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Hanjin Speaks Out on Fleet Deployment Plans

Now that both Coscon and Evergreen announced to strengthen their European loops' capacities at the expense of their transpacific services, some might have expected Hanjin to follow. The Korean company will however not upgrade their European slings in the near future, partly due to a lack of suitable tonnage. As one of the strongest carriers in the Asia – USWC trade, Hanjin now announced to deploy five 10,000 TEU vessels on the Pacific from 2010, when Samsung is scheduled to deliver a series of such vessels to Hanjin. It is not until then, that Hanjin will be able to re-deploy its 7,500 TEU ships to northern Europe without neglecting their stronghold on the Pacific. The remaining units of the present 6,500 TEU ships in

the European trade will be later replaced by a series of 9,000 TEU vessels recently ordered from Hyundai Heavy in Ulsan. These ship will be delivered in 2010, three years from now. Altogether, it looks like Hanjin slightly misjudged the container shipping market's recent development and hesitated too long before finally opting for vessels with a capacity of more than 7,500 TEU. Retrospectively, one might wonder if the carrier would have been happier with a series of contemporary 8,000 TEU ships, instead of their eight super fast 6,500 TEU carriers of the Hanjin Bremerhaven type. Like many carriers these days, Hanjin struggled to perform adequately on the financial side, but had to present a hefty loss for the first quarter of 2007.

A Glimpse of MOL Creation



**MOL Creation nearing completion at Nagasaki
photo: Y.M.**

The Japanese shipbuilders of Mitsubishi's Nagasaki yard have almost finished work on their first 8,000 TEU vessel. Luckily, our Japanese contributor was able to take a photograph of the ship while it was berthed at the yard's outfitting pier. Although MOL did not yet announce any deployment plans for the new ships, they are widely believed to be employed in a Far-East – northern Europe service. Meanwhile rumours have surfaced, suggesting that the shipbuilders of Mitsubishi are presently

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preparing a design for a new 12,000 TEU container ship for a Japanese shipping company.

Three Billion Euros for Hamburg's Port Infrastructure

Last week, the Senate of the independent German city state of Hamburg finally gave the nod to a three billion Euro investment scheme that is aimed at improving the port's infrastructure and providing additional cargo handling capacity. Until 2015, a total of nearly three billion Euros will be invested in the construction of additional quays, the modernisation and extension of the port's railway network, the dredging of the river Elbe and an improved flood protection. The money will be allocated from the city state's budget and the budget of the Hamburg Port Authority. Furthermore, the money yielded from HHLA's initial public offer will be used to finance the ambitious plans. Recent forecasts predicted that Hamburg's container throughput will almost double within the next eight years and reach some 18 million TEU by 2015. Hamburg's investment scheme will also provide much-needed space for Eurogate's westward terminal extension, since additional land will be created by filling in the docks of the Petroleumhafen. Eurogate will thus be able to reach an annual capacity of six million TEU until about 2013. The company will therefore invest EUR 283 million.

Maersk Line to Launch New China-Med Sling

Danmark's Maersk Line recently announced the imminent launch of a new Asia-Europe service to be named AE 11. The new loop will link China and the Mediterranean ports of Malaga and Algeciras. The latter of the two plays an important role in Maersk Line's service network, since it is the carrier's prime transshipment port in the region and interconnects mainline and feeder services between Northern Europe, the Med, Asia, the Americas and Africa. The AE11's port rotation will include Xingang, Dalian, Qingdao, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Malaga, Algeciras, Xiamen and Xingang again. Your editors believe that after the introduction of the new loop, some of the present Asia-European services' Mediterranean calls may well be omitted. Judging from today, the AE7 will be the first loop to lose a call on the Iberian peninsula. Maersk will deploy a fleet of seven very fast 4,300 TEU B-class ships to the new loop.

China Shipping Enters Containership Construction

The China Shipping Group, China's second largest maritime transportation conglomerate after Cosco, has rapidly expanded its business areas over the past few years. Starting out as just another shipping company, China Shipping soon got involved in terminal operations and many shipping related activities. A few years ago, the company also entered the shipyard sector. Today, the China Shipping Group owns six dockyards situated both at Shanghai and Guangzhou. The yards so far only engages in ship repairs, conversions and maintenance. This only changed at the beginning of this month, when the group took over the Jiangdu Shipbuilding Company. The yard is located in China's eastern Zhejiang province and has recently been re-branded as China Shipping Industrial Company. Opposed to other yards within the China Shipping group, CSIC's core business is vessel construction. Presently, the yard is able to build panamax container ships as well as oil tankers and bulk carriers with a deadweight of up to 80,000 tonnes. At this point in time, the yard's order book does not include any large container vessels, but from now on, the Chinese carrier will be able to build its own mid-sized boxships. Furthermore, China Shipping plans to set up yet another newbuilding yard in Jiangdu's Yanjiang Development Zone. Slated to be fully operational by 2010, this yard will have an annual capacity of 1.5 million tonnes deadweight.

