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Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the prospectus dated Wednesday, 30 June 2004 (the “Prospectus”) issued by Pacific Basin Shipping Limited (the “Company”) shall have the same meanings when used in this announcement.



Pacific Basin Shipping Limited

太平洋航運集團有限公司*

(a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

Stock Code: 2343

EXERCISE OF OVER-ALLOTMENT OPTION

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- The Company announces that the Over-allotment Option (in respect of up to 63,000,000 additional Shares, representing approximately 14.4% of the Shares initially offered under the Global Offering) referred to in the Prospectus was partially exercised by the Global Coordinator, on behalf of the International Underwriters on 6 August 2004 in respect of 3,059,000 additional Shares (the “Over-allotment Shares”) to cover over-allocations in the International Placing.
- The Over-allotment Shares will be sold by the Selling Shareholders, at HK\$2.50 per Share (before deduction of brokerage, SFC transaction levy, investor compensation levy and Stock Exchange trading fee), being the Offer Price per Share in connection with the International Placing.

The Company announces that the Over-allotment Option (in respect of up to 63,000,000 additional Shares, representing approximately 14.4% of the Shares initially offered under the Global Offering) referred to in the Prospectus was partially exercised by the Global Coordinator, on behalf of the International Underwriters on 6 August 2004 in respect of the Over-allotment Shares (representing approximately 0.7% of the Shares initially offered under the Global Offering) to cover over-allocations in the International Placing. The Over-allotment Shares will be sold by the Selling Shareholders at HK\$2.50 per Share (before deduction of brokerage, stamp duty, SFC transaction levy, investor compensation levy and Stock Exchange trading fee), being the Offer Price per Share in connection with the International Placing. Settlement of the sale of the Over-allotment Shares is expected to take place at 9:00 a.m. on 11 August 2004.

	Before the exercise of the Over-allotment Option		After the exercise of the Over-allotment Option	
	Number of Shares	Approximate % of issued share capital	Number of Shares	Approximate % of issued share capital
Shareholders				
Dry Bulk Shipping (BVI) Limited	290,651,104	22.93	289,433,689	22.84
IDB Carriers (BVI) Limited	242,209,708	19.12	241,195,194	19.04
Pembroke	180,180,833	14.22	179,589,622	14.18
Other Shareholders	116,968,964	9.23	116,733,104	9.21
Public Shareholders	437,000,000	34.50	440,059,000	34.73
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Total	1,267,010,609	100.0	1,267,010,609	100.0
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Following the partial exercise of the Over-allotment Option by the Global Coordinator, on behalf of the International Underwriters, the aggregate maximum number of additional Shares which the Selling Shareholders may be required to sell under the terms of the Over-allotment Option will be reduced from 63,000,000 Shares to 59,941,000 Shares. The Over-allotment Option with respect to such Shares is exercisable by the Global Coordinator on or before 6 August 2004. However, the Global Coordinator will not exercise the Over-allotment Option with respect to the remaining Shares, as over-allocations in the International Placing have been covered in full by the exercise of the Over-allotment Option described above.

The net proceeds of approximately HK\$7.33 million from the sale of the Over-allotment Shares by the Selling Shareholders will be for the account of the Selling Shareholders only.

Immediately after the sale of the Over-allotment Shares, the total number of Shares in issue will remain at 1,267,010,609 Shares, of which an aggregate of 440,059,000 Shares will be held by public shareholders, representing approximately 34.73% of the total number of Shares in issue.

By Order of the Board
Andrew T. Broomhead
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 6 August 2004

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Christopher Richard Buttery, Mark Malcolm Harris and Paul Charles Over, the non-executive directors of the Company are Lee Kwok Yin, Simon, James John Dowling and Brian Paul Friedman, and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Robert Charles Nicholson, Patrick Blackwell Paul and Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cromer.

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in the South China Morning Post (English) and Hong Kong Economic Times (Chinese).