## 2010 Interim Results

Analyst - 3 Aug 2010

## **Pacific Basin Overview**

- One of the world's leading dry bulk owner/operators of modern handysize and handymax vessels
- Pacific Basin Dry Bulk's business model is highly flexible
  - 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
  - Providing variety of chartering options, mainly COAs & spot fixtures
- Growing presence in:
  - Energy & Infrastructure Services
  - RoRo shipping
- Over 170 vessels serving major industrial customers around the world
- Hong Kong headquarters, 21 offices worldwide, 360+ Group staff, 1,700+ seafarers \*



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#### Pacific Basin **2010 Interim Results Highlights Revenue and Net Profit** Net Profit: US\$51.9m (1H09: US\$74.8m) US\$ m 616.6 • Underlying Profit: US\$65.6m (1H09: US\$56.8m) 425.9 Basic EPS: HK\$0.21 (1H09: HK\$0.32) • Annualised ROE: 7% (1H09: 12%) Revenue 51.9 74.8 Net Profit • Operating cash flow: US\$83m (1H09: US\$61m) 1H09 1H10

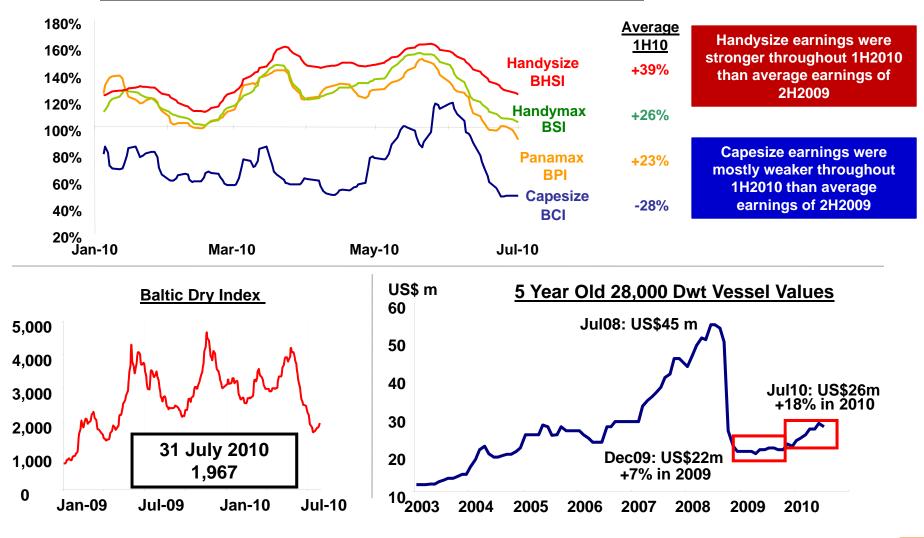
- 1H10 Dividend per share (HK\$): HK\$0.05 (1H09: HK\$0.08)
- Much improved half year for handysize & handymax bulk carriers (In line with our March 2010 outlook)
- Dry bulk market has fallen significantly since end May because of:
  - seasonally reduced activity in June and into third quarter;
  - fall in Chinese commodities imports, cooling measures in the Chinese property market, etc.
  - increased vessel deliveries
- Purchased 9 dry bulk vessels and long term chartered another 5 since reviving our fleet expansion activity in Dec 2009

#### 2H2010 view: Neutral, we expect:

- recovery later in the year due to seasonal rebound and China restocking on balance a half year that is somewhat weaker than first half 2010
- but still generating profitable rates for our dry bulk ships

## **Dry Bulk Market Information**

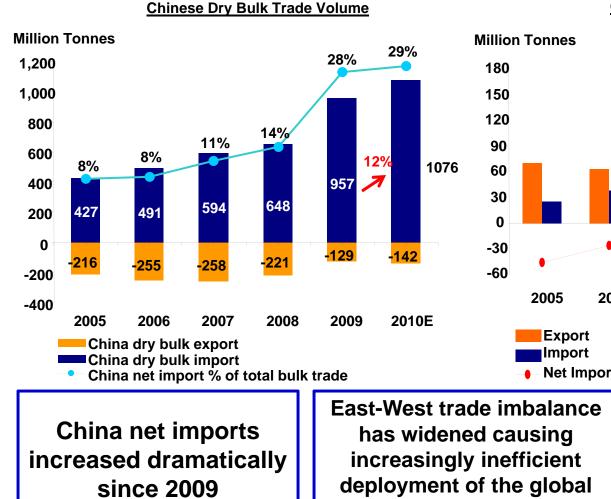
#### Sector Earnings Performance 1H2010 versus average 2H2009



