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# PROSPECTUS

# FREESEAS INC.

# 11,000,000 Shares of Common Stock

We are offering 11,000,000 shares of our common stock. Our common stock is currently quoted on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol FREE. On October 24, 2007, the closing price of our common stock was \$9.30 per share. We have applied to have our common stock and warrants listed on the NASDAQ Global Market upon completion of this offering.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page 13 to read about the risks you should consider before buying shares of our common stock.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Pe	r Share	Total
Public offering price	\$	8.25	\$ 90,750,000
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$	0.5775	\$ 6,352,500
Proceeds to us, before expenses	\$	7.6725	\$ 84,397,500

The underwriters have a 30-day option to purchase up to 1,650,000 additional shares of our common stock from us to cover any over-allotments, if any, at the offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares to purchasers on or about October 30, 2007.

**Credit Suisse** 

Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.

Oppenheimer & Co.

**DVB** Capital Markets

The date of this prospectus is October 25, 2007

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We have not authorized anyone to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus. Do not rely upon any information or representations made outside of this prospectus. This prospectus is not an offer to sell, and it is not soliciting an offer to buy (1) any securities other than shares of our common stock or (2) shares of our common stock in any circumstances in which our offer or solicitation is unlawful. The information contained in this prospectus may change after the date of this prospectus. Do not assume after the date of this prospectus that the information contained in this prospectus is still correct.

# ENFORCEABILITY OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

We are a Marshall Islands company and our executive offices are located outside of the United States of America in Piraeus, Greece. All except one of our directors, all of our officers and some of the experts named herein reside outside the United States of America. In addition, a substantial portion of our assets and the assets of our directors, officers and experts are located outside of the United States of America. As a result, you may have difficulty serving legal process within the United States of America upon us or any of these persons. You may also have difficulty enforcing, both in and outside the United States of America, judgments you may obtain in United States of America courts against us or these persons in any action, including actions based upon the civil liability provisions of United States of America federal or state securities laws. Furthermore, there is substantial doubt that the courts of the Republic of the Marshall Islands or Greece would enter judgments in original actions brought in those courts predicated on United States of America federal or state securities laws.

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# PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This section summarizes some of the information and consolidated financial statements that appear later in this prospectus. As an investor or prospective investor, you should review carefully the risk factors and the more detailed information and financial statements that appear later in this prospectus. In this prospectus, references to FreeSeas, Company, we, our, ours and us refer to FreeSeas Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise stated or the context requires.

We use the term deadweight tons, or dwt, in describing the capacity of our drybulk carriers. Dwt, expressed in metric tons, each of which is equivalent to 1,000 kilograms, refers to the maximum weight of cargo and supplies that a vessel can carry. For the definition of certain shipping terms used in this prospectus, see the Glossary of Shipping Terms on page 124 of this prospectus. Drybulk carriers are categorized as Handysize, Handymax, Panamax and Capesize. The carrying capacity of a Handysize drybulk carrier ranges from 10,000 to 39,999 dwt and that of a Handymax drybulk carrier ranges from 40,000 to 59,999 dwt. By comparison, the carrying capacity of a Panamax drybulk carrier ranges from 60,000 to 79,999 dwt and the carrying capacity of a Capesize drybulk carrier is 80,000 dwt and above.

Unless otherwise indicated, information presented in this prospectus assumes that the underwriters will not exercise their option to purchase additional shares. All references to \$ and dollars in this prospectus refer to U.S. dollars.

# **Our Company**

We are an international drybulk shipping company incorporated on April 23, 2004 under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands with headquarters in Piraeus, Greece. We are currently focusing on the Handysize and Handymax sectors, which we believe will enable us to transport a wider variety of cargoes and pursue a greater number of chartering opportunities than if we owned larger vessels. We may, however, acquire larger drybulk vessels if market conditions warrant.

Our existing fleet consists of three Handysize vessels and one Handymax vessel that carry a variety of drybulk commodities, including coal, grains, and iron ore which are referred to as major bulks, as well as bauxite, phosphate, fertilizers, steel products, sugar and rice, or minor bulks. In order to expand and renew our fleet, on May 1, 2007, we entered into memoranda of agreement to purchase from unaffiliated parties the M/V *Free Hero*, a 1995-built secondhand Handysize vessel that was delivered on July 3, 2007, and the M/V *Free Jupiter*, a 2002-built secondhand Handymax vessel that was delivered on September 5, 2007, for a total purchase price of \$72.25 million. On August 20, 2007, we entered into another memorandum of agreement to purchase from an unaffiliated third party the M/V *Free Goddess*, a 1995-built secondhand Handysize vessel that we expect to be delivered prior to the closing of this offering for a total purchase price of \$25.20 million. We refer to the M/V *Free Goddess* together with our existing vessels, the M/V *Free Destiny*, the M/V *Free Envoy*, the M/V *Free Hero* and the M/V *Free Jupiter*, as our fleet.