Container Order Book Update

It is hard to believe, but the ordering frenzy we experienced over the last few weeks still does not seem to come to an end: Again, numerous deals for large container vessels were closed. Boosted by a strong demand forecast for years to come, shipping companies obviously are still hungry for extra capacity. Only very recently, one of the industry's big players, Canada's Seaspac, announced to spend a whopping USD one billion on a new series of eight 8,202 TEU container vessels. The ships are to be delivered from South Korean Hyundai Heavy in the years 2010 and 2011. A charter for the ships has not yet been announced, but either CSCL or Coscon will be worth a guess. Furthermore, German Claus-Peter Offen from Hamburg who only last week fixed four 8,400 TEU vessels from

Daewoo, announced orders for another set of slightly larger 8,500 TEU ships from Hyundai HI. The four vessels are slated for delivery in 2009 and 2010, respectively. Again, there is no information as to who might charter the ships. A recent industry rumour links all eight ships to German Hapag-Lloyd. If true, this would also mean that a Hapag-Lloyd charter of Döhle's eight 12,600 TEU ships (as suggested in last week's newsletter) would become rather unlikely. A more recent gossip points towards a connection between Döhle and Singapore-based APL. Another company that is said to have placed a container ship order during the past week was Norddeutsche Vermögen. The Hamburg-based company allegedly signed a quartet of 4,334 TEU vessels from Deawoo. These ships could come on stream in 2010. Presently it is not yet clear whether these ships are to be build in Korea or at Deawoo's Romanian outlet on the Black Sea.

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Next in line is Thomas Schulte who is believed to have ordered four 3,500 TEU coming from what used to be Shanghai Chengxi shipyard. After the de-merger of the two companies, it is a bit unclear whether the vessels will be built at Shanghai Chengxi or Shanghai Shipyard. Nevertheless, your editors believe they will follow the design of the rather successful Philippa Schulte. Opposed to their gearless earlier sisters, the four new ships will be fitted with four 45-tonne board cranes each. The units are to be delivered in the second half of 2010 and first half of 2011. Including the latest order book updates, the shipping industry analysts of AXS-Liner accounted for a world container fleet total of 4,438 vessels. The world fleet's aggregate intake reached 11.06 million TEU. These numbers are based upon the current vessel fleet as well as all orders with a delivery date before the

end of this year. By January 1st 2008, the world fleet will have grown at a rate of 15.6 percent compared to the year before. Until 2010 the world box fleet is expected to reach a total TEU carrying capacity of 14.1 million.

Evergreen to Serve Southern Germany via the Med

Evergreen has announced to be working on a new concept for the container transport between the far east and southern Germany, Austria, Hungary and Switzerland. Instead of routing boxes through the busy north European ports of Hamburg, Rotterdam and Zeebrügge, Evergreen wants to use a Mediterranean port. Containers are supposed to travel to Trieste by ship. They will then be sent to Munich by train and trucked to their final destination. Today, Evergreen has a strong position in Trieste where the carrier calls with its China-Adriatic service. According to Evergreen, the port of Trieste will provide sufficient capacity to absorb the extra containers. Two block trains per week are to be employed in the first phase of the project.

Recent Deliveries: Small and Mid-Sized Ships

With so many large new ships being delivered these days, we are not able to account for every small or mid-sized unit that is launched with an extra news item. Nevertheless, these ships shall not be forgotten: The table below provides an overview of smaller container vessels delivered in the first four months of this year.

