

## UNI-ASIA FINANCE CORPORATION

Company Registration No. CR-72229

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability on 17 March 1997)

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPDATE OF VESSEL ACQUISITION PROJECTS

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Uni-Asia Finance Corporation (the “**Company**”) would like to announce an update on the progress of the various vessel acquisition projects under Uni-Asia Shipping Limited (“**Uni-Asia Shipping**”), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, including the projects of Luna Bulkship S.A. (the “**Luna Bulkship Project**”) and Imperial Bulkship S. A. (the “**Imperial Bulkship Project**”)

#### 1. Luna Bulkship Project

As announced previously on 18 August 2011, Luna Bulkship S.A. (“**Luna Bulkship**”), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company through Uni-Asia Shipping, has acquired a 28,300 dwt second hand handy bulk carrier pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement entered into between Sunrise Shipping S.A. and Luna Bulkship on 17 August 2011. The vessel was successfully delivered on 12 September 2011.

Luna Bulkship entered into a time charter agreement with Daiichi Chuo Kisen Kaisha for a tenor of one year on 8 September 2011 and the time charter will commence immediately after expiry of the current time charter contract with Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd in October 2011. On 9 September 2011, Luna Bulkship entered into a loan agreement with a subsidiary of IBJ Leasing Co., Ltd (which belongs to the Mizuho Financial Group, one of the largest financial groups in Japan) for a three-year loan facility of US\$ 12.5 million; the loan is backed by a guarantee from the Company and the full amount of the loan was drawn down on 16 September 2011. The loan was used solely for the purpose of financing of the acquisition of the vessel.

#### 2. Imperial Bulkship Project

As announced previously on 22 September 2010, Imperial Bulkship S.A. (“**Imperial Bulkship**”), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company through Uni-Asia Shipping, had acquired a 29,100 dwt newbuilding handy bulk carrier pursuant to a novation agreement on 13 August 2010. The vessel is expected to be delivered in the second quarter of 2012.

Imperial Bulkship entered into a three-year time charter agreement with Pacific Basin Chartering Limited on 23 September 2011. On 23 June 2011, Imperial Bulkship entered into a loan agreement with Mega International Commercial Bank Co., Ltd .and Hua Nan Commercial Bank Ltd, both of which are financial institutions in Taiwan, for a five-year loan facility of US\$16.1 million. As the successful conclusion of the charter hire contract is one of the conditions precedent for a first drawdown, this loan facility is now available for financing the acquisition of the vessel.

### 3. Uni-Asia Shipping vessel acquisition projects

As announced previously, the Company has acquired a total of five handy bulk carriers to date under Uni-Asia Shipping through its various vessel owning subsidiaries. The current situation of vessel acquisition projects are summarised as follows:

Among the five vessels acquired, three vessels were delivered in 2011 and have started contributing to the group's profit. The remaining two vessels are scheduled to be delivered in the second quarter of 2012 and the third quarter of 2013, respectively.

Among the five vessels, four vessels have to-date secured term loan facilities and charter contracts. The remaining vessel, owned by Jade Bulkship S.A., has yet to secure a term loan facility and charter contract, as delivery of the vessel is scheduled for the third quarter of 2013.

The total consideration for each vessel acquisition project has been or will be financed by term loan facilities provided by external financial and other institutions, the US\$ 20 million paid-up capital of Uni-Asia Shipping, the Uni-Asia group's internal resources, as well as a portion of the Company's recent rights issue proceeds (disbursements as announced on 23 August 2011 and 14 September 2011, respectively).

#### Vessel acquisition projects under Uni-Asia Shipping

<u>Name of vessel owning subsidiary</u>	<u>Vessel type</u>	<u>Delivery</u>	<u>Total consideration</u>	<u>Term-loan facility</u>		<u>Time Charter contract</u>
				<u>Amount &amp; tenor</u>	<u>Financier</u>	
Hope Bulkship S.A.	29,000 DWT handy bulk carrier built in 2011	May 2011	US\$21 million	US\$14.6 million 5 years	Group company of SinoPac Holdings	Pacific Basin Chartering Ltd for 5 years
Imperial Bulkship S.A.	29,100 DWT handy bulk carrier to be built in 2012	2Q 2012 (Scheduled)	US\$23.5 million	US\$16.1 million 5 years	Mega International Commercial Bank, Hua Nan Commercial Bank	Pacific Basin Chartering Ltd for 3 years
Jade Bulkship S.A.	37,000 DWT handy bulk carrier to be built in 2013	3Q 2013 (scheduled)	US\$33 million	Not fixed yet	N.A.	Not fixed yet
Karat Bulkship S.A.	28,709 DWT handy bulk carrier built in 2007	May 2011	US\$20 million	JPY 1,250 million (Multi-currency) 5 years	Group company of BOT Lease Co., Ltd	Daiichi Chuo Kisen Kaisha for 1 year
Luna Bulkship S.A.	28,300 DWT handy bulk carrier built in 2001	September 2011	US\$19.3 million	US\$12.5 million <small>(note)</small> 3 years	Group company of IBJ Leasing Co., Ltd	Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd. (Until Oct 2011) Daiichi Chuo Kisen Kaisha for 1 year (from Oct 2011)

Note: In addition to US\$12.5 million term loan, US\$2.5 million loan is provided by a third party shipping company.

For and on behalf of  
Uni-Asia Finance Corporation

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