As a result of the acquisition of the M/V *Free Hero*, the M/V *Free Jupiter* and upon the acquisition of the M/V *Free Goddess*, we will increase the aggregate dwt of our fleet to approximately 146,000 dwt, increase the book value of our fleet to approximately \$107.8 million, and reduce the average age of our fleet to approximately 16 years.

We contract the management of our fleet to Free Bulkers, S.A., or Free Bulkers, a company owned by Ion G. Varouxakis, our chairman, chief executive officer and president. Free Bulkers will provide technical management of our fleet, accounting services and office space and has subcontracted the charter and post-charter management of our fleet to Safbulk Pty Ltd., or Safbulk, a company controlled by the Restis family. We believe that Safbulk has achieved

a strong reputation in the international shipping industry for efficiency and reliability that should create new employment opportunities for us with a variety of well known charterers. While Safbulk is responsible for finding and arranging charters for our vessels, the final decision to charter our vessels remains with us.

Following the completion of this offering, we intend to distribute a portion of our available cash from operations as quarterly cash dividends to our shareholders in February, May, August and November of each year. We currently expect that we will pay a dividend in February 2008 of \$0.175 per share for the 2007 fiscal year followed by a quarterly dividend of \$0.175 per share in each of the following three quarters. See Forward-Looking Statements.

# **Our Fleet**

The following table details the vessels in our fleet:

Vessel Name	Dwt	Year Built	Vessel Type	Employment	Purchase Price	Delivery Date
<b>Owned</b> Free Envoy	26,318	1984	Handysize	One-year time charter through	\$9.50 million	September 20, 2004
				April 2008 at \$17,000 per day		
Free Destiny	25,240	1982	Handysize	70-day time charter at \$28,000 per day	\$7.60 million	August 3, 2004
Free Hero	24,318	1995	Handysize	Balance of time charter through December 2008/February 2009 at \$14,500 per day	\$25.25 million	July 3, 2007
Free Jupiter	47,777	2002	Handymax	Initial one-trip time charter with approximately seven days remaining at \$43,000 per day followed by an unscheduled dry-docking to complete repairs; thereafter to be delivered to a new charterer under a three-year time charter at \$32,000 per day for first year, \$28,000 per day for second year, and \$24,000 per day for third year	\$47.00 million	September 5, 2007
Acquisition Pending	5			ing for and your		

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22,051

1995

Handysize

Free Goddess

\$25.20 million

Two-month time charter at \$13,000 per day; thereafter a two-year time charter at \$19,250 per day Expected late October 2007

One of our vessels, the M/V *Free Jupiter*, ran aground off the coast of the Philippines on September 21, 2007. Operations to re-float the vessel have been completed. The M/V *Free Jupiter* was employed under a one-trip time charter with approximately seven days remaining at the time of the grounding incident. We currently anticipate that this time charter will resume upon completion of temporary repairs. Following completion of this time charter, the vessel will undergo an unscheduled dry-docking to complete permanent repairs. The vessel will be out of service during this dry-docking, which will delay the commencement of its subsequent three-year time charter. Based on information available to us at the present time, we currently estimate that the vessel will be out of service until approximately the end of November 2007, although the repair period could be longer. We have notified the charterer of the delay and it has agreed to an extension of the charter cancellation date until November 30, 2007. If the vessel s repairs require longer to complete, we have advised the charterer that we will request a further extension from it. We expect that the vessel s insurance will cover the vessel s repairs and related expenses, less applicable deductibles. We do not have insurance for loss of hire that will cover this incident, so we will experience a loss of income during the period that the vessel is out of service.

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# **Our Competitive Strengths**

We believe that we possess the following competitive strengths:

*Experienced Management Team.* Our management team has significant experience in commercial, technical, operational and financial areas of our business and has developed relationships with leading charterers, ship brokers and financial institutions. Since 1997, Ion G. Varouxakis, our chairman, chief executive officer and president has served in various management roles for shipping companies in the drybulk sector. Dimitris Papadopoulos, who became our chief financial officer in May 2007, served from 1975 to 1991 as financial and administrative vice president in charge of, among other things, the shipping interests of the owners of Archirodon Group, Inc.