Name	Flag	Manager / Owner	Charter	Shipyard	TEU
ACTUARIA	GER	Döhle Peter	Unifeeder	J.J. Sietas Schiffswerft, GER	868
AILA	FIN	OY Langh Ship	Langhship	J.J. Sietas Schiffswerft, GER	907
ALEGRA	CYP	NSC Schiffahrtsgesellschaft	unknown	Stocznia Szczecinska, POL	3.104
ALEXANDER SIBUM	CYP	Sibum Bernd Reederei	White Line	Yangfan Ship Group, CHI	957
AMERICA BRIDGE	LIB	Hartmann Schiffahrt	K-Line	Thyssen Nordseewerke, GER	2.702
ANL WARRINGA	MIL	Rickmers & Cie	CMA-CGM	Dalian Shipyard, CHI Shipbuilding HI, CHI	4.250
ANL WINDARRA	SNG	Rickmers & Cie	CMA-CGM	Dalian Shipyard, CHI Shipbuilding HI, CHI	4.250
APL GUANGZHOU	MIL	NSC Schiffahrtsgesellschaft	APL	Hanjin Heavy Industries, SKO	3.398
APL SOKHNA	LIB	Schulte Thomas Reederei	APL	Shanghai Chengxi Shipyard, CHI	3.554
ASTROWALKER	NLD	Unknown	unknown	Nantong Mingde Heavy Industry	767
BAHIA	GER	Columbia Shipmanagement	Ham'Süd	Daewoo Heavy Industries, SKO	3.752
BAHIA BLANCA	GER	Columbia Shipmanagement	Ham'Süd	Daewoo Heavy Industries, SKO	3.752
BAHIA CASTILLO	GER	Columbia Shipmanagement	Ham'Süd	Daewoo Heavy Industries, SKO	3.752
BCL IZABELA	ANT	Vega Reederei	BCL	Zhejiang Yangfan Ship Group, CHI	706
BELUGA FUNCTION	ANT	Beluga shipping	Beluga	Bodewes Scheepswerf Volharding, NLD	673