Source: Clarksons (up to Oct 2008, since Jan 2010), Aggregate brokers estimates (from Oct 2008 to Dec 2009) The Baltic Exchange

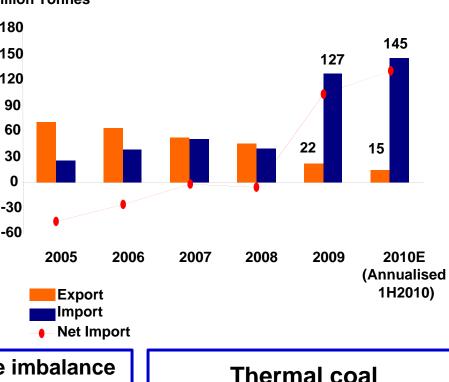
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## **Chinese Dry Bulk Trade**

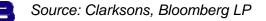


dry bulk fleet

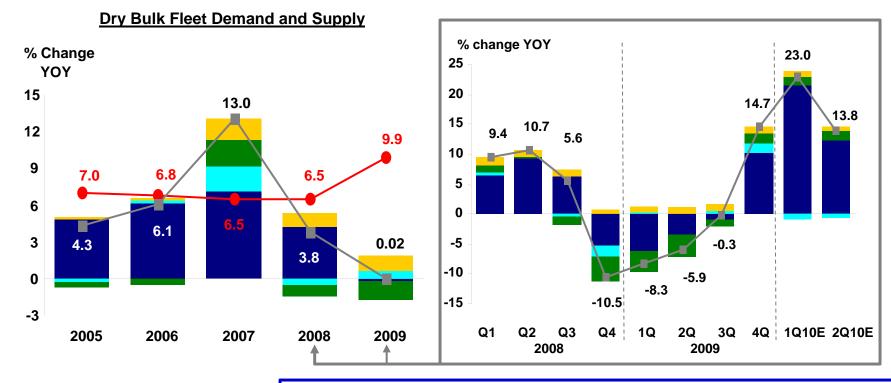
#### China is a Net Importer of Coal



consumption fell in 2Q10, but demand picked up strongly in hot summer

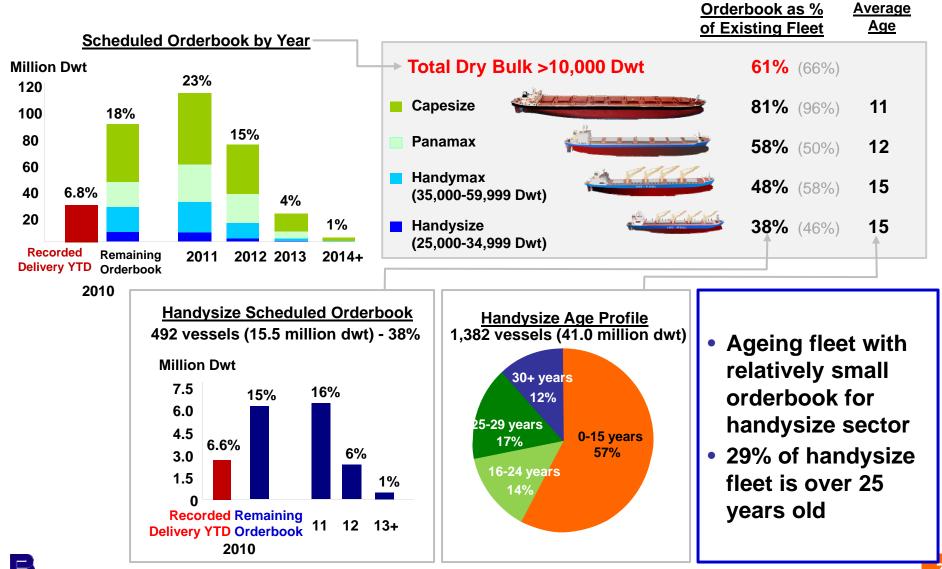






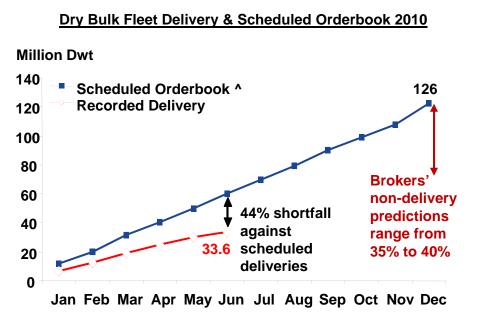
- China Coastal Cargo Effect Congestion Effect Tonne-mile Effect International Cargo Volumes Net Demand Growth Supply Growth
  - Growth in Chinese import of raw materials, including coal, iron ore and minor bulks such as logs
