

SWIRE & CTM launch Offshore Logistics Business

16th April, 2008 – Hong Kong & Monaco – Swire's The China Navigation Company [CNCo] and DryLog's C Transport Maritime [CTM] are pleased to announce the formation of a 50:50 joint venture, **Swire CTM Bulk Logistics**. The joint venture is dedicated to providing efficient logistic solutions for the cost-effective transportation of dry bulk commodities. With the background of increased volumes of commodities being shipped, higher deep sea transportation costs, the increase in size of bulk carriers, an increased worldwide focus on environmental issues and the commissioning of new resource sources, **Swire CTM Bulk Logistics** will seek to address constraints (such as the prohibitive cost for setting-up new deep water ports) for expanding existing projects and servicing new ones, by innovatively developing reliable and cost-effective logistics systems for operating within logistically challenged areas (shallow drafts etc). The key aim of Swire CTM Bulk Logistics in providing this service is to offer substantial freight savings and therefore add value to its customers' supply chains.

Design will be done with in-house teams in conjunction with contracted naval architects, while the operation and manning of the vessels employed will be by CNCo and CTM's experienced staff.

Swire CTM Bulk Logistics will combine the strengths of both its parent companies in order to take full advantage of relationships with customers, shipyards, design houses, suppliers of equipment, in order to deliver specific tailor made logistical solutions to its customers. Additionally, Swire CTM Bulk Logistics will rely on the external consultancy support of Logmarin Advisors [www.logmarin.net].

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Notes to editors:

The China Navigation Company Limited [CNCo] is the deep-sea ship owning and operating arm of the London-based John Swire & Sons Ltd. It directly owns 18 ships and operates on average close to 50 vessels in its liner trades and bulk shipping activities. CNCo has three main core activities: Liner trades, dry bulk and specialist projects. It employs approximately 1100 employees at sea and based ashore at subsidiaries and branch offices in 16 countries.

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C Transport Maritime [CTM] is the commercial shipping arm of DryLog which is in turn a 100% subsidiary of Ceres Shipping Ltd. CTM managed fleet consists of approximately 105 dry bulk vessels with a total cargo volume of about 60 million tons. DryLog and its associates have control of 47 vessels of which 23 are on order or to be delivered on long term charters.

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