



# **Q311 Trading Update**

### **Pacific Basin Overview**

- A world leading dry bulk owner/operator of handysize & handymax vessels
- Highly flexible Pacific Basin Dry Bulk business model
  - Large fleet of uniform, interchangeable, modern vessels
  - Mix of owned, long-term and short-term chartered ships
  - Diversified customer base of mainly industrial end users
  - Global trading pattern supported by extensive network of regional officers
- Also owning/operating of off-shore and harbour tugs and RoRo freight ferries
- >220 vessels serving major industrial customers around the world
- Hong Kong headquarters, 22 offices worldwide, 380 Group staff, 2,000 seafarers\*
- Our vision: we aspire to be a shipping industry leader and the partner of choice for customers, staff, shareholders, and other stakeholders









## **2011 Third Quarter Highlights**

### PB Dry Bulk

- Handysize and Handymax freight rates have increased 12% and 22% respectively since 30 June marking an earlier, stronger than anticipated improvement
- BDI increased 52% since mid-year driven by a 147% increase in Capesize rates mainly attributable to:
  - A return to activity following the traditionally quieter summer
  - Healthy commodity demand in Asia Chinese demand for minor bulks in particular
- We anticipate sustained dry bulk, high scrapping levels and reduced newbuilding deliveries will support a
  continued relatively healthy supply/demand balance for minor bulk segments in 2012 overall, though this
  balance could weaken if global economic growth slows further
- We have secured forward cargo cover as follows:

	<u>Year 2011</u>	<u>Year 2012</u>
Handysize	91% (US\$13,450)	32%(US\$13,540)
Handymax	102%(US\$15,320)	70%(US\$14,110)

### PB Energy & Infrastructure Services

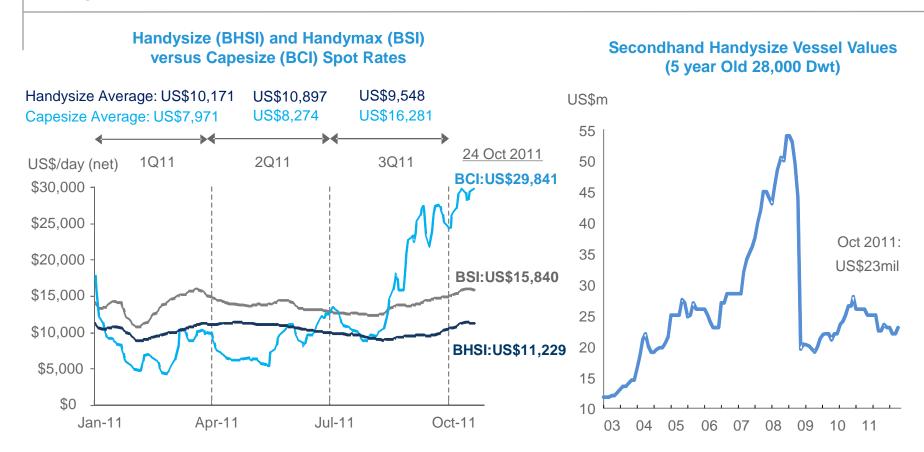
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### PB RoRo

- Nafta Gulf Bridge service has been suspended due to unsatisfactory demand, but our 2 ships previously employed in that trade have been redeployed
- Expect the charter market for RoRo vessels to remain depressed into 2012



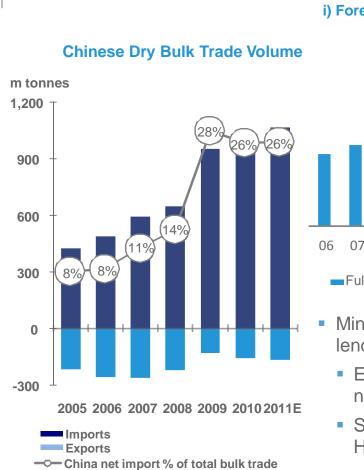
## **Dry Bulk Market Information**



 We believe banking industry pressures may significantly dampen many ship owners' ability to fund second hand ship acquisitions



