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To: Shipowners, Ship Managers and Representative Persons

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Block Registration Incentive Scheme

To strengthen the attractiveness of the Hong Kong Shipping Registry (“HKSR”), the Marine Department (“MD”) will launch the Block Registration Incentive Scheme (“the Scheme”) on 14 February 2025 pursuant to the Merchant Shipping (Registration) (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulation 2024.

2. For an application under the Scheme, the fees for ship registration paid upfront, and the Annual Tonnage Charge (“ATC”) paid for the first year of full registration (and any tonnage charge paid for the provisional registration prior to full registration, where applicable), in respect of an eligible ship are to be refunded when meeting the following conditions—

- i. two or more specified ships are registered with HKSR, with an accumulated gross tonnage of at least 50 000;
- ii. the age of each specified ship should be 10 years or less at the time of registration;
- iii. the specified ships have never been granted refund under this Scheme;
- iv. the registration (or provisional registration) of any other specified ship(s) should be completed within 24 months from the first ship’s registration date; and
- v. the specified ships remain fully registered in Hong Kong for not less than 12 consecutive months.

Note : an eligible ship means a ship that is not registered or provisionally registered with HKSR between 14 February 2025 and immediately before the date of registration of the ship.

3. An application must be made in a form specified by MD, containing a declaration that the applicant has received consent from each shipowner to the making of the application, before the earliest date of registration (or provisional registration) of those specified ships.

4. The applicant of the Scheme should be a person who is:

- i. an owner of at least one of the ships concerned;
- ii. a person engaged in the business of managing at least one of the ships concerned; or
- iii. a person acting as an agent for at least one of the ships concerned.

5. The application period opens from 14 February 2025 and onward. The application form together with the Guidance Notes are enclosed for reference. The application form is also available for download at <https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/index.html>.

6. Should you have any enquiries, please contact us by email at hksr@mardep.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: Block Registration Incentive Scheme Application Form