*Affiliation with Leading Shipping Group.* In January 2007, FS Holdings Limited, an entity controlled by the Restis family, acquired a 37.4% interest (including shares underlying warrants) in our company. The Restis family has been engaged in the international shipping industry for more than 40 years and their interests include ownership and operation of more than 60 vessels in several segments of the shipping industry, as well as cargo and chartering interests. The Restis family group is regarded as one of the largest independent ship-owning and management groups in the shipping industry. Our management believes that affiliation with and access to the resources of companies controlled by the Restis family commercially enhances the operations of our fleet, our ability to obtain employment for our vessels and our ability to obtain more favorable financing.

*Strong Customer Relationships.* Through Free Bulkers, our ship management company, and Safbulk, a Restis family controlled management company, we have established customer relationships with leading charterers around the world, such as major international industrial companies, commodity producers and traders and a number of chartering brokerage houses. Free Bulkers has subcontracted the charter and post-charter management of our fleet to Safbulk. We believe that the established customer base and the reputation of our fleet managers will enable us to secure favorable employment for our vessels with well known charterers.

*Strong Balance Sheet with a Moderate Level of Indebtedness.* We will repay a significant portion of our indebtedness with the proceeds of this offering and \$48.7 million of borrowings under the credit facility we expect to enter into with Credit Suisse. This will strengthen our balance sheet and leave us with approximately \$41.9 million in cash to fund our operations and to acquire additional vessels. Our financial resources and borrowing capacity will thus position us to take advantage of acquisition opportunities as they arise.

*Stable Cash Flow from Well-Established and Reputable Charterers.* A majority of the vessels in our fleet will be initially employed on time charters to well-established and reputable charterers. We believe these time charters will provide us with steady cash flow and high vessel utilization rates while limiting our exposure to freight rate volatility.

*Efficient Operations.* Through Free Bulkers, we believe that we have established a strong track record in the technical management of drybulk carriers, which has enabled us to maintain cost-efficient operations. We actively monitor and control vessel operating expenses while maintaining the high quality of our fleet through regular inspections, proactive maintenance programs, high standards of operations, and retaining and training qualified crew members.

#### **Our Business Strategy**

The following are highlights of our business strategy:

*Leveraging our Strategic Relationships*. Free Bulkers, Safbulk, the Restis family and their affiliates have extensive experience and relationships in the ship brokerage and financial industries as well as directly with industrial charterers and commodity traders. We plan to use these relationships to identify chartering and acquisition opportunities and make available to us sources of additional financing, make contacts, and gain market intelligence.

*Handysize and Handymax Focus.* Our fleet of drybulk carriers will consist of Handysize and Handymax vessels. Based on the relatively low number of drybulk newbuildings on order in these categories, we believe there will be continued high demand for such vessels. Handysize and Handymax vessels are typically shallow-drafted and equipped with onboard cranes. This makes Handysize and Handymax vessels more versatile and able to access a wider range of loading and discharging ports than larger ships, which are unable to service many ports due to their size or the local port infrastructure. Many countries in the Asia Pacific region, including China, as well as countries in Africa and South America, have shallow ports. We believe that our vessels, and any Handysize or Handymax vessels that we acquire, will enable us to transport a wider variety of cargoes and to pursue a greater number of chartering opportunities than if we owned larger drybulk vessels. Handysize and Handymax vessels have also historically achieved greater charter rate stability than larger drybulk vessels.

*Renew and Expand our Fleet.* We intend to continue growing our fleet in a disciplined manner through acquisition of well-maintained, secondhand vessels, preferably up to 15 years old. We perform technical review and financial analysis of each potential acquisition and only purchase vessels as market conditions and opportunities warrant. We are focused on purchasing such vessels, because we believe that secondhand vessels, when operated in a cost-efficient manner, should provide significant value given the prevailing charter rate environment and currently provide better returns as compared to newbuildings. Furthermore, as part of our fleet renewal, we will continue to sell vessels when we believe it is in the best interests of FreeSeas and our shareholders.

