽¹⁾	Country of construction	Charter Rate ⁽²⁾ USD/day	Charter Duration ⁽³⁾
Panamax					
<i>Maria</i>	76,000	2003	Japan	7,464	Feb 2015 - Aug 2015
<i>Koulitsa</i>	76,900	2003	Japan	13,250	Jun 2014 - Jul 2015
<i>Paraskevi</i>	74,300	2003	Japan	7,000	Apr 2015 - Jul 2015
<i>Vassos</i>	76,000	2004	Japan	7,500	Mar 2015 - Jul 2015
<i>Katerina</i>	76,000	2004	Japan	BPI ⁽⁴⁾ + 6%	Apr 2015 - Apr 2016
<i>Maritsa</i>	76,000	2005	Japan	6,200	May 2015 - Sep 2015
<i>Efrossini</i>	75,000	2012	Japan	6,825	May 2015 - Sep 2015
<i>Zoe</i>	75,000	2013	Japan	6,950	Jun 2015 - Sep 2015
<i>Kypros Land</i>	77,100	2014	Japan	5,750	May 2015 - Jun 2015
<i>Kypros Sea</i>	77,100	2014	Japan	7,500	May 2015 - Aug 2015
<i>Kypros Unity</i>	78,000	2014	Japan	6,000	May 2015 - Jul 2015
<i>Kypros Bravery</i>	78,000	2015	Japan	7,800	Jan 2015 - Jun 2015
<i>Kypros Sky</i>	77,100	2015	Japan	15,400	Apr 2015 - Apr 2025
Kamsarmax					
<i>Pedhoulas Merchant</i>	82,300	2006	Japan	12,650	May 2015 - Jul 2015
<i>Pedhoulas Trader</i>	82,300	2006	Japan	BPI ⁽⁴⁾ + 6.5%	Aug 2013 - Jul 2015
<i>Pedhoulas Leader</i>	82,300	2007	Japan	5,150	May 2015 - Jun 2015
<i>Pedhoulas Commander</i>	83,700	2008	Japan	6,250	Apr 2015 - Jun 2015
<i>Pedhoulas Builder</i>	81,600	2012	China	7,700	Mar 2015 - Jul 2015
<i>Pedhoulas Fighter</i>	81,600	2012	China	7,000	May 2015 - Nov 2015
<i>Pedhoulas Farmer</i>	81,600	2012	China	11,000	Sep 2014 - Aug 2015
Post-Panamax					
<i>Stalo</i>	87,000	2006	Japan		
<i>Marina</i>	87,000	2006	Japan	8,250	Apr 2015 - Jul 2015
<i>Xenia</i>	87,000	2006	Japan	11,650	Feb 2015 - Jun 2015
<i>Sophia</i>	87,000	2007	Japan	10,500	Jun 2015 - Jul 2015
<i>Eleni</i>	87,000	2008	Japan	11,200	May 2015 - Jul 2015
<i>Martine</i>	87,000	2009	Japan	BPI ⁽⁴⁾ + 10%	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016

<i>Andreas K</i>	92,000	2009	South Korea	11,900	Mar 2015- Jul 2015
<i>Panayiota K</i>	92,000	2010	South Korea	4,250	Apr 2015 - Jun 2015
<i>Venus Heritage</i>	95,800	2010	Japan	PIA ⁽⁵⁾ + 10%	Jun 2015 - Sep 2015
<i>Venus History</i>	95,800	2011	Japan	9,833	Sep 2014 - Jun 2015
<i>Venus Horizon</i>	95,800	2012	Japan	5,500	Apr 2015 - Jun 2015
Capesize					
<i>Kanaris</i>	178,100	2010	China	25,928	Sep 2011 - Jun 2031
<i>Pelopidas</i>	176,000	2011	China	38,000	Feb 2012 - Dec 2021
<i>Lake Despina</i>	181,400	2014	Japan	24,376 ⁽⁶⁾	Jan 2014 - Jan 2024
Total dwt of existing fleet	3,096,800				

