



Press Release

Pacific Basin enters into Joint Venture with Nanjing Port Group to own and operate new general cargo terminal

Hong Kong, July 24, 2007 – **Pacific Basin Shipping Limited** (“Pacific Basin” or “the Company”; SEHK: 2343) announces that on 18 July 2007, Pacific Basin’s subsidiary "Asia Pacific Maritime & Infrastructure Group" ("APMIG") entered into a joint venture agreement with state-owned Nanjing Port Group ("NJP") that will see Pacific Basin take a 45% interest in Nanjing Longtan Tianyu Terminal Company Limited ("Longtan Tianyu"). The officially approved total project investment requirement is RMB 564m (approximately US\$74 million), and Pacific Basin’s equity investment in the project will amount to approximately US\$16 million.

The Longtan Tianyu terminal is a newly constructed general cargo terminal, which is part of the larger Longtan port and logistics base development on the eastern outskirts of Nanjing. It is scheduled to be operational in August 2007.

Mr. Richard Hext, CEO of Pacific Basin, said, "We have taken great care in seeking out attractive opportunities to extend the range of services we provide to our customers, and are delighted to be joining forces with such a reputable and experienced partner as the Nanjing Port Group for our first maritime infrastructure project in China. The Longtan Tianyu terminal is also a great opportunity for us because of Nanjing's position at the highest point on the Yangtze River that is accessible to handysize tonnage, and because of the terminal's intended focus on steel products, scrap and other general cargoes with which we have much experience. This is a port operation to which we believe we can add significant value, which fits well with our core business, and which is expected to generate healthy long term returns on our investment."

Mr. Wang Chun Lin, Executive Director of Pacific Basin, and General Manager of APMIG, said, "This is a strategically valuable project that gives Pacific Basin a foothold in the China ports business and affords us a broader role in the dry cargo supply chain in an area where our ships trade on a regular basis. This extension of our ocean transportation business to shore-side activities is a significant step amongst general cargo and bulk carrier companies. Owing to its favourable location, the Longtan Tianyu terminal is expected to benefit from increasing throughput in the Nanjing region of general cargoes being transported to and from China's rapidly developing central and western regions and the vast Yangtze River Valley. With this joint venture agreement now signed and a number of other opportunities being developed around China, we expect to conclude further maritime-related infrastructure projects in China in the next twelve to eighteen months."

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About Pacific Basin

Pacific Basin Shipping Limited is one of the world’s leading commercial dry bulk shipping companies with an owned, chartered and managed fleet under the name of Pacific Basin (www.pacbasin.com) and International Handybulk Carriers (“IHC”)

(www.handybulkpool.com). It commenced its handymax activity in December 2005 under the name of International Handymax Carriers (“IHX”) (www.handymaxpool.com).

The company specializes in shipping a broad range of dry bulk commodities which include forestry products, cement, minerals, grains and fertilizers and scrap steel from resource-rich regions such as Australia, New Zealand, West Coast North America and South East Asia to high commodity consumption countries such as Japan, China, and Korea.

Pacific Basin has a global presence with its headquarters in Hong Kong and operating offices in London, Tokyo, Melbourne, Shanghai, Dalian, Beijing, Vancouver, Auckland, Dubai, Fujairah, Seoul and Singapore.

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