## **Chinese Dry Bulk Trade - Minor Bulk**

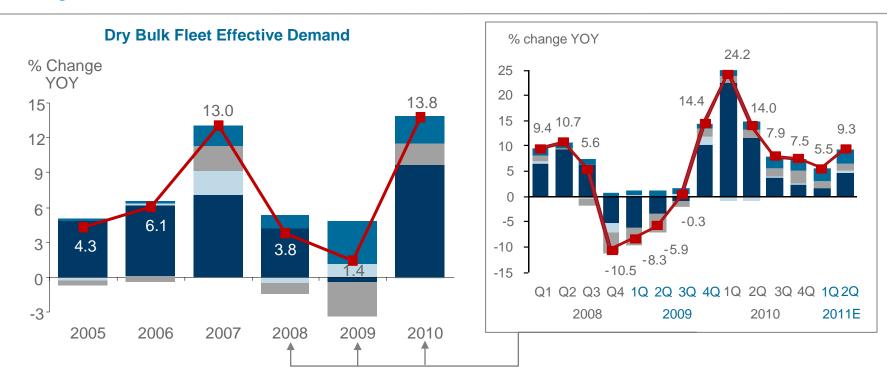




- Minor bulk and other key commodities increased in first 8 months lending some buoyancy to Handysize / Handymax rates
  - Expanded Import of some metal ores such as manganese and nickel ore as much as 60% YOY
  - Seaborne log imports continuing to underpin demand for Handysize log carriers in the Pacific



## **Dry Bulk Demand**



- China coastal cargo, offhire & ballast effect
- Congestion effect
- Tonne-mile effect
- International cargo volumes
- Net demand growth

- Growth in Chinese import of raw materials, including coal and minor bulks such as logs & grains
- Increased Chinese domestic coastal transportation in bulk carriers, especially coal
- Widening East-West imbalance attracting more ballast vessels from Asia to distant load ports for return cargoes

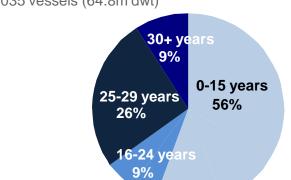
## **Dry Bulk Fleet Changes**

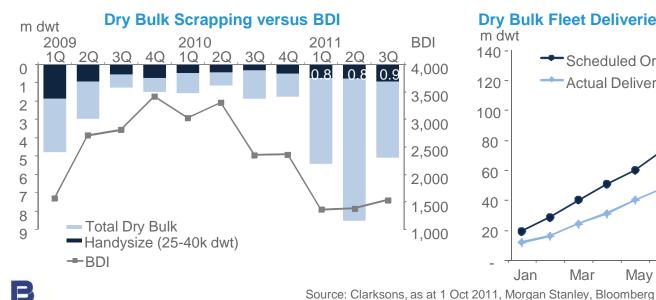
- Dry bulk capacity expanded 14% YOY net
- Handysize expanded only 1% net in the third quarter
- 35% of handysize fleet is over 25 years old
- High scrap price supports healthy scrapping

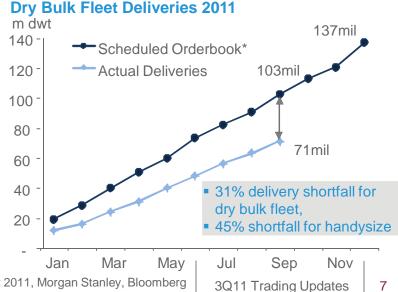
m dwt	Dry Bulk	Handysize
2009	10.5	4.1
2010	6.4	1.8
2011YTD	19.0	2.5

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## Handysize Age Profile (25,000-39,999 dwt) 2,035 vessels (64.8m dwt)







\*Scheduled orderbook as at 1 Jan 2011

## **Dry Bulk Orderbook**



remaining

2011

delivered

orderbook

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137m dwt\* new dry bulk capacity scheduled to deliver in FY 2011