- 1) For existing vessels the year represents the year built; for newbuilds the year represents the estimated year of delivery.
- 2) Charter rate represents recognized gross daily charter rate. For charter parties with variable rates among periods or consecutive charter parties with the same charterer, the recognized gross daily charter rates represents the weighted average gross charter rate over the duration of the applicable charter period or series of charter periods, as applicable. Charter agreements may provide for additional payments, namely ballast bonus, to compensate for vessel repositioning.
- 3) The start dates listed reflect either actual start dates or, in the case of contracted charters that had not commenced as of June 4, 2015, scheduled start dates. Actual start dates and redelivery dates may differ from the scheduled start and redelivery dates depending on the terms of the charter and market conditions.
- 4) A period time charter at a gross daily charter rate linked to the Baltic Panamax Index (“BPI”) plus a premium.
- 5) A period time charter at a gross daily charter rate linked to the Baltic Panamax Index for transatlantic round voyage (“PIA”) plus a premium.
- 6) A period time charter of ten years at a gross daily charter rate of \$23,100 for the first two and a half years and of \$24,810 for the remaining period. The charter agreement grants the charterer an option to purchase the vessel at any time beginning at the end of the seventh year of the charter, at a price of \$39 million less 1.00% commission, decreasing thereafter on a pro-rated basis by \$1.5 million per year. The Company holds a right of first refusal to buy back the vessel in the event that the charterer exercises its option to purchase the vessel and subsequently offers to sell such vessel to a third party. The charter agreement also grants the charterer the option to extend the period time charter for an additional twelve months at a time, at a gross daily charter rate of \$26,330, less 1.25% total commissions, which option may be exercised by the charterer a maximum of two times.

The contracted employment of fleet ownership days as of June 4, 2015 was:

2015 (remaining)	35%
2015 (full year)	61%
2016	12%
2017	9%

Capital expenditure requirements and liquidity

As of March 31, 2015, the Company had agreed to acquire 10 newbuild vessels, with two to be delivered in 2015; four to be delivered in 2016, three to be delivered in 2017 and one to be delivered in 2018. The remaining capital expenditure requirements to shipyards or sellers for the delivery of these 10 newbuilds, before minor adjustments for shipyards’ costs related to such delayed deliveries, amounted to \$259.5 million, of which \$77.6 million was scheduled to be paid in 2015, \$91.7 million in 2016, \$69.9 million in 2017 and \$20.3 million in 2018.

As of March 31, 2015, the Company had liquidity of \$430.7 million consisting of \$90.9 million in cash, \$40.7 million in restricted cash, \$95.1 million available under existing revolving credit facilities, \$16.0 million available under a committed loan facility for one delivered vessel and \$188.0 million under committed loan facilities for 10 newbuild vessels.

As of March 31, 2015, the Company was not in compliance with the covenants of two out of fifteen of its loan facilities in relation to the ratio of the fair market value of the security vessels versus the loan outstandings. We have subsequently restored compliance of the covenants in both cases, the first with the placement of additional collateral liquidity and the second after committing to refinance the loan facility.

Dividend Declaration on the Common Stock

The Board of Directors of the Company declared a cash dividend on the Company’s common stock of \$0.01 per share payable on or about June 26, 2015 to shareholders of record at the close of trading of the Company’s common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) on June 19, 2015.

The Company has 83,466,179 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of today’s date.

The Board of Directors of the Company is continuing a policy of paying out a portion of the Company's free cash flow at a level it considers prudent in light of the current economic and financial environment. The declaration and payment of dividends, if any, will always be subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company. The timing and amount of any dividends declared will depend on, among other things: (i) the Company's earnings, financial condition and cash requirements and available sources of liquidity, (ii) decisions in relation to the Company's growth strategies, (iii) provisions of Marshall Islands and Liberian law governing the payment of dividends, (iv) restrictive covenants in the Company's existing and future debt instruments and (v) global financial conditions. Accordingly, dividends might be reduced or not be paid in the future.

Management Commentary

Dr. Loukas Barmparis, President of the Company, said: "We have reduced our quarterly dividend to \$0.01 per common share in line with the present weak charter market conditions, which have now lasted for more than one year. We have a strong balance sheet and lean operations targeting to preserve our liquidity throughout the adverse part of the shipping cycle."

Conference Call

On Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. ET, the Company's management team will host a conference call to discuss the financial results.