  - Increased Chinese domestic coastal transportation in bulk carriers, especially iron ore and coal
  - Widening East-West imbalance attracting more ballast vessels from Far East to distant load ports for return cargoes

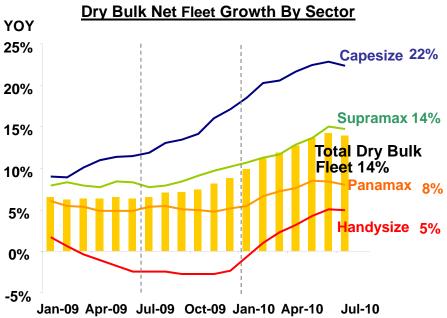




Source: Clarksons 1 July 2010, \*Handysize is defined as 25,000-34,999 Dwt, () % as at 1 July 2009

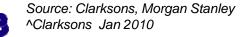




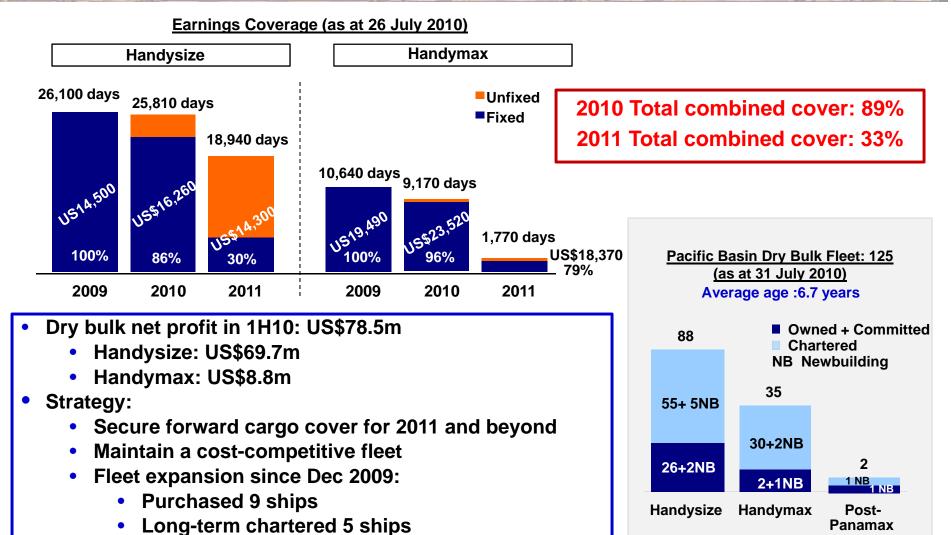


In 1H10, 33.6 million tonnes (6.8%) delivered to the dry bulk fleet
YOY net fleet expansion is 13.9%

We expect a large shortfall in deliveries for the full year as last year (2009: 41% shortfall) We expect handysize and handymax to outperform other dry bulk sectors mainly due to lower orderbook