Orderbook Average Over 25

Years

8

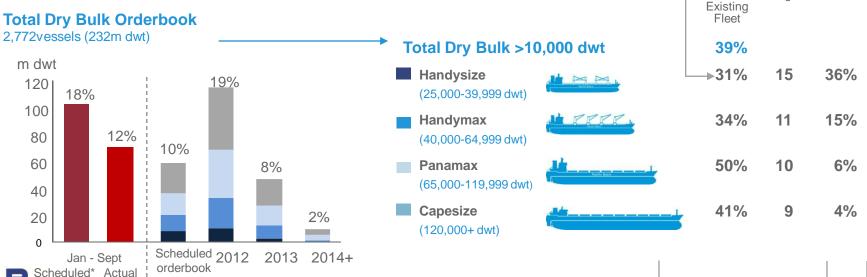
as % of

3Q11 Trading Updates

- Ship owners ordered 66% less newbuilding capacity YOY due to weak market conditions
- We expect approx. 30% slippage in FY 2011
- Less onerous handysize orderbook

Source: Clarksons, as at 1 Oct 2011

\*Scheduled orderbook as at 1 Jan 2011



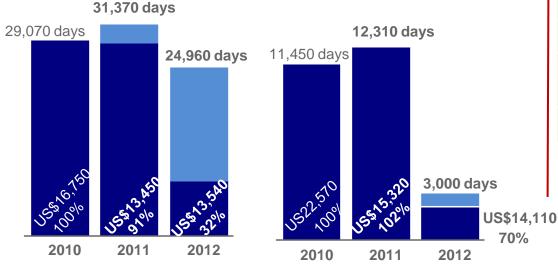
## Pacific Basin Dry Bulk Earnings Coverage





**Handysize** 

**Handymax** 



### **Pacific Basin Dry Bulk Fleet: 172**

at 24 October 2011

	Owned		Charte	Chartered	
	on the water	NB	on the water	NB	
Handysize	30	7	73	9	119
Handymax	3	6	39	3	51
Post- Panamax	1	-	1	-	2
Total	34	13	113	12	172

Average Age of our core fleet: 6.5 years old

Fixed Unfixed



## Pacific Basin Dry Bulk - Outlook



- China's continued dependence on imported minor bulks
- Slow steaming because of high fuel prices and weak market
- Scrapping increase
- Revival of Japan industrial production



- Continued excessive newbuilding deliveries
- Faltering global economic recovery and stimulus withdrawal
- Less imports due to China tightening policy
- High commodity price favour more Chinese domestic production
- Mining capacity shortfall and commodity supply bottlenecks

### **PB Conclusion:**

 Softening Chinese demand expected to be balanced by US grain exports in the fourth quarter



## **PB Energy & Infrastructure Services**

### **3Q11 Performance**

- The market for both offshore and harbour towage services continued its significant improvement in the 3Q
- Further improved rates and trading conditions for PB Towage's Australasia-focused business

### Offshore and infrastructure support

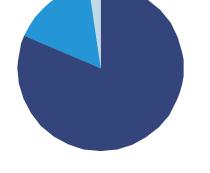
- Continued to position PB Towage as a leading sub-contractor to Australasian offshore construction markets
- Queensland Curtis Island LNG project began in February
- Gorgon Project contract extended till 2014

### **Harbour Towage**

- Increased our market share in Australian ports
- Improved performance partially offset by flood-affected Townsville activity

US\$m	1H11	1H10
Offshore/project supply & harbour towage services ("Towage")	3.5	(1.2)
PacMarine Services	0.5	0.7
Fujairah Bulk Shipping ("FBSL")	(5.2)	4.5
Segment net profit in 1H11:	(1.2)	4.0
Annualised return on net assets:	-1%	4%

## Towage Fleet: 43 vessels (as at 24 October 2011)



- 35 Tugs (33 Owned+2 Chartered)7 Barges (6 Owned + 1 Chartered)
- 1 owned Bunker Tanker

## **PB Energy & Infrastructure Outlook**



- High oil prices buoying demand for new, cleaner, safer fuel sources
- Australia striving to become a major LNG exporter
- Continued commodity supply recovery in Queensland



- Faltering global economic recovery
- Australian commodity exports and port activity affected by tightening policy in China
- High commodity prices
- Increasing market competition & political instability in Middle East

### **PB Conclusion:**

Significant improvement is expected to continue with growth in new Australian offshore oil and gas projects