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BELUGA MEDITATION	NLD	Vega Reederei	Beluga	Bodewes Scheepswerf Volharding, NLD	917
BELUGA MODESTY	NLD	Beluga Shipping	Beluga	Bodewes Scheepswerf Volharding, NLD	917
BESIRE KALKAVAN	TUR	Kalkavan K	Turkon	Sedef Shipbuilding Industry, TUR	1.155
BG DUBLIN	ANT	Kahrs Jörg	BG Freight	Damen Hoogezand, NLD	812
CALA PANCALDO	ITA	Costa Container Line	Costa CL	Stocznia Szczecinska, POL	2.785
CALA PINGUINO	PAN	Shoei Kisen	Costa CL	Imabari Shipbuilding, JPN	1.577
CAP BEATRICE	LIB	Schulte Thomas Reederei	Ham'Süd	Hyundai Mipo Dockyards, SKO	2.824
CAP CAPRICORN	LIB	Schulte Thomas Reederei	Ham'Süd	Hyundai Mipo Dockyards, SKO	2.824
CAP PRIOR	CYP	NSC Schifffahrt	Ham'Süd	Stocznia Szczecinska, POL	3.104
CAPE FRANKLIN	CYP	Columbia Shipmanagment	unknown	Peene-Werft, GER	1.440
CAPE FULMAR	CYP	Columbia Shipmanagment	unknown	Peene-Werft, GER	1.440
CAPE MANUEL	ANT	König & Cie	unknown	Aker Ostsee, GER	2.742
CAPE MARTIN	ANT	König & Cie	unknown	Aker Ostsee, GER	2.742
CFS PARANAM	CYP	Thien & Heyenga	unknown	Aker Ostsee, GER	1.674
CMA CGM ANEMONE	LIB	E R Schifffahrt	CMA-CGM	Hyundai Mipo Dockyards, SKO	2.824
CMA CGM HERODOTE	UK	CMA-CGM	CMA-CGM	Hyundai Heavy Industries, SKO	1.691
CMA CGM HOMERE	UK	CMA-CGM	CMA-CGM	Hyundai Heavy Industries, SKO	1.691
CMA CGM PARANA	HKG	Cido Shipping	CMA-CGM	CSC Keelung Shipyard, TWN	1.805
CMA CGM SANTOS	ANT	Universal Marine B.V.	CMA-CGM	Aker Ostsee, GER	1.674
CONTI SALOME	GER	NSB Niederelbe	CMA-CGM	Aker Ostsee, GER	2.100
COSCO FUZHOU	HKG	Seaspan Container Line	COSCO	Zhejiang Shipbuilding, CHI	3.534
COSCO YINGKOU	HKG	Seaspan Container Line	COSCO	Zhejiang Shipbuilding, CHI	3.534
DEMERARA RIVER	NLD	Vermuelen C.	unknown	Qingshan Shipyard, CHI	1.118
EEMSDIJK	CYP	Wörden Tom	unknown	Jiangsu Eastern Shipyard	855
EL LOBO	PAN	Seatrade Groningen	unknown	Kouan Shipbuilding Industry, CHI	1.118
EMIRATES KANAKO	LIB	Schlüter K & Co	Emirates	Hanjin Heavy Industries, SKO	3.398
ESPACE	NLD	JR Ship Management	unknown	Bodewes Scheepswerf Volharding, NLD	917
ESPRIT	NLD	JR Ship Management	unknown	Bodewes Scheepswerf Volharding, NLD	917
ESTIME	NLD	JR Ship Management	unknown	Bodewes Scheepswerf Volharding, NLD	917
EUCON LEADER	ANT	Becker Bernd	Eucon	Damen Hoogezand, NLD	812
EUROPA BRIDGE	LIB	Maritime Gesellschaft	K-Line	Thyssen Nordseewerke, GER	2.702
EWL WEST INDIES	LIB	Hartmann Schifffahrt	unknown	Yangzhou Dayang Shipbuilding, CHI	1.080
FEN MEI SHAN	MIL	NSC Schifffahrtsgesellschaft	unknown	Jing Jiang Shipyard	1.118
FORMOSA CONT.4	LIB	Formosa Plastics Marine	unknown	Hangzhou Dongfeng, CHI	1.102
HAMMONIA BEROLINA	LIB	Döhle Peter	Evergreen	Jiangsu Yangzijiang Shipbuilding, CHI	2.546
HANJIN MANILA	PAN	Shoei Kisen	Hanjin	Imabari Shipbuilding, JPN	1.700
HANJIN SURABAYA	PAN	Shoei Kisen	Hanjin	Imabari Shipbuilding, JPN	1.700
HANSA MARBURG	LIB	Leonhardt & Blumberg	unknown	Guangzhou Wenchong Shipyard, CHI	1.740
HEINRICH SIBUM	CYP	Sibum Bernd Reederei	unknown	Yangfan Ship Group, CHI	957
HENNEKE RAMBOW	GER	Rambow W KG	unknown	J.J. Sietas Schiffswerft, GER	864
HERMANN HESSE	LIB	Schlüter K & Co	unknown	Guangzhou Wenchong Shipyard, CHI	1.740
HOHEWEG	ANT	Rass Schifffahrt GmbH & Co	unknown	Yangfan Ship Group, CHI	957
HORIZON HAWK	GRE	Ship Finance International	HORIZON	Hyundai Mipo Dockyards, SKO	2.824
HS BERLIOZ	LIB	Hansa Shipping	COSCO	STX Shipbuilding, SKO	3.586
HS SCOTT	LIB	Hansa Shipping	CMA-CGM	STX Shipbuilding, SKO	2.760
IDUNA	GER	Schepers Hermann	unknown	Peters Schiffbau, GER	801
IRAN KASHAN	ITA	Iran Shipping Line	IRISL	Persian Gulf Shipbuilding	2.230
ITAL FIDUCIA	MIL	Rickmers & Cie	Evergreen	Hyundai Mipo Dockyards, SKO	3.450
ITAL FULGIDA	ITA	Rickmers & Cie	Evergreen	Hyundai Mipo Dockyards, SKO	3.450
ITAL LIRICA	ITA	Delphic Shipping	Evergreen	Hanjin Heavy Industries, SKO	5.060
ITAL ONESTA	LIB	Hansa Shipping	Evergreen	STX Shipbuilding, SKO	2.760
ITAL OTTIMA	LIB	Hartmann Schifffahrt	Evergreen	Hyundai Mipo Dockyards, SKO	2.824
JOHANNA RUSS	ANT	Russ E & Co	CMA-CGM	Jiang Dong Shipyard, CHI	1.118
JORK RELIANCE	ANT	Becker Bernd	Delphis	Damen Hoogezand, NLD	812
JPO SCORPIUS	CYP	Oltmann Verwaltung	NYK	STX Shipbuilding, SKO	2.602
KING AARON	ANT	Columbia Shipmanagement	unknown	Aker Ostsee, GER	2.742
KOTA LAJU	LIB	Pacific International Line	PIL	Dalian New Shipbuilding HI CHI	4.253
KOTA LATIF	LIB	Pacific International Line	PIL	Dalian New Shipbuilding HI CHI	4.253