Participants should dial into the call 10 minutes before the scheduled time using the following numbers: 1 (866) 819-7111 (US Toll Free Dial In), 0(800) 953-0329 (UK Toll Free Dial In) or +44 (0)1452-542-301 (Standard International Dial In). **Please quote "Safe Bulkers"** to the operator.

A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available until June 16, 2015 by dialing 1 (866) 247-4222 (US Toll Free Dial In), 0(800) 953-1533 (UK Toll Free Dial In) or +44 (0)1452 550-000 (Standard International Dial In). Access Code: 1859591#

Slides and Audio Webcast

There will also be a live, and then archived, webcast of the conference call, available through the Company's website (www.safebulkers.com). Participants in the live webcast should register on the website approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the webcast.

Management Discussion of First Quarter 2015 Results

Net loss was \$6.0 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared to net income of \$11.2 million for the first quarter of 2014, mainly due to the following factors:

Net revenues: Net revenues decreased by 22% to \$32.1 million for the first quarter of 2015, compared to \$41.3 million for the same period in 2014, mainly due to a decrease in charter rates. The Company operated 32.72 vessels on average during the first quarter of 2015, earning a TCE⁵ rate of \$9,440, compared to 29.86 vessels and a TCE rate of \$13,921 during the same period in 2014.

Voyage expenses: Voyage expenses increased by 9% to \$4.8 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared to \$4.4 million for the same period in 2014, mainly due to an increase in the vessels' repositioning expenses.

⁵ Time charter equivalent rates, or TCE rates, represent the Company's charter revenues less commissions and voyage expenses during a period divided by the number of our available days during the period.

Vessel operating expenses: Vessel operating expenses increased by 13% to \$14.3 million for the first quarter of 2015, compared to \$12.6 million for the same period in 2014. The increase in operating expenses is mainly attributable to an increase in ownership days by 10% to 2,945 days for the first quarter of 2015 from 2,687 days for the same period in 2014.

Depreciation: Depreciation increased to \$11.1 million for the first quarter of 2015, compared to \$10.3 million for the same period in 2014, as a result of the increase in the average number of vessels owned by the Company during the first quarter of 2015.

Loss from inventory valuation: Loss from inventory valuation amounted to \$0.5 million for the first quarter of 2015, compared to nil for the same period in 2014, resulting from the valuation of the bunkers remaining on board our vessels, which was affected by the decline of bunker market prices during the first quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014.

Gain on asset purchase cancellation: During the first quarter of 2014, we recorded a gain on asset purchase cancellation, of \$3.6 million, which related to the cancellation of the newbuild Hull J1031. There was no such instance during the first quarter of 2015.

Loss on derivatives: Loss on derivatives increased to \$1.2 million in the first quarter of 2015, compared to a loss of \$0.4 million for the same period in 2014, as a result of the mark-to-market valuation of the Company's interest rate swap transactions that we employ to manage the risk and interest rate exposure of our loan and credit facilities. These swaps economically hedge the interest rate exposure of the Company's aggregate loans outstanding. The average remaining period of our swap contracts was 2.4 years as of March 31, 2015. The valuation of these interest rate swap transactions at the end of each quarter is affected by the prevailing interest rates at that time.

Daily vessel operating expenses⁶: Daily vessel operating expenses increased by 4% to \$4,872 for the first quarter of 2015 compared to \$4,707 for the same period in 2014, mainly due to increase of repairs, maintenance, dry-docking costs and tonnage taxes.

Daily general and administrative expenses⁶: General and administrative expenses, which include fixed and variable management fees payable to our Manager⁷ and daily costs incurred in relation to our operation as a public company, decreased by 2% to \$1,096 for the first quarter of 2015, compared to \$1,118 for the same period in 2014.

⁶ See Table 2.

⁷ Safety Management Overseas S.A., referred to in this press release as our "Manager".