A Excludes 2 handymax vessels on long term charter out

\* The total combined cover, stated at handysize equivalent days, is calculated as percentage cover on total handysize and handymax revenue days 9

## **Dry Bulk Outlook**

#### • Seasonal demand increase in 4Q10

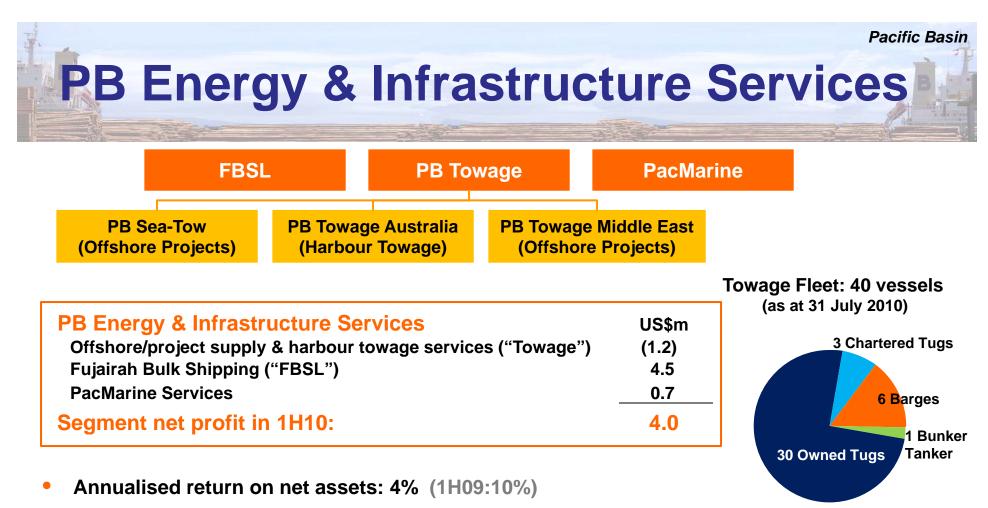
- Revival in Chinese raw materials imports
- Continued global economic recovery, especially in the developing countries
- Slippage and non-realisation of 2010 scheduled newbuilding deliveries

- Heightened risk of unprecedented vessel supply growth
- Unwinding Chinese economic stimulus such as the cooling measures on the property market
- Reduced Chinese iron ore demand due to margins squeeze of steel mills & increased domestic sourcing
- Flatter than expected recovery in US and hesitant growth in Europe

#### **PB Conclusion**

2H2010 view: Neutral, we expect:

- recovery later in the year due to seasonal rebound and China restocking on balance a half year that is somewhat weaker than first half 2010
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- 1H10 Performance:
  - Commencement of harbour towage service in Port of Townsville
  - New services under long term exclusive service licenses at 3 bulk ports
  - Production on FBSL's reclamation project adjusted to originally budgeted levels to complete at least 3 months ahead of schedule
  - Recently expanded our marine surveying and consultancy business into South America and NE United States

## Energy & Infrastructure – Outlook

- Global economic recovery, albeit slow
- Increase in oil and energy prices
- Resumption of infrastructure and offshore projects
- Preseverance leading to better brand recognition and service quality

- Rationalisation of containership towage leading to less port calls
- US moratorium on deep-water drilling exerting downward pressure on rates
- Newbuilding deliveries
- Reduced demand for construction materials in the Middle East

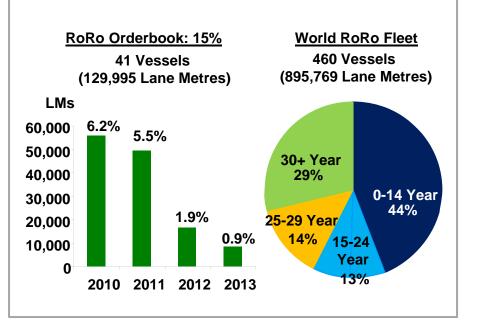
#### **PB** Conclusion

- Anticipate hesitant new demand for offshore towage support services in Australia and the Middle East in the short term
- Only marginal improvement in Australian harbour towage demand in balance 2010
- Uncertain pace of recovery in Middle East infrastructure market
- Expect a less than satisfactory outlook for energy and infrastructure services:
  - Weak towage and infrastructure markets with limited scope for improvement in 2010
  - Only a budgeted contribution from FBSL with cautious view



