

Registration No: CR - 72229

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

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW JOINT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Uni-Asia Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce that the Company has entered into two shareholders' agreements (each a "Shareholders' Agreement", collectively "Shareholders' Agreements") on 25 June 2013 with Yamasa Co., Ltd. ("Yamasa") for the acquisition of shares of two new joint investment companies (collectively "New Investment Companies") known as Olive Bulkship S.A. ("Olive") and Polaris Bulkship S.A. ("Polaris") for the purpose of acquiring two newbuilding supramax bulk carriers (each a "Vessel" and collectively "Vessels").

- 1. Olive. The Company has entered into the Shareholders' Agreement with Yamasa on 25 June 2013, pursuant to which shares of Olive will be acquired by both the Company and Yamasa. Olive was incorporated on 21 May 2013 in Panama. Further to the Shareholders' Agreement, Olive will have an issued and paid-up capital of US\$10,000 comprising 100 ordinary shares of US\$100 each, of which 20 shares will be registered in the name of the Company, and the remaining 80 shares will be registered in the name of Yamasa. Accordingly, the Company and Yamasa will each hold 20% and 80% shareholding interest in Olive respectively. The consideration of US\$2,000 for the 20 shares in Olive will be internally funded by the Company and paid in cash in full on or about the end of June 2013. None of the directors of Olive are directors of the Company. The Company and Yamasa are now in the process of acquiring the Vessel through Olive.
- Polaris. The Company has entered into the Shareholders' Agreement with Yamasa on 25 June 2013, pursuant to which shares of Polaris will be acquired by both the Company and Yamasa. Polaris was incorporated on 21 May 2013 in Panama. Further to the Shareholders' Agreement, Polaris will have an issued and paid-up capital of US\$10,000 comprising 100 ordinary shares of US\$100 each, of which 20 shares will be registered in the name of the Company, and the remaining 80 shares will be registered in the name of Yamasa. Accordingly, the Company and Yamasa will each hold 20% and 80% shareholding interest in Polaris respectively. The consideration of US\$2,000 for the 20 shares in Polaris will be internally funded by the Company and paid in cash in full on or about the end of June 2013. None of the directors of Polaris include any directors of the Company. The Company and Yamasa are now in the process of acquiring the Vessel through Polaris.

3. Chapter 9 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual. Yamasa has a deemed shareholding interest of 33.46% in the Company and constitutes an "interested person" of the Company as defined in Chapter 9 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual. Accordingly, the Shareholders' Agreements are interested person transactions as defined in the SGX-ST Listing Manual as they are joint ventures with an interested person.

The Shareholders' Agreements were agreed on commercial terms which are in line with the Company's other joint venture agreements. The Company has worked with Yamasa on several structured finance arrangement deals and so far Yamasa has been able to discharge its financial obligations, which is an important factor for the Company in selecting joint venture partners.

The Audit Committee of the Company is of the view that the risks and rewards of the joint ventures are in proportion to the equity of each of the New Investment Companies and the terms of each of the Shareholders' Agreements are not prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority shareholders.

The aggregate value for the current financial year of all transactions with Yamasa, excluding the equity contribution for the New Investment Companies, is US\$1.55 million, which is approximately 1.1% of the Company's latest audited net tangible assets. The Company's proportionate aggregate equity commitment to the New Investment Companies under the Shareholders' Agreements is US\$3.24 million, of which US\$1.28 million of equity drawdown is expected for the current financial year. Accordingly, the aggregate value for the current financial year of all transactions with Yamasa, inclusive of the proportionate equity contribution expected for the current financial year, is US\$2.83 million, which is approximately 2.0% of the Company's latest audited net tangible assets. The Company does not have any other transaction with other interested person besides Yamasa for the current financial year.

- 4. Chapter 10 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual. The Shareholders' Agreements are in the ordinary course of the Company's business. In view of the foregoing, the Shareholders' Agreements would not constitute a "transaction" as defined in Chapter 10 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual.
- **5. Financial effects.** Save as disclosed above, the acquisitions of shares in the New Investment Companies are not expected to have any material impact on the net tangible assets per share, earnings per share and operating results of the Company for the current financial year.
- **6. Interests of Directors.** None of the Directors of the Company has any interest, direct or indirect, in the acquisition of shares in Olive and Polaris.

For and on behalf of Uni-Asia Holdings Limited

25 June 2013