

## Press Release

### Pacific Basin Proposes Issue of Guaranteed Convertible Bonds Due 2021

Hong Kong, 8 April 2015 – Pacific Basin Shipping Limited (“Pacific Basin” or the “Company”; SEHK: 2343), one of the world’s leading dry bulk shipping companies, announced that it has today entered into an agreement to issue new Convertible Bonds to raise approximately US\$125 million.

Mr. Mats Berglund, Chief Executive Officer of Pacific Basin said:

*“As part of our overall financing plan, we regularly seek out funding opportunities which we consider attractive and beneficial to our shareholders. This Convertible Bond issue represents an opportunity for us to access the convertible market on attractive terms, and will raise funds which we intend to use primarily to maintain the Group’s balance sheet strength and liquidity and to continue to proactively manage our upcoming liabilities including our existing convertible bonds.”*

Pacific Basin utilises three external sources of capital – bank loans, convertible bonds and equity. Through this Bond Issue, the fourth for the Company, Pacific Basin will secure around US\$125 million of funding with a cash coupon of 3.25% per annum representing an attractive cost of funding. The new Convertible Bonds will mature in July 2021 with a put date in July 2019, thus extending the Company’s convertible debt beyond its two existing convertible bonds maturing in 2016 and 2018 respectively.

The new Convertible Bonds may be converted into ordinary shares at an initial conversion price of HK\$4.08 (subject to a downward adjustment for dividend payments) which represents a 37.5% premium over today’s closing share price.

Shareholders’ approval will be needed through a Specific Mandate at a Special General Meeting to be held on or around 22 May 2015 to approve the issue of the Convertible Bonds and the issue of new shares upon conversion of the Convertible Bonds.

Goldman Sachs and HSBC are acting as the joint Lead Managers for the Convertible Bonds.

For further details on the Convertible Bonds’ terms and conditions, please refer to the full text of today’s announcement on the Company’s website.



#### **About Pacific Basin**

Pacific Basin Shipping Limited ([www.pacificbasin.com](http://www.pacificbasin.com)) is one of the world’s leading owners and operators of modern Handysize and Handymax dry bulk vessels. The Company is listed and headquartered in Hong Kong, and currently operates in two main maritime sectors under the banners of Pacific Basin Dry Bulk and PB Towing. Our dry bulk fleet (including newbuildings on order) comprises about 240 vessels directly servicing blue chip industrial customers. Following the recent completion of the sale of our harbour towing business, our towing fleet reduced to 20 owned ocean towing and offshore support vessels. Pacific Basin provides a quality service to a wide range of customers, with approximately 3,000 seafarers and 340 shore-based staff in 13 offices in key locations around the world.

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