Net profit in 1H10: US\$0.5 m (1H09: -US\$0.4m) Annualised return on net assets: 1%

- Vessel "Humber Viking" fixed to Norfolk Line for 3 years, operating between Holland and UK
- 5 newbuildings remain on order
  - 2 chartered in vessels with purchase options to deliver late 2010
  - 3 postponed newbuildings deliver in 2011
- Strategy
  - Become a tonnage supplier to major European freight service operators
  - Expand our marketing reach and actively continue to explore employment opportunities within and outside Europe



Long-term fundamentals attractive:

- Ageing fleet (average age: 20 years)
- Weak market leading to significant scrapping: 5.9% in 1H10
- Almost complete lack of newbuilding orders since recession

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## RoRo – Outlook

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- Global and especially European economic recovery to support modest growth in trailer volumes and short-sea RoRo trades
- Significant benefit of a weaker Euro to the European export sector
- Scrapping to limit degree of overcapacity

- Significant RoRo newbuilding deliveries expected in 2010 and 2011
- European austerity measures
- Flatter recovery in US and slow, hesitant growth in developed countries

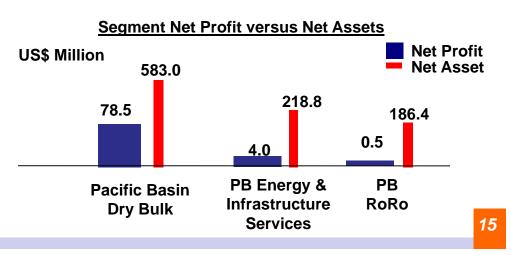
#### **PB Conclusion**

- Sluggish trade in Europe though there are signs of improvement in activity
- We expect challenging trading environment for RoRos to continue throughout 2010 and 2011, with recovery in 2012
- Remain positive about the sector in the more distant future



<u>As at 30 June 2010</u>	1H10	1H09
Segment net profit	81.1	65.7
Treasury	(11.8)	(4.4)
Non direct G&A	(3.7)	(4.5)
Underlying profit	65.6	56.8
Unrealised derivative (expenses)/income	(13.7)	15.0
Future onerous contracts - net provision write-back	-	5.5
Net dry bulk vessel disposal losses	-	(2.5)
Profit attributable to shareholders	51.9	74.8





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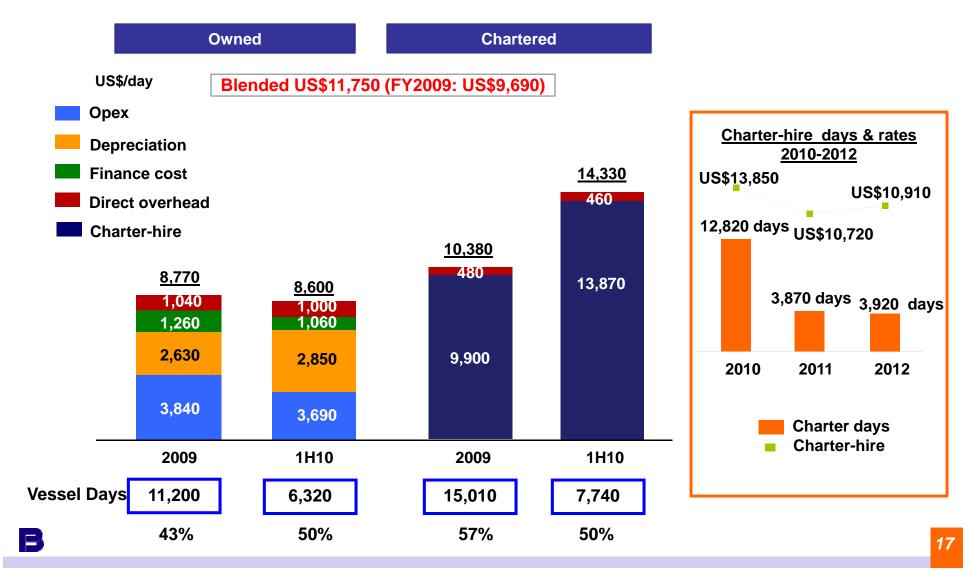
## Pacifc Basin Dry Bulk – Handysize