## PB RoRo

### **3Q11 Performance:**

- 4 out of 5 delivered vessels are employed, our final newbuilding is scheduled to deliver in Nov 2011
- Nafta Gulf Bridge service has been suspended due to unsatisfactory demand, but our 2 ships previously employed in that trade have been redeployed in the US Gulf at low rates
- Engaging in developing employment for our final 2 newbuildings

### **Market demand**

- Limited improvement in freight market and insufficient demand for new capacity
- Increased trade in the core European economy partly offset by continued weakness in some peripheral European countries

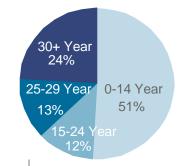
### **Market supply**

- 3% new deliveries in 1H11
- Scrapping continued but at a lower rate (~3%) in 1H11
- 12% orderbook remaining ,with deliveries mainly 2011-2012

Segment net profit in 1H11: -US\$5.3m (1H10: profit US\$0.5m)

- Annualised return on net assets: -3%
- US\$80 million impairment of RoRo investment due to reassessment of prospects for the sector, resulting in much weaker outlook for market and our RoRo business
- 1H Daily cost: US\$22,080

World RoRo Fleet 438 Vessels (862,453 Lane Metres)





## **PB RoRo Outlook**



- Slow growth in European exports and intra-European trade overall
- Gradual, slow growth in trailer volumes
- Scrapping
- High fuel prices making modern vessels more attractive



- Significant new RoRo deliveries scheduled in rest of year
- Most European RoRo operators still have excess capacity and are not chartering new vessels
- Increased austerity in Europe
- Hesitant global economic recovery
- Weak support for RoRo services in US Gulf

### **PB Conclusion:**

- Expect RoRo charter market to remain depressed into 2012 due to muted growth in freight volumes overall and a potentially weaker European economy threatened by recession
- We expect PB RoRo to be loss-making in 2011 and 2012, based on daily cost US\$22,080 in 1H11
- PB RoRo earnings coverage:

As at 24 Oct 2011	FY2011	FY2012
Revenue days	1,570	2,200
Daily charter rates	US\$20,290	US\$27,510
% days covered	80%	16%



## **Outlook**

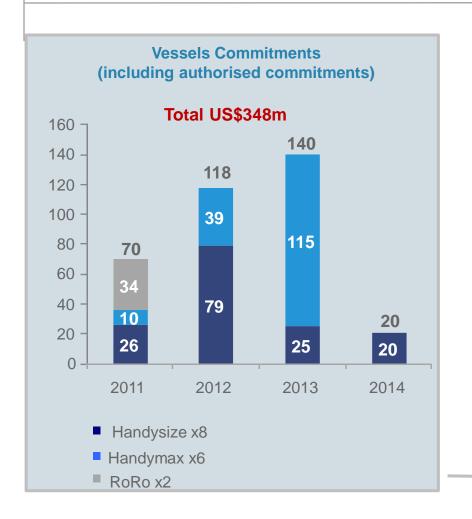
### We expect:

- A sustained dry bulk demand, high scrapping levels and reduced newbuilding deliveries will support a continued relatively healthy supply/demand balance for minor bulk segments in 2012 overall
- This balance could weaken if global economic growth slows further
- We see evidence of softening Chinese demand for some commodities which we expect to be balanced by the seasonal resumption of 4Q US Gulf grain exports
- Charter market for RoRo ships to remain depressed into 2012
- Banking industry pressures may significantly dampen many ship owners' ability to fund second hand ship acquisitions and force them to find additional cash resources to meet capital and banking obligations
- Pressure on ship values to generate further opportunities to acquire modern dry bulk ships at reasonable cost
- Our strategy remain unchanged: we seek to expand further our dry bulk fleet

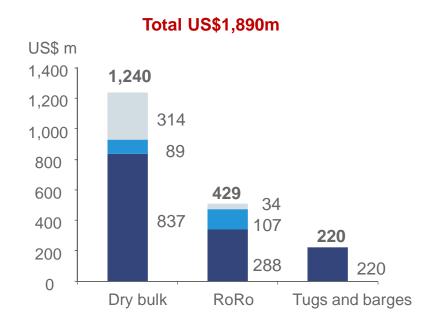


## **Capex and Combined Value by Vessel Types**

As at 30 June 2011



## A Combined View of Vessel Carrying Values and Commitments



- Vessel carrying values, US\$1,346million
- Progress payment made, US\$196 million
- Future installments amount, US\$348 million



