Consideration comprises:
(a) New PB shares to ships sellers  US$44.29m
(b) Existing cash  US$44.21m

US$88.5m

The new shares are to be issued under the Company’s General Mandate, and will in aggregate represent approx. 3.68% of PB’s enlarged issued share capital after the allotment and issue of all these new shares.

Issue price of HK$2.036 per share is equal to the average closing price for the last five trading days immediately prior to the date of the ship acquisition contracts.

The acquisitions and share issue are conditional upon HKSE approval of the listing of the new shares.

The ship sellers’ new shares are locked up for 90 days after delivery of the respective vessels.
Reasons for the Transaction

- To grow and renew our fleet with modern, efficient ships of the best design for our trades at still historically low prices

- To increase further the proportion of our owned vs. chartered-in vessels (especially Supramax) at what we consider to be an attractive time

- To enhance our operating cash flow while strengthening our balance sheet. The transactions lower our P&L breakeven levels and are accretive to our EPS

- One of the acquisitions is currently under a long-term time charter to PB which will be terminated upon the ship’s delivery into our ownership. The transaction will replace our charter cost with significantly lower operating costs, thus benefitting our operating cash flow

This opportunity is made possible because reputable Japanese shipowners believe in the longer term prospects for PB and its ability to create shareholder value

Unrelated to this transaction, PB acquired a 2009 Japanese-built 32,000 dwt Handysize log/bulk carrier last month in an all-cash deal with expected delivery in June 2018. Following the delivery of all these 4+1 vessels, our owned fleet will grow to 111 ships.