<u>As at 30 June 2010</u>		1H10	1H09	Change
Revenue days	(days)	13,940	12,460	+12%
TCE earnings	(US\$/day)	16,840	13,610	+24%
Owned + chartered cost	(US\$/day)	11,750	9,380	+25%
Segment net profits	(US\$m)	69.7	52.1	+34%
Return on net assets	(%)	26%	26%	-

Earnings:	Costs:	Segment result excludes:
<ul> <li>1H10 TCE rates reflect demand strength</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Blended daily costs reflect higher chartered- in costs from the market</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>US\$6.2m unrealised net derivatives expenses</li> </ul>



#### Period ended 30 Jun 2010





As at 30 June 2010

US\$m	PB Dry Bulk	PB EIS	PB RoRo	Treasury	30 Jun 10	31 Dec 09
Vessels & other fixed assets	725	177	194	-	1,122	998
Total assets	874	264	241	950	2,471	2,470
Long term borrowings	192	35	52	594	873	877
Total liabilities	291	45	55	597	1,020	1,014
Net assets	583	219	186	353	1,451	1,456
Net cash					96	229
Net cash / Fixed assets					9%	23%
Net cash / Shareholder's equit	ty				7%	16%

Notes: 30 June 2010 total includes other segments and unallocated

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# Cashflow

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Period ended 31 June 2010

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<u>US\$m</u>	1H10	1H09
Operating cash inflows	83	61
Investing cash out / inflows	(142)	13
<ul> <li>Vessels &amp; other fixed assets related payments</li> </ul>	(187)	(171)
- Sales of vessels	-	105
- Jointly controlled entities related payments and receipts	(13)	40
- Net receipts from forward foreign exchange contracts	-	17
- Change in restricted cash & notes receivables	46	13
- Others	12	9
Financing cash (out) / inflows	(31)	57
<ul> <li>Proceeds from issuance of convertible bonds</li> </ul>	227	-
- Repurchase of convertible bonds	(194)	(9)
- Net repayment of borrowings and finance lease	(5)	(14)
- Proceeds from placement	-	97
- Dividends paid	(37)	-
- Others, mainly interest paid	(22)	(17)
Cash and bank deposits	970	1,141

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#### Focus on three core businesses:

Pacific Basin Dry Bulk	PB Energy & Infrastructure Services	PB RoRo
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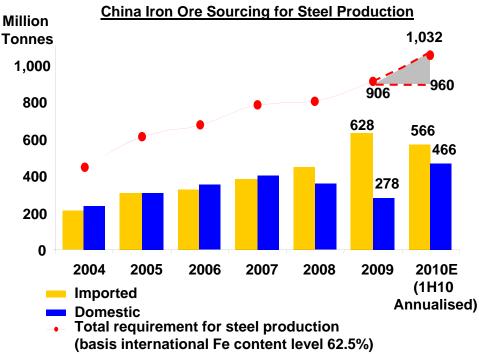
- For handysize and handymax bulk carriers, we expect recovery later in the year due to seasonal rebound and China restocking on balance a half year that is somewhat weaker than first half 2010 but still generating profitable rates for our dry bulk ships
- Continued demand growth in China / Asia
- Neutral outlook overall for dry bulk market 2H 2010
- Business model and balance sheet position us well for further expansion of our dry bulk business as appropriate opportunities arise
- Our strategic goals remain unchanged:
  - To expand further our dry bulk fleet & business
  - To grow our energy and infrastructure services operations
  - To secure profitable employment for remaining RoRo newbuildings