*Maintain Balanced Time Charter Employment.* We intend to strategically deploy a substantial portion of our fleet under time charter employment and our remaining vessels under spot charter. We actively pursue time charter coverage to provide steady cash flow to cover a substantial portion of our fleet s fixed costs. We intend to deploy part of our fleet through spot charters depending on our view of the direction of the markets and other tactical or strategic considerations. We believe this balanced employment strategy will provide us with more predictable operating cash flows and sufficient downside protection, while allowing us to participate in the potential upside of the spot charter market during periods of rising charter rates.

*Use of Flexible Financial Strategy.* We will use a combination of bank debt, cash flow and proceeds from equity offerings to fund our vessel acquisitions. We assess the level of debt we will incur in light of our ability to repay that debt based on the level of cash flow we expect to generate pursuant to our chartering strategy and our operating cost structure. Following this offering, we intend to reduce our ratio of debt to total capitalization to between approximately 35% and 40%. We expect that the maintenance of a reasonable ratio of debt to total capitalization will increase our ability to borrow funds to make additional vessel acquisitions while maintaining our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders.

*Pay Quarterly Dividends*. Following the completion of this offering, we intend to distribute a portion of our available cash from operations as quarterly cash dividends to our shareholders in February, May, August and November of each year. We currently expect that we will pay a dividend in February 2008 of \$0.175 per share for the 2007 fiscal year followed by a quarterly dividend of \$0.175 per share in each of the following three quarters, assuming we complete this offering. See Forward-Looking Statements.

# **Our Dividend Policy**

Following the completion of this offering, we intend to distribute a portion of our available cash from operations as quarterly cash dividends to our shareholders in February, May, August and November of each year. We currently expect that we will pay a dividend in February 2008 of \$0.175 per share for the 2007 fiscal year followed by a

quarterly dividend of \$0.175 per share in each of the following three quarters, assuming we complete this offering. Declaration and payment of any dividend is subject to the discretion of our board of directors. The timing and amount of dividend payments will be dependent upon our earnings, financial position, cash requirements and availability, fleet renewal and expansion, and restrictions in our loan

agreements, as well as the provisions of Marshall Islands law affecting the payment of distributions to shareholders and other factors.

We may not have sufficient funds with which to pay dividends at all or at the anticipated frequency or amount set forth in this prospectus. Alternatively, even if we have sufficient funds available, our board of directors may determine to devote those funds to internal uses rather than to the payment of dividends. We refer you to the disclosures under the headings Forward-Looking Statements, Dividend Policy and Tax Considerations included elsewhere in this prospectus. In addition, see Risk Factors for a discussion of certain risks related to our ability to pay dividends.

# **Drybulk Shipping Industry Trends**

The maritime shipping industry is fundamental to international trade with ocean-going vessels representing the most efficient and often the only method of transporting large volumes of many essential drybulk commodities, finished goods as well as crude oil and refined petroleum products between the continents and across the seas. It is a global industry whose performance is closely tied to the level of economic activity in the world.

Drybulk cargoes are used in many basic industries and in construction, and can be divided into major bulk commodities and minor bulk commodities. Major bulk commodities include iron ore, coal and grains. Minor bulk commodities include a wide variety of commodities, such as forest products, iron and steel products, fertilizers, agricultural products, non-ferrous ores, minerals and petcoke, cement, other construction materials and salt. Grains include wheat, coarse grains and soybeans.

According to Maritime Strategies International Ltd., or MSI, since the fourth quarter of 2002, the drybulk shipping industry has experienced the highest charter rates and vessel values in its modern history due to the favorable imbalance between the supply of drybulk carriers and demand for drybulk seaborne transportation. After reaching a peak in mid-2005, however, vessel values decreased during 2005 and the first half of 2006; since July 2006, the value of secondhand vessels has risen sharply approaching new historical record high levels in August 2007 as ship owners seek to increase the size of their fleets to benefit from the rise in trade.

With respect to drybulk shipping, factors that affect the supply of drybulk carriers and demand for transportation of drybulk cargo include:

# Supply:

The average delivery lag for a new vessel is about three years, limiting the number of new drybulk carriers that will enter the market in coming years. As of June 2007, newbuilding orders had been placed for an aggregate of more than 34% of the current global drybulk fleet, with deliveries expected during the next three to four years; and

Port congestion worldwide as a result of increased shipping activity has increased the number of days vessels are waiting to load or discharge their cargo, effectively reducing the number of drybulk carriers that are available for hire at any particular time.

#### **Demand:**

In general, the effects of the expansion of world trade and increasing global production and consumption have driven the strong demand for ships; and

China has helped drive demand for drybulk carriers as its economy continues to grow at a remarkable level. This has resulted in growing iron ore imports and steel production.