Unaudited Interim Financial Information and Other Data

SAFE BULKERS, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME/(LOSS) (UNAUDITED) (In thousands of U.S. Dollars except for share and per share data)

	Three-Month Period Ended	
	March 31,	
	2014	2015
REVENUES:		
Revenues	42,806	33,287
Commissions	(1,463)	(1,233)
Net revenues	41,343	32,054
EXPENSES:		
Voyage expenses	(4,355)	(4,819)
Vessel operating expenses	(12,648)	(14,349)
Depreciation	(10,267)	(11,099)
General and administrative expenses	(3,004)	(3,227)
Early redelivery cost	(532)	-
Gain on asset purchase cancellation	3,633	-
Loss from inventory valuation	-	(491)
Operating income/(loss)	14,170	(1,931)
OTHER (EXPENSE) / INCOME:		
Interest expense	(2,165)	(2,146)
Other finance costs	(218)	(608)
Interest income	231	14
Loss on derivatives	(447)	(1,156)
Foreign currency (loss)/gain	(38)	162
Amortization and write-off of deferred finance charges	(301)	(382)
Net income/(loss)	11,232	(6,047)
Less preferred dividend	800	3,550
Net income/(loss) available to common shareholders	10,432	(9,597)
Earnings/(loss) per share	0.13	(0.11)
Weighted average number of shares	83,441,135	83,462,059

SAFE BULKERS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)
(In thousands of U.S. Dollars)

	<u>December 31, 2014</u>	<u>March 31, 2015</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and restricted cash	118,250	127,352
Other current assets	17,642	20,299
Vessels, net	960,423	1,007,043
Advances for vessel acquisition and vessels under construction	74,243	63,007
Restricted cash non-current	4,263	4,263
Other non-current assets	7,508	7,156
Total assets	1,182,329	1,229,120
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>		
Current portion of long-term debt	17,121	20,120
Other current liabilities	11,597	13,072
Long-term debt, net of current portion	452,447	505,667
Other non-current liabilities	1,065	1,397
Shareholders' equity	700,099	688,864
Total liabilities and equity	1,182,329	1,229,120

TABLE 1
RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED NET INCOME, EBITDA, ADJUSTED EBITDA
AND ADJUSTED EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

	Three-Month Period Ended March 31,	
	2014	2015
<i>(In thousands of U.S. Dollars except for share and per share data)</i>		
<u>Net Income/(loss) - Adjusted Net Income</u>		
Net Income/(loss)	11,232	(6,047)
Less Gain on asset purchase cancellation	(3,633)	-
Plus Early redelivery cost	532	-
Plus Loss on derivatives	447	1,156
Plus Loss from inventory valuation	-	491
Plus Foreign currency loss/(gain)	38	(162)
Adjusted Net Income/(loss)	8,616	(4,562)
<u>EBITDA - Adjusted EBITDA</u>		
Net Income/(loss)	11,232	(6,047)
Plus Net interest expense	1,934	2,132
Plus Depreciation	10,267	11,099
Plus Amortization	301	382
EBITDA	23,734	7,566
Less Gain on asset purchase cancellation	(3,633)	-
Less Early redelivery cost	532	-
Plus Loss on derivatives	447	1,156
Plus Loss from inventory valuation	-	491
Plus Foreign currency loss/(gain)	38	(162)
ADJUSTED EBITDA	21,118	9,051
<u>Earnings/(loss) per share</u>		
Net Income/(loss)	11,232	(6,047)
Less preferred dividend	800	3,550
Net income/(loss) available to common shareholders	10,432	(9,597)
Weighted average number of shares	83,441,135	83,462,059
Earnings/(loss) per share	0.13	(0.11)
<u>Adjusted EPS</u>		
Adjusted Net Income/(loss)	8,616	(4,562)
Less preferred dividend	800	3,550
Adjusted Net income/(loss) available to common shareholders	7,816	(8,112)
Weighted average number of shares	83,441,135	83,462,059
Adjusted Earnings/(loss) per share	0.09	(0.10)

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted Net Income available to common shareholders and Adjusted EPS are not recognized measurements under US GAAP.

Adjusted Net Income represents Net income/(loss) before gain on asset purchase cancellation, early redelivery cost, loss from inventory valuation, loss on derivatives and (loss)/gain on foreign currency.

Adjusted Net Income available to common shareholders represents Adjusted Net Income less preferred dividend.

