



## **Seaspan Corporation Signs Contracts to Build Eight New 8500 TEU Vessels-Twelve-Year Charters Arranged With COSCON-Conference Call and Webcast Scheduled to Discuss Transaction**

HONG KONG, CHINA, May 14, 2007 (CCNMatthews via COMTEX News Network) -- Seaspan Corporation ("Seaspan") (NYSE:SSW) today announced that it has signed contracts to build eight 8500 TEU vessels at Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., Ltd. ("HHI") in South Korea. The eight newbuilding vessels are scheduled to be delivered between the fourth quarter of 2009 and the fourth quarter of 2010. The total delivered cost is expected to be approximately \$132.5 million per vessel, subject to certain pre-delivery expenses remaining at budgeted levels.

Seaspan also announced that it simultaneously entered into twelve-year charter agreements for each of these eight vessels with Cosco Container Lines (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd., an affiliate of Cosco Container Lines Co., Ltd. ("Coscon") of China, at a rate of \$42,900 per vessel per day. The charterer will have three consecutive one year options to charter each of the ships for \$43,400 per vessel per day after the twelve year firm charter periods.

Coscon is one of the largest container shipping companies in the world.

Each new vessel is expected to contribute between \$13.2 million and \$13.6 million in incremental EBITDA per annum upon delivery. For this purpose, EBITDA shall mean net earnings before interest, undrawn credit facility fees, taxes, depreciation and amortization of deferred financing fees. This should result in an increase in distributable cash when the vessels are delivered and operating.

"We began working with Coscon last year when we purchased two 3500 TEU vessels for 12 year charter to this major Chinese liner operator and we are very pleased to expand the relationship at this time by adding another eight vessels that will cost approximately \$1 billion," said Gerry Wang, Chief Executive Officer of Seaspan. "The acquisition of these new ships will bring our total fleet to 55 vessels and add over \$100 million in annual EBITDA once all eight vessels are delivered and operating. We believe this investment demonstrates the power of our business model to finance large scale vessel acquisitions to meet the needs of the top operators in the liner industry."

Seaspan Management Services Limited will supervise the construction of the new vessels and operate the ships for Seaspan at an estimated fixed rate of \$6,000 per day through 2011.

The company will use a combination of proceeds received from its recent equity offering, a drawing under its recently amended and restated \$1.3 billion loan facility and cash from operations to fund the down payments for these vessels. Permanent financing for subsequent installments will be arranged in the coming months.

Seaspan plans to host a conference call for all shareholders and interested parties on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. ET to discuss the transaction.

### **Conference Call and Webcast Information:**

Date of Conference Call:	Tuesday, May 15, 2007
Scheduled Time:	11:00 a.m. ET / 10:00 a.m. CT / 9:00 a.m. MT / 8:00 a.m. PT
Participant Toll Free Dial In #:	1-800-378-6780
International Dial In #:	1-913-643-4208

To access the live webcast of the conference call, go to [www.seaspancorp.com](http://www.seaspancorp.com) and click on "Investor Relations" then "Events Calendar" for the link. The webcast will be archived on the site for one year.

A replay of the conference call will also be available from 2:00 p.m. ET on May 15, 2007 through to 11:59 p.m. ET on May 29, 2007. The replay telephone numbers are: 1-888-203-1112 or 1-719-457-0820 and the replay passcode is: 1561964.

## About Seaspan

Seaspan owns containerships and charters them pursuant to long-term fixed-rate charters. Seaspan's fleet of 55 containerships consists of 26 existing containerships and 29 to be delivered over approximately the next 3.5 years. The 29 vessels that Seaspan has contracted to purchase are already committed to long-term time charters averaging approximately 11.0 years in duration from delivery. Seaspan's operating fleet of 26 vessels has an average age of approximately five years with an average remaining charter period of approximately eight years. Seaspan's customer base consists of seven of the largest liner companies, including China Shipping Container Lines, A.P. Moller-Maersk, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Hapag-Lloyd, Coscon, K-Line and CSAV.

Seaspan's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "SSW".

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