We cannot offer assurances as to charter rates or vessel values in any period or that the industry trends described above will continue following the completion of this offering.

# **Our Fleet Manager**

We contract the technical and commercial management of our vessels to Free Bulkers, a Marshall Islands corporation owned by Ion G. Varouxakis, our chairman, chief executive officer and president. Free Bulkers has a separate management contract with each of our ship-owning subsidiaries and provides a wide range of services at a fixed fee per vessel basis. These services include vessel operations, maintenance, regulatory compliance, crewing, supervising dry-docking and repairs, arranging insurance for vessels, vessel supplying, advising on the purchase and sale of vessels, and performing certain accounting and other administrative services, including financial reporting and internal controls requirements. Free Bulkers has subcontracted the charter and post-charter management of our fleet to Safbulk. Safbulk is an entity affiliated with one of our principal shareholders, FS Holdings Limited, which is controlled by the Restis family. Safbulk has been chartering bulk carriers, ranging in size from 25,000 to 175,000 dwt, both owned by it (as many as 20 vessels) and owned by third parties (as many as 70 vessels), since 1965. We believe that the experience and reputation of Safbulk, and its long-standing relationships with charterers and charter brokers in all parts of the world should enhance the commercial operation of our fleet and our ability to obtain employment for our fleet. We believe that using Free Bulkers and Safbulk to perform these functions should provide us experienced technical and commercial management for our fleet and enable us to better manage our costs.

# **New Credit Facility**

Consistent with our strategy of making efficient use of leverage, we have negotiated an offer letter for a senior secured credit facility from Credit Suisse, the lead underwriter of this offering, in the aggregate amount of \$87.0 million, consisting of a \$48.7 million loan to finance or refinance, as appropriate, up to 50% of the purchase price of the M/V *Free Hero*, the M/V *Free Jupiter* and the M/V *Free Goddess* and a \$38.3 million facility to finance up to 75% of the purchase price of additional vessels. Upon each drawdown of the \$38.3 million facility the aggregate amount outstanding under the total \$87.0 million facility may not exceed 60% of the aggregate market value of the M/V *Free Hero*, the M/V *Free Jupiter*, the M/V *Free Goddess* and any additional vessels financed under the facility. The availability of this senior secured credit facility is contingent upon the execution of formal loan documents. We intend to enter into this senior credit facility only if we successfully complete this offering.

We currently intend to use the proceeds of this offering in conjunction with the \$48.7 million loan from Credit Suisse to refinance a portion of our existing indebtedness and for other corporate purposes, including future acquisitions.

# **Our Corporate History**

We were incorporated on April 23, 2004 by Ion G. Varouxakis, our chairman, chief executive officer and president, and two other co-founding shareholders under the name Adventure Holdings S.A. pursuant to the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to serve as the parent holding company of our ship-owning entities. On April 27, 2005, we changed our name to FreeSeas Inc.

On December 15, 2005, we completed a merger with Trinity Partners Acquisition Company Inc., a blank check company formed to serve as a vehicle to complete a business combination with an operating business. At the time of the merger we owned three drybulk carriers, the M/V *Free Destiny*, the M/V *Free Envoy* and the M/V *Free Fighter*. Under the terms of the merger, we were the surviving corporation. Each outstanding share of Trinity s common stock and Class B common stock was converted into the right to receive an equal number of shares of our common stock, and each Trinity Class W warrant and Class Z warrant was converted into the right to receive an equal number of our Class W warrants and Class Z warrants.

Our common stock, Class W warrants and Class Z warrants began trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market on December 16, 2005 under the trading symbols FREE, FREEW and FREEZ, respectively. As a result of the merger,

Trinity s former securities, including the Trinity Class A Units and the Class B Units, ceased trading on the OTC Bulletin Board.

In January 2007, Mr. Varouxakis purchased all of the shares of common stock owned by the two other co-founding shareholders. He simultaneously sold shares of common stock owned by him to FS Holdings Limited, an entity controlled by the Restis family, and to certain other investors. As a result of these transactions, Mr. Varouxakis now beneficially owns (including shares underlying options and warrants beneficially owned by him) approximately 29.8% of our outstanding common stock and FS Holdings Limited beneficially owns (including shares underlying warrants) approximately 35.1% of our outstanding common stock. Immediately following these transactions, our board of directors appointed Mr. Varouxakis chairman of the board and president, the two other co-founding shareholders and one other director resigned from the board, and two new directors were appointed to fill the vacancies. See Management and Related Party Transactions.