EBITDA represents Net income/(loss) before interest, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA before gain on asset purchase cancellation, early redelivery cost, loss from inventory valuation, loss on derivatives and (loss)/gain on foreign currency. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not recognized measurements under US GAAP. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA assist the Company's management and investors by increasing the comparability of the Company's fundamental performance from period to period and against the fundamental performance of other companies in the Company's industry that provide EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA information. The Company believes that EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are useful in evaluating the Company's operating performance compared to that of other companies in the Company's industry because the calculation of EBITDA generally eliminates the effects of financings, income taxes and the accounting effects of capital expenditures and acquisitions and the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA generally further eliminates the effects from gain on asset purchase cancellation, early redelivery cost, loss from inventory valuation, loss on derivatives and (loss)/gain on foreign currency, items which may vary for different companies for reasons unrelated to overall operating performance.

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted Net Income available to common shareholders and Adjusted Earnings per share have limitations as analytical tools, and should not be considered in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of the Company's results as reported under US GAAP. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as substitutes for net income and other operations data prepared in accordance with US GAAP or as a measure of profitability. While EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are frequently used as measures of operating results and performance, they are not necessarily comparable to other similarly titled captions of other companies due to differences in methods of calculation.

TABLE 2: FLEET DATA AND AVERAGE DAILY INDICATORS

	Three-Month Period Ended March 31,	
	2014	2015
FLEET DATA		
Number of vessels at period's end	31	34
Average age of fleet (in years)	5.28	5.75
Ownership days (1)	2,687	2,945
Available days (2)	2,657	2,885
Operating days (3)	2,656	2,866
Fleet utilization (4)	98.8%	97.3%
Average number of vessels in the period (5)	29.86	32.72
AVERAGE DAILY RESULTS		
Time charter equivalent rate (6)	\$13,921	\$9,440
Daily vessel operating expenses (7)	\$4,707	\$4,872
Daily general and administrative expenses (8)	\$1,118	\$1,096

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- (1) Ownership days represent the aggregate number of days in a period during which each vessel in our fleet has been owned by us.
 - (2) Available days represent 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 maintenance, which includes major repairs, drydockings, vessel upgrades or special or intermediate surveys.
 - (3) Operating days represent the number of our available days in a period less the aggregate number of days that our vessels are off-hire due to any reason, excluding scheduled maintenance.
 - (4) Fleet utilization is calculated by dividing the number of our operating days during a period by the number of our ownership days during that period.
 - (5) Average number of vessels in the period is calculated by dividing ownership days in the period by the number of days in that period.
 - (6) Time charter equivalent rates, or TCE rates, represent our charter revenues less commissions and voyage expenses during a period divided by the number of our available days during the period.
 - (7) Daily vessel operating expenses include the costs for crewing, insurance, lubricants, spare parts, provisions, stores, repairs, maintenance, statutory and classification expense, drydocking, intermediate and special surveys and other miscellaneous items. Daily vessel operating expenses are calculated by dividing vessel operating expenses by ownership days for the relevant period.
 - (8) Daily general and administrative expenses include daily fixed and variable management fees payable to our Manager and daily costs in relation to our operation as a public company. Daily general and administrative expenses are calculated by dividing general and administrative expenses by ownership days for the relevant period.

About Safe Bulkers, Inc.

The Company is an international provider of marine drybulk transportation services, transporting bulk cargoes, particularly coal, grain and iron ore, along worldwide shipping routes for some of the world's largest users of marine drybulk transportation services. The Company's common stock, series B preferred stock, series C preferred stock and series D preferred stock are listed on the NYSE, and trade under the symbols "SB", "SB.PR.B", "SB.PR.C", and "SB.PR.D" respectively. The Company's current fleet consists of 34 drybulk vessels, all built 2003 onwards, and the Company has agreed to acquire 10 additional drybulk newbuild vessels to be delivered at various dates through 2018.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements (as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, as amended, and in Section 21E of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended) concerning future events, the Company's growth strategy and measures to implement such strategy, including expected vessel acquisitions and entering into further time charters. Words such as "expects," "intends," "plans," "believes," "anticipates," "hopes," "estimates" and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes 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 that are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, changes in the demand for drybulk vessels, competitive factors in the market in which the Company operates, risks associated with operations outside the United States and other factors listed from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company expressly disclaims any obligations or undertaking to release any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with respect thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

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