## **Borrowing and Capex**

As at 30 June 2011



- Vessel capital commitments (US\$348m)
- Bank borrowings (gross of loan arrangement fee) (US\$472m): 2012-2021
- Finance lease liabilities (US\$177m): 2015-2017
- Convertible Bonds (Face value US\$230m): 2016, redeemable in Apr 2014



## **Cash Flow**

### US\$m

### **Operating cash inflows**

### Investing cash outflows

- Vessels & other fixed assets related payments
- Jointly controlled entities related receipts and payment
- Disposal of our remaining holdings in GDG
- Change in restricted cash, structured notes & notes receivables
- Others, mainly interest received

### Financing cash outflows

- Proceeds from issuance of convertible bonds
- Repurchase of convertible bonds
- Net drawdown/ (repayment) of borrowings & finance lease
- Dividends paid
- Others, mainly interest paid

### Cash and bank deposits

1H11	1H10
69	83
(33)	(142)
(111)	(187)
9	(13)
81	-
(19)	45
7	13
(85)	(31)
-	227
(105)	(194)
81	(5)
(41)	(37)
(20)	(22)
631	970



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## **Appendix: Differentiated from BDI & Traditional Ship Owning**

### Smaller bulk carrier segment benefits from:

- Handysize orderbook smaller than ship capacity over 25 years old
- Diverse range of commodities carried and trade patterns
- Greater access to ports
- Growing minor bulk trade imbalances

#### **Fleet**

- Modern, large scale & interchangeable ships
- Ability to change market exposure through charter activity
- Higher utilisation and earnings ability through optimum scheduling
- Low breakeven cost and fuel efficient

### Unique network of offices

- Close to our customers and understand their needs
- Local chartering and operations staff support
- Broad access to cargo and contract opportunities
- New office in Stamford

### **Customer focus**

- Strong relationship with over 300 customers
- Mainly industrial commodity producers and end-user
- Mixed with spot & long term contracts of affreightment

### **Corporate profile**

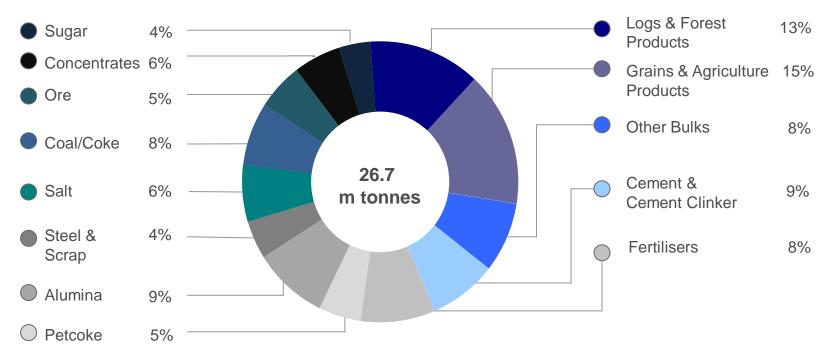
- Trusted & transparent counterparty
- Strong public balance sheet and track record





## **Appendix: Pacific Basin Dry Bulk – Diversified Cargo**



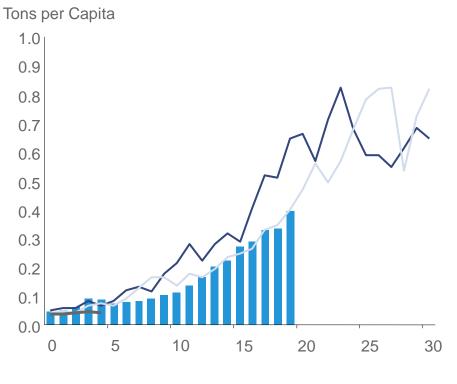


- Diverse range of commodities reduces product risk
- Australia and China were our largest loading and discharging zones respectively