As of October 23, 2007, we have received an aggregate of \$5,039,655 in gross proceeds, which resulted in net proceeds of \$4,787,672 after deducting fees due to a financial advisor, from exercises of the Class W and Class Z warrants. We issued 1,007,931 shares of common stock in accordance with the terms of these warrants in connection with the exercises. These exercises occurred following our registration in August 2007 of the shares underlying these warrants.

Our executive offices are located at 89 Akti Miaouli & 4 Mavrokordatou Street, 185 38, Piraeus, Greece and our telephone number is 011-30-210-452-8770.

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The Offering										
Common stock offered by us	11,000,000 shares.									
Underwriters over-allotment option	Up to 1,650,000 shares.									
Common stock outstanding after this offering(1)	18,298,031 shares.									
Use of proceeds	We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately \$83,197,500 from this offering, based on the offering price of \$8.25 per share, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions, and offering expenses, and assuming the underwriters over-allotment option is not exercised.									
	We intend to use the proceeds of this offering in conjunction with \$48.7 million of borrowings under the credit facility we expect to enter into with Credit Suisse to refinance a portion of our existing indebtedness and for other purposes. See Use of Proceeds.									
Dividend policy	Following the closing of this offering, we intend to distribute a portion of our available cash from operations as quarterly cash dividends to our shareholders in February, May, August and November of each year. We currently expect that we will pay a dividend in February 2008 of \$0.175 per share for the 2007 fiscal year followed by a quarterly dividend of \$0.175 per share in each of the following three quarters, assuming we complete this offering. The declaration and payment of any dividend is subject to the discretion of our board of directors. See Dividend Policy.									
NASDAQ Capital Market symbols	Common stock FREE Class W warrants FREEW Class Z warrants FREEZ									
	We have applied to have our common stock and warrants listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the same symbols upon completion of this offering. We believe that upon the completion of this offering, we will satisfy the listing requirements of the NASDAQ Global Market for our common stock and warrants. We can provide no assurances, however, as to the time or likelihood of such approval.									
Risk factors	Investing in our common stock involves substantial risk. You should carefully consider all the information in this prospectus prior to investing in our common stock. In particular, we urge you to consider carefully the factors set forth in the section of this prospectus entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 13. Some of these risk factors relate principally to the industry in which we operate and our business in general. Other risks relate to the securities market for and ownership of our common stock. Any of these risk factors could significantly and negatively affect our business, financial condition, operating results and common stock price.									

- (1) The number of shares of common stock outstanding after this offering is based on 7,298,031 shares of our common stock outstanding on October 23, 2007 and excludes the following:
  - A. up to 250,000 shares reserved for issuance upon the exercise of stock options currently outstanding (of which, as of June 30, 2007, options to purchase 166,667 shares had vested), which have an

exercise price of \$5.00 per share and expire on December 16, 2010, and up to 1,250,000 shares issuable upon exercise of stock options that may be granted in the future under our stock incentive plan;

B. 3,564,569 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding warrants, as follows:

200,000 Class A warrants held by our founding shareholders exercisable at \$5.00 per share and expiring July 29, 2011;

700,000 Class B warrants held by FS Holdings Limited exercisable at \$5.00 per share of which 275,000 expire on May 8, 2012 and 425,000 expire on June 22, 2012;

996,974 Class W warrants exercisable at \$5.00 per share and expiring July 29, 2009; and

1,667,595 Class Z warrants exercisable at \$5.00 per share and expiring July 29, 2011;

C. 410,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of the unit purchase option sold to the lead underwriter in the initial public offering of our predecessor, which unit purchase option expires July 29, 2009, as follows:

25,000 shares of common stock included in the 12,500 Series A units purchasable upon exercise of the unit purchase option, at an exercise price of \$17.325 per Series A unit;

62,500 shares of common stock issuable for \$5.50 per share upon exercise of 62,500 Class W warrants included in the 12,500 Series A units;

62,500 shares of common stock issuable for \$5.50 per share upon exercise of 62,500 Class Z warrants included in the 12,500 Series A units;

130,000 shares of common stock included in the 65,000 Series B units purchasable upon exercise of the unit purchase option, at an exercise price of \$16.665 per Series B unit;

65,000 shares of common stock issuable for \$5.50 per share upon exercise of 65,000 Class W warrants included in the 65,000 Series B units;

65,000 shares of common stock issuable for \$5.50 per share upon exercise of 65,000 Class Z warrants included in the 65,000 Series B units; and

D. shares that may be issued pursuant to the underwriters over-allotment option.

Assuming all outstanding stock options, all outstanding warrants and the unit purchase option sold to the lead underwriter in the initial public offering of our predecessor (and all warrants subject to such unit purchase option) were exercised for cash, we would receive gross proceeds of \$21,775,133.