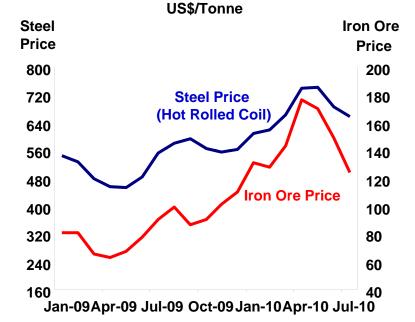


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### Appendix: Chinese Iron Ore Demand





**Chinese Steel & Iron Ore Prices** 

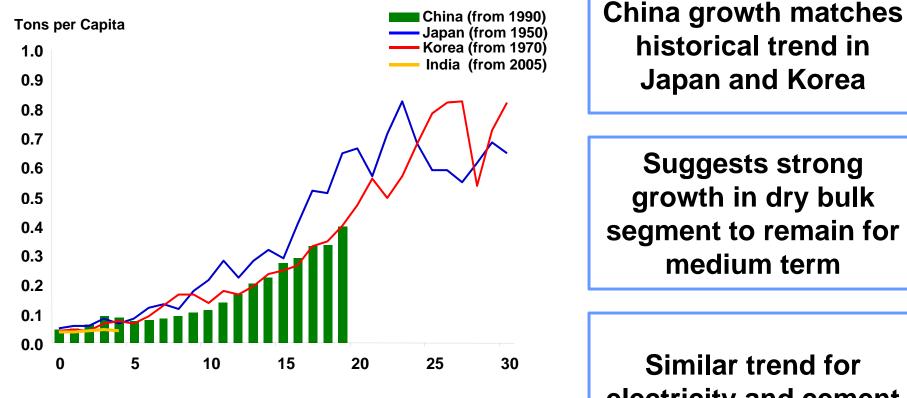
Brokers' predictions on 2010E China's steel production

Growth in Chinese import of raw materials, though not at same unprecedented pace as 2009 We expect revival in Chinese commodity imports and restocking, driven by lower Q4 prices under new quarterly iron ore pricing mechanism Profitability of steel production has been impacted by lower steel prices and higher cost of raw materials

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

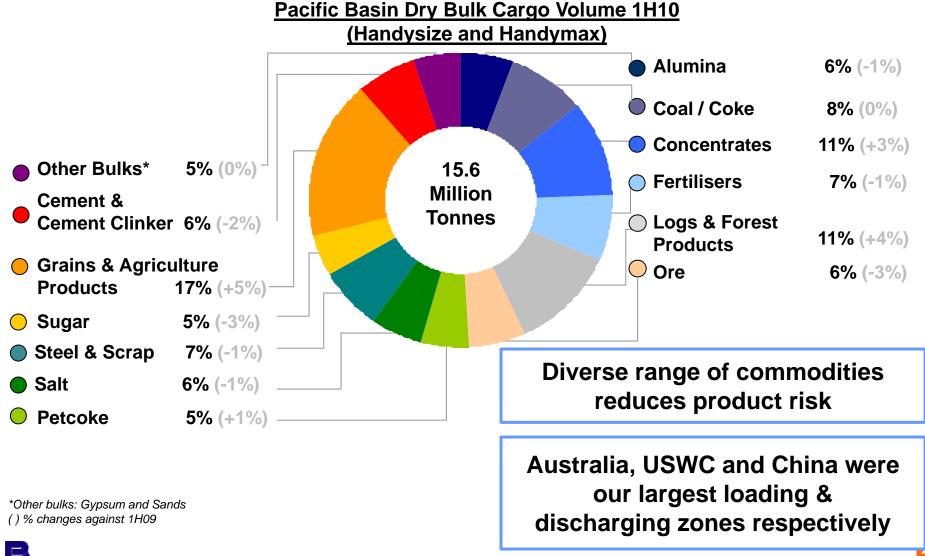
**Steel Consumption Per Capita** 



Years from Start Date

Similar trend for electricity and cement

### Appendix: Pacific Basin Dry Bulk - Diversified Cargo



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### Appendix: Paciifc Basin Dry Bulk – Handymax