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LINDA	FIN	OY Langh Ship	Delta	J.J. Sietas Schiffswerft, GER	907
LLOYD GOETEBURG	MIL	NSC Schiffahrtsgesellschaft	unknown	Jiangsu Eastern Shipyard	1.118
MAERSK BROOKLYN	UK	Maersk Line	Maersk	Volkswerft Stralsund, GER	4.300
MAERSK RONNEBY	LIB	Marlow Navigation	Maersk	Jinling Shipyard, CHI	1.118
MAERSK VENTURA	BRA	Blue Star Ship Management	Mercosul	Eisa - Estaleiro Itajai, BRA	1.721
MANILA EXPRESS	CYP	Seaspan Container Line	Hapag-Lloyd	Samsung Shipbuilding & HI, SKO	4.250
MARCLIFF	LIB	Marconsult Schiffahrt	SYMS	Daesun Shipbuilding, SKO	1.043
MOL ADMIRATION	PAN	Kowa Marine Service Co. Ltd	MOL	Hakata Shipbuilding, JPN	1.060
MOL DERAKENSBERG	LIB	Döhle Peter	MOL	J.J. Sietas Schiffswerft, GER	1.875
NAWATA BHUM	?	MC Schiffahrt	RCL	Jiangsu Eastern Shipyard	1.118
NORMA J	ANT	Jüngerhans & Co	unknown	Rolandwerft, GER	974
NORMED AMSTERDAM	ANT	Normed International	Normed Line	Daehan Shipblding, SKO	687
OCEAN ARROW	HKG	Cido Shipping	ZIM / GSL	CSC Keelung Shipyard, TWN	1.805
OEL BLESSING	SNG	Shreyas World Navigation	unknown	Singapore Technologies	1.030
PACIFIC CHALLENGER	MIL	NSC Schiffahrtsgesellschaft	unknown	Jing Jiang Shipyard	1.118
PAVO J	ANT	Jüngerhans & Co	unknown	Rolandwerft, GER	974
PONTRESINA	LIB	Laeisz F	Evergreen	Jurong Shipyard, Singapore	2.642
RBD BOREA	CYP	S&D Shipmanagement GmbH	unknown	Mawei Shipyard, CHI	698
RIO SAO FRANCISCO	LIB	MPC Steamship	CMA-CGM	Zhejiang Shipbuilding, CHI	2.007
RIO.D.J.EXPRESS	CYP	Seaspan Container Line	Hapag-Lloyd	Samsung Shipbuilding & HI, SKO	4.250
SITC XIAMEN	PAN	SITC Ship Management	SITC	Kyokuyo Shipyard, JPN	907
TAIPAN	GER	Komrowski E	Delta	Naval Gijon, Spain	925
TOKYO TOWER	PAN	Zodiac Maritime	unknown	Imabari Shipbuilding, JPN	1.700
TRANS ANUND	NLD	Astromare Bereederung	Transatlantic	Olthof's Machinefabriek, NLD	801
TRANS JORUND	NLD	Astromare Bereederung	Transatlantic	Olthof's Machinefabriek, NLD	801
TRINITY	PAN	SITC Ship Management	SITC	Kyokuyo Shipyard, JPN	907
USL HAWK	LIB	Hartmann Schiffahrt	unknown	Yangzhou Dayang Shipbuilding, CHI	1.080
VARAMO	CYP	Buss Hermann	US LINE	Zhejiang Ouhua Shipbuilding Co, CHI	1.296
VEGA ZIRKON	LIB	Vega Reederei	unknown	Zhejiang Yangfan Ship Group, CHI	706
WAN HAI 316	SNG	Wan Hai Steamship Co	Wan Hai	Jurong Shipyard, Singapore	2.646
WAN HAI 509	SNG	Wan Hai Steamship Co	Wan Hai	CSC Kaohsiung Shipyard, TWN	4.252
WARNOW WHALE	CYP	Buss Hermann	CSAV	Zhejiang Ouhua Shipbuilding Co, CHI	1.296
WESTWOOD FRASER	NOR	Westwood Shipping Line	Westwood	Stocznia Gdynia S.A., POL	2048
WMS HARLINGEN	CYP	WHS Shipping BV	OOCL	Mawei Shipyard, CHI	698
YM INITIATIVE	LIB	Yang Ming Line	Yang Ming	CSC Kaohsiung Shipyard, TWN	1.799
YM INVENTIVE	LIB	Yang Ming Line	Yang Ming	CSC Kaohsiung Shipyard, TWN	1.799
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