# **Summary Financial Information and Data**

The following summary financial information and data were derived from our audited consolidated financial statements for the period from April 23, 2004 (date of inception) to December 31, 2004 and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, and our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2007, included elsewhere in this prospectus. The information is only a summary and should be read in conjunction with our historical consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this prospectus and the section of this prospectus titled Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. The historical data included below and elsewhere in this prospectus are not necessarily indicative of our future performance.

All amounts in the tables below are in thousands of U.S. dollars, except for share data, fleet data and average daily results.

	Three Mon June 2007		Six Mont June 2007		Year J Decem 2006	Inception (April 23, 2004) to December 31, 2004		
	2007	2000	2007	2000	2000	2005		2004
Statement of Operations Data:								
Operating revenues Commissions Voyage expenses	\$ 3,562 (225) (37)	\$ 2,986 (185) (49)	\$ 7,830 (482) (39)	\$ 5,430 (349) (686)	\$ 11,727 (799) (689)	\$ 10,326 (553) (55)	\$	2,830 (127) (16)
Vessel operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization expenses shown separately								
below)	(899)	(1,033)	(2,313)	(2,065)	(4,483)	(3,596)		(786)
Depreciation expense Amortization of deferred dry-docking and special survey	(655)	(1,081)	(1,467)	(2,221)	(4,479)	(3,553)		(872)
costs Management fees to a	(123)	(112)	(318)	(222)	(442)	(355)		(109)
related party Stock-based	(225)	(135)	(360)	(270)	(540)	(488)		(180)
compensation expense General and administrative	(25)	(216)	(50)	(379)	(651)	(200)		
expenses	(640)	(390)	(982)	(822)	(1,925)	(321)		(34)
Gain on sale of vessel	1,369		1,369					
Finance costs	(414)	(265)	(633)	(511)	(1,004)	(1,076)		(240)
Interest income	39	2	39	13	19	8		4
Other	(17)	(125)	29	(176)	(58)	15		

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Net income (loss) for period <b>Earnings Per Share</b> <b>Data:</b> Net income (loss) per share:	1,710	(603)		2,623		(2,258)		(3,324)	152	470
Basic earnings (loss) per share Diluted earnings	\$ 0.27	\$ (0.10)	\$	0.42	\$	(0.36)	\$	(0.53)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.10
(loss) per share Weighted average number of shares: Basic weighted average number of	\$ 0.25	\$ (0.10)	\$	0.41	\$	(0.36)	\$	(0.53)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.10
shares Diluted weighted average number of	6,290,100	6,290,100		6,290,100		6,290,100		6,290,100	4,574,588	4,500,000
shares	6,921,050	6,290,100		6,476,315		6,290,100		6,290,100	4,600,444	4,500,000
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	June 30, 2007	2006	December 31, 2005	2004
Balance Sheet Data:				
Total current assets	\$ 9,106	5 \$ 1,417	\$ 5,286	\$ 1,443
Fixed assets, net	10,268	19,369	23,848	16,188
Total assets	32,804	23,086	29,840	18,335
Total current liabilities, including current portion of				
long-term debt	6,572	2 10,260	10,231	4,971
Long-term debt, including shareholder s loans net of current				
portion	14,693	5,819	9,750	9,978
Total liabilities	21,265	6 16,079	20,135	14,949
Total shareholders equity	11,539	7,007	9,705	3,386