## **Appendix: China at late-Industrialisation Stage**

### **Steel Consumption Per Capita**



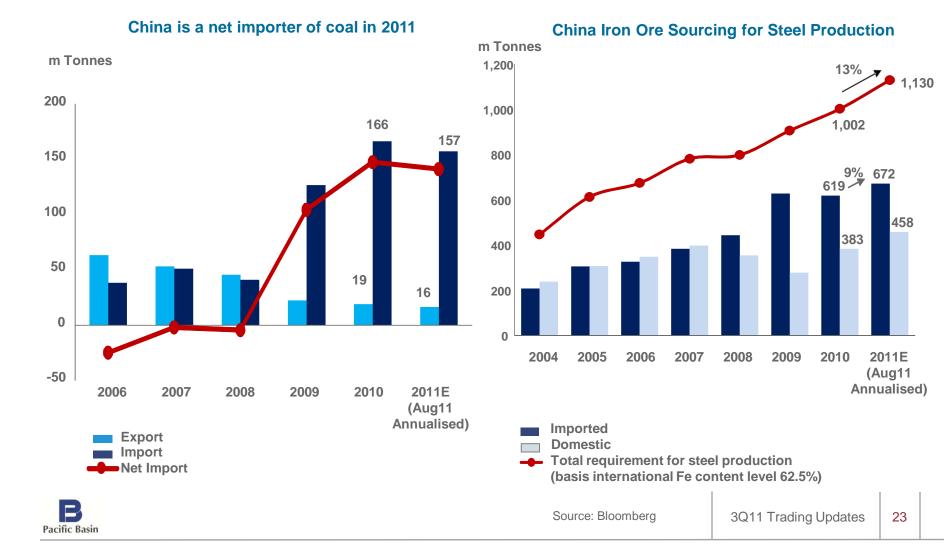
Years from Start Date

- China growth matches historical trend in Japan and Korea
- Suggests strong growth in dry bulk segment to remain for medium term
- Similar trend for electricity and cement





## **Appendix: China Iron Ore & Coal Demand**



## **Appendix: 2011 Interim Financial Highlights**

	1H11	1H10
Segment net profit	28.8	81.1
<ul><li>Treasury</li></ul>	(5.8)	(11.8)
<ul><li>Non direct G&amp;A</li></ul>	(4.2)	(3.7)
Underlying profit	18.8	65.6
<ul><li>Unrealised derivative income / (expenses)</li></ul>	8.4	(13.7)
<ul> <li>Gain from sale of shares in Green Dragon Gas</li> </ul>	55.8	-
<ul> <li>Vessel impairment charges – RoRo</li> </ul>	(80.0)	_
Profit attributable to shareholders	3.0	51.9

### **Segment Net profit and Net Assets**

789.6

Segment net profit/(loss)

Segment net assets at period end

35.7

347.6

-1.2

-5.3

Pacific Basin Dry Bulk PB Energy & Infrastructure Services

PB RoRo

### **Return on net assets (Annualised)**

Pacific Basin Dry Bulk	10%
PB Energy & Infrastructure Services	-1%
PB RoRo	-3%



## **Appendix: Pacific Basin Dry Bulk - Handysize**

		1H11	1H10	Change
Revenue days	(days)	14,620	13,940	+5%
TCE earnings	(US\$/day)	13,660	16,840	-19%
Owned + chartered cost	(US\$/day)	10,640	11,750	-9%
Segment net profit	(US\$m)	42.9	69.7	-38%
Return on net assets	(%)	13%	26%	-13%

- Earnings: 1H11 TCE rates reflect weakened demand
- Costs: Blended daily costs reflect lower chartered-in costs from the market
- Segment result excludes: US\$6.3m unrealised net derivatives income