As at 30 June 2010

		1H10	1H09	Change
Revenue days	(days)	5,570	5,150	+8%
TCE earnings	(US\$/day)	23,680	19,840	+19%
Owned + chartered cost	(US\$/day)	22,050	17,580	+25%
Segment net profits	(US\$m)	8.8	11.5	-23%
Return on net assets	(%)	32%	102%	-70%

Earnings:	Costs:	Segment result excludes:
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	H10	1H09
PB Energy & Infrastructure Services		
Offshore and project supply and harbour towage services ("Towage")	(1.2)	1.6
Fujairah Bulk Shipping ("FBSL")	4.5	4.1
PacMarine Services	0.7	0.9
Segment net profit	4.0	6.6

PB RoRo segment net profit0.5(0.4)
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- Towage: Consolidation phase; Operating 40 tugs & barges
- FBSL: Reclamation project proceeding
- PacMarine: Ship survey and inspection services

PB RoRo	
<ul> <li>First RoRo vessel operated from September 2009</li> </ul>	

### Appendix: Borrowings and Capex

At latest practical date Funded from US\$970m cash, new borrowings, and US\$m future operating cashflows Redeemable in Feb 2011 -120 2017-2021 

Vessel capex (including purchase options) (US\$354m)

Bank borrowings (gross of loan arrangement fee) (US\$375m): 2012-2021

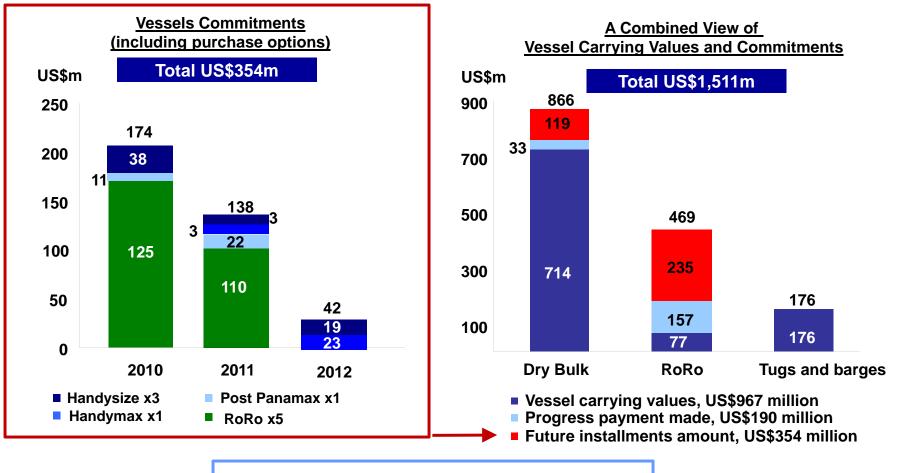
Finance lease liabilities (US\$192m): 2015-2017

Convertible Bonds (Face value US\$120/230m): 2013/2016, redeemable in Feb2011/Apr2014

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### Appendix: Capex and Combined Value by Vessel Types

#### At latest practical date



Further commitments expected in dry bulk

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### Appendix: Impact of Financial Instruments

	Period ended 30 June			
US\$ m	Realised	Unrealised	1H10	1H09
Net Gains / (Losses)				
Forward freight agreements	(4.6)	(1.2)	(5.8)	(12.3)
Bunker swap contracts	2.7	(11.1)	(8.4)	33.0
Interest rate swap contracts	(2.8)	(1.4)	(4.2)	1.4
	(4.7)	(13.7)	(18.4)	22.1
<ul> <li>Cash settlement of contracts completed in the period</li> <li>Included in segment results</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Contracts to be settled in future periods</li> <li>Accounting reversal of earlier period contracts now completed</li> <li>Not part of segment results</li> </ul>		
Bunker prices reduced 1H10     from US\$484/mt to US\$443/mt				

### **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 (with effect from 16 April 2010)				
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 Tim	eline PB's call option to redeem all bonds 1) Trading price for 30 consecutive days > 130% conversion price in effect				
losing Date ↓	2) >90% of Bond converted / redeemed / purchased / cancelled				
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3	Bondholder's put option to redeem bonds				