

# JIN - INSIDE INFORMATION DISPOSAL OF A VESSEL

The Board of Jinhui Shipping and Transportation Limited announces that a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into a memorandum of agreement on 2 August 2018 for the disposal of a Supramax at a consideration of US\$8,700,000.

#### THE DISPOSAL

The Vendor entered into the Agreement with the Purchaser on 2 August 2018 for the disposal of the Vessel at a consideration of US\$8,700,000. The Vessel will be delivered by the Vendor to the Purchaser between 2 August 2018 and 5 August 2018.

# Information on the Group and the Vendor

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding and the principal activities of its subsidiaries are international ship chartering and ship owning.

The Vendor is a ship owning company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company as at date of this announcement.

## **Purchaser**

The Purchaser is a company incorporated in the People's Republic of China and is intended to be the registered owner of the Vessel following her purchase. The principal activity of the Purchaser is trading in coastal China.

To the best of the Board's knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, the Purchaser is an independent third party not connected with the directors, chief executive or substantial shareholders of the Company or its subsidiaries or any of their respective associates.

### Consideration

Under the Agreement, the Vendor agrees to dispose of the Vessel for a consideration of US\$8,700,000 payable by the Purchaser as follows:

- (1) an initial deposit of US\$1,740,000 will be payable by the Purchaser within four banking days after the date that (i) the signing of the Agreement; (ii) the signing of escrow agreement in respect of the initial deposit to be lodged with the escrow agent; and (iii) the confirmation from the escrow agent confirming the account is ready to receive the initial deposit; and
- (2) the balance of US\$6,960,000 will be payable by the Purchaser on the delivery of the Vessel which will take place between 2 August 2018 and 5 August 2018.

The consideration of the Vessel of US\$8,700,000 was determined by reference to market intelligence the Company has gathered from shipbrokers and its own analysis of recently concluded sale and purchase transactions of vessels of comparable size and year of built in the market, and on the basis of arm's length negotiations with the Purchaser.

We observe and monitor the sale and purchase market of second hand vessels, including recent market transactions of similar vessels between willing sellers and willing buyers in that prevailing time presuming the vessel free from all registered encumbrances, maritime liens and all debts, free of charter or any contract of employment, for cash payment on normal sale terms at that particular of time. However, as each vessel is never identical, buyers will take into account, the individual specification, maintenance quality and conditions of each individual vessel to come up with an offer. Management has based on the experience, market knowledge to consider the acceptance of the bidders' offers.

#### Vessel

The Vessel is a Supramax of deadweight 52,961 metric tons, built in year 2003 and registered in Hong Kong. The Vendor is a special purpose company for holding solely the Vessel.

The Vessel has been owned by the Group since year 2007, and its unaudited net book value as at 31 March 2018 was US\$7,689,000. The net profit both before and after taxation and extraordinary items attributable to the Vendor for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 was US\$330,000 while net loss both before and after taxation and extraordinary items attributable to the Vendor for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 was US\$1,383,000.

# Possible financial effects of the Disposal

Based on the unaudited net book value of the Vessel as at 31 March 2018 as described above, the Group would realize a book gain of approximately US\$0.8 million on disposal of the Vessel. The book gain for the Vessel was calculated after estimated expenses of approximately US\$0.2 million, which mainly includes commission and legal fees. However, the actual book gain which the Group would realize upon completion of the Disposal will depend on the actual net book value of the Vessel as at date of delivery in accordance with the Group's impairment and depreciation policy for its vessels as shown in the Company's annual report and the actual costs of disposal being incurred of the Vessel as at date of delivery.

# Use of proceeds

The Group intends to keep all net sale proceeds received as general working capital of the Group.

#### REASONS FOR THE DISPOSAL

The Directors continuously review the prevailing market conditions of the shipping industry and monitor and adjust the Group's fleet profile as appropriate. The Directors believe that the Disposal will enable the Group to enhance its working capital position and further strengthen its liquidity, and optimize the fleet profile through this ongoing management of asset portfolio.

Despite the recent improvement in shipping market, we continue to see uncertainty and market volatility remaining as an operational risk to the Group. In order to further reduce operational risk and liquidity risk, we believe it is prudent for the Group to readjust the fleet size according to the age profile and it is also important to remain financially nimble in today's ever-changing market environment. The Disposal would result in a book gain and generate positive cash inflow to boost its working capital and liquidity. Looking ahead, we will continue to focus on taking sensible and decisive actions to maintain a strong financial position. We will continuously monitor the market as well as our operations going forward and look out for opportunities to maintain a reasonably modern and competitive fleet, not ruling out any future disposal or acquisition of vessels and will make such decisions on an ad hoc basis to maintain a high financial flexibility and operational competitiveness.

Before the completion of the Disposal, the Group currently owns two modern Post-Panamaxes and nineteen modern grabs fitted Supramaxes including the Vessel. Total carrying capacity will be reduced by 52,961 metric tons to 1,187,387 metric tons after the Disposal, and the Directors believe that the Disposal will not have any material adverse effect on the operations of the Group.

The terms and conditions of the Agreement have been agreed on normal commercial terms following arm's length negotiations with reference to the prevailing market values. The Directors consider that the Disposal represents an opportunity for the Group to readjust its fleet profile and reduce our operational risk exposures in current high-risk volatile markets and the Disposal will improve the liquidity position of the Group. The Directors consider that the terms and conditions of the Agreement was concluded between a willing seller and willing buyer and concluded base on arm's length negotiations, the Directors consider such terms and conditions are fair and reasonable and believe that the Disposal is in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

## **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, unless the context requires otherwise, the following expressions of the following meanings were used:

"Agreement" the memorandum of agreement dated 2 August 2018 entered into

between the Vendor and the Purchaser in respect of the disposal of

the Vessel;

"Board" the board of Directors;

"Company" Jinhui Shipping and Transportation Limited;

"Directors" the directors of the Company;

"Disposal" the disposal of the Vessel under the Agreement;

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries;

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's

Republic of China;

"Post-Panamaxes" vessels of deadweight approximately 90,000 metric tons to 100,000

metric tons;

"Purchaser" Anhui Zhonglian Shipping Co., Ltd., a company incorporated in the

People's Republic of China;

"Supramax(es)" dry cargo vessel(s) of deadweight approximately 50,000 metric tons;

"Vendor" Jincheng Maritime Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company;

and

"Vessel" a deadweight 52,961 metric tons bulk carrier "Jin Cheng" registered

in Hong Kong.

By Order of the Board

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Managing Director

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