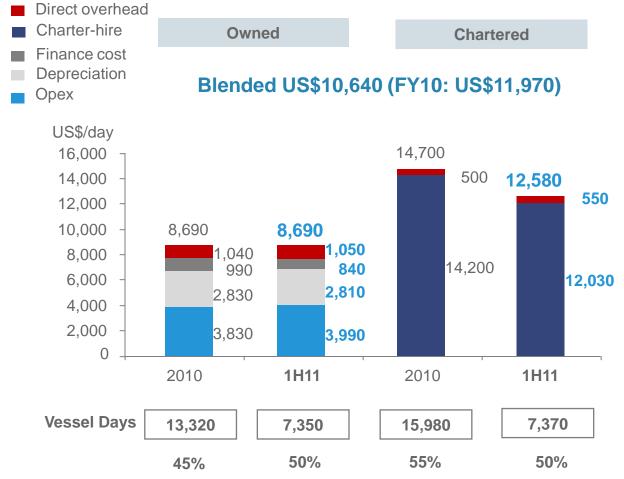
## **Appendix: Pacific Basin Dry Bulk - Handymax**

		1H11	1H10	Change
Revenue days	(days)	6,390	5,570	+15%
TCE earnings	(US\$/day)	15,130	23,680	-36%
Owned + chartered cost	(US\$/day)	16,190	22,050	-27%
Segment net (loss)/profits	(US\$m)	(7.5)	8.8	-185%
Return on net assets	(%)	-19%	32%	-51%

- <u>Earnings</u>: 1H11 TCE rates reflect weakened demand
- Costs: Blended daily costs reflect lower chartered-in costs from the market
- Segment result excludes: US\$2.5m unrealised net derivatives income



## **Appendix: Daily Vessel Costs - Handysize**







## **Appendix: Balance Sheet**

PB Dry Bulk	PB EIS	PB RoRo	Treasury	30 Jun 11	31 Dec 10
926	221	395	-	1,549	1,519
1,096	287	408	654	2,524	2,555
177	38	56	574	845	860
306	53	60	576	1,014	1,011
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## **Appendix: Impact of Financial Instruments**

US\$m	Realised	Unrealised	1H11	1H10
Net Gains / (Losses)				
Forward freight agreements	(0.7)	0.9	0.2	(5.8)
Bunker swap contracts	6.7	7.9	14.6	(8.4)
Interest rate swap contracts	(2.8)	(0.4)	(3.2)	(4.2)
	3.2	8.4	11.6	(18.4)

- Cash settlement of contracts completed in the period
- Included in segment results

- Contracts to be settled in future periods
- Accounting reversal of earlier period contracts now completed
- Not part of segment results



## **Appendix: Convertible Bonds Due 2016**

Issue size	US\$230 million		
Maturity Date	12 April 2016 (6 years)		
Investor Put Date and Price	12 April 2014 (4 years) at par		
Coupon	1.75% p.a. payable semi-annually in arrears on 12 April and 12 October		
Redemption Price	100%		
Initial Conversion Price	HK\$7.79 (Current conversion price: HK\$ 7.35 with effect from 16 August 2011)		
Conversion Condition	Before 11 Jan 2011: No Conversion is allowed		
	12 Jan 2011 – 11 Jan 2014: Share price for 5 consecutive days > 120% conversion price		
	12 Jan 2014 – 5 Apr 2016: Share price > conversion price		
Intended Use of Proceeds	To purchase the 3.3% Existing Convertible Bonds due 2013 then redeem the remaining part of the Existing Convertible Bonds should bondholders' request on 1 Feb 2011 or maturity in 2013		
Conditions	<ul> <li>Shareholders approval at SGM to approve the issue of the New Convertible Bonds and the specific mandate to issue associated shares.</li> <li>If the specific mandate is approved by the shareholders at the SGM, the company would not pursue a new general share issue mandate at the forthcoming AGM on 22 April 2010</li> </ul>		
Conversion/redemption Timeline	PB's call option to redeem all bonds		
Closing Date	1) Trading price for 30 consecutive days > 130% conversion price in effect Maturity		
<b>↓</b>	2) >90% of Bond converted / redeemed / purchased / cancelled		
12 Apr 2010 12 Jan 2011	12 Jan 2014	12 Apr 2014	5 Apr 2016 12 Apr 2016
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No Conversion  Bondholders can convert to PB shares after trading price for 5 consecutive days > 120% conversion price in effect  Bondholders can convert to PB shares when trading price > conversion price			
Pacific Basin		Bondholder's put option to redeem bonds	3Q11 Trading Updates 30