	Т	`hree Mon June			:	Six Month June	-			Year E Decemt			(A 2	ception pril 23, 004) to ember 31,
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		2007	2006		2007		2006		2006		2005			2004
EBITDA (1)	\$	2,863	\$	853	\$	5,002	\$	683	\$	2,582	\$	5,128	\$	1,687
Fleet Data:														
Average number of vessels (2)		2.29		3.00		2.64		3.00		3.00		2.55		0.67
Ownership days (3)		208		273		478		543		1,095		931		244
Available days (4)		208		253		478		523		1,005		931		244
Operating days (5)		203		250		461		490		941		893		244
Fleet utilization (6)		97.6%		91.6%		96.4%		90.2%		85.9%		95.9%		100.0%
Average Daily Results:														
Average TCE rate (7)	\$	16,256	\$	11,008	\$	15,856	\$	8,969	\$	10,881	\$	10,882	\$	11,012
Vessel operating expenses (8)		4,322		3,784		4,839		3,803		4,094		3,863		3,221
Management fees (9)		505		495		502		497		493		524		738
Total vessel operating expenses (10)	\$	4,827	\$	4,278	\$	5,341	\$	4,300	\$	4,587	\$	4,387	\$	3,959

(1) We consider EBITDA to represent net earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Under the laws of the Marshall Islands, we are not subject to tax on international shipping income. However, we are subject to registration and tonnage taxes, which have been included in vessel operating expenses. Accordingly, no adjustment for taxes has been made for purposes of calculating EBITDA. EBITDA does not represent and should not be considered as an alternative to net income or cash flow from operations, as determined by United States generally accepted accounting principles, or U.S. GAAP, and our calculation of EBITDA may not be comparable to that reported by other companies. EBITDA is included herein because it is an alternative measure of our liquidity, performance and indebtedness.

EBITDA reconciliation to net income:

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From Inception (April 23,

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	2007	2	2006		2007		2006	2006		2005		2004
Net income (loss) Depreciation and	\$ 1,710	\$	(603)	\$	2,623	\$	(2,258)	\$ (3,324)	\$	152	\$	470
amortization Interest and finance	778		1,193		1,785		2,443	4,921		3,908		981
cost	\$ 375	\$	263	\$	594	\$	498	\$ 985	\$	1,068	\$	236
EBITDA	\$ 2,863	\$	853	\$	5,002	\$	683	\$ 2,582	\$	5,128	\$	1,687
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- (2) Average number of vessels is the number of vessels that constituted our fleet for the relevant period, as measured by the sum of the number of days each vessel was a part of our fleet during the period divided by the number of calendar days in the period.
- (3) Ownership days are the total number of days in a period during which the vessels in our fleet have been owned by us. Ownership days are an indicator of the size of our fleet over a period and affect both the amount of revenues and the amount of expenses that we record during a period.
- (4) Available days are the number of ownership days less the aggregate number of days that our vessels are off-hire due to major repairs, dry-dockings or special or intermediate surveys. The shipping industry uses available days to measure the number of ownership days in a period during which vessels should be capable of generating revenues.
- (5) Operating days are the number of available days less the aggregate number of days that our vessels are off-hire due to any reason, including unforeseen circumstances. The shipping industry uses operating days to measure the aggregate number of days in a period during which vessels actually generate revenues.
- (6) We calculate fleet utilization by dividing the number of our fleet s operating days during a period by the number of ownership days during the period. The shipping industry uses fleet utilization to measure a company s efficiency in finding suitable employment for its vessels and minimizing the amount of days that its vessels are off-hire for reasons such as scheduled repairs, vessel upgrades, or dry-dockings or other surveys.
- (7) Time charter equivalent, or TCE, is a measure of the average daily revenue performance of a vessel on a per voyage basis. Our method of calculating TCE is consistent with industry standards and is determined by dividing operating revenues (net of voyage expenses) by operating days for the relevant time period. Voyage expenses primarily consist of port, canal and fuel costs that are unique to a particular voyage, which would otherwise be paid by the charterer under a time charter contract. TCE is a standard shipping industry performance measure used primarily to compare period-to-period changes in a shipping company s performance despite changes in the mix of charter types (i.e., spot charters, time charters and bareboat charters) under which the vessels may be employed between the periods:

	T	hree Mon June	 ),	Six Montl June	 ,	Year I Decem	 31,	In (A 2	From acception april 23, 004) to ember 31,
		2007	2006	2007	2006	2006	2005		2004
Operating revenues Voyage expenses and commissions	\$	3,562 (262)	\$ 2,986 (234)	\$ 7,830 (521)	\$ 5,430 (1,035)	\$ 11,727 (1,488)	\$ 10,326 (608		2,830 (143)
Net operating revenues	\$	3,300	\$ 2,752	\$ 7,309	\$ 4,395	\$ 10,239	\$ 9,718	\$	2,687
Operating days	\$	203 16,256	\$ 250 11,008	\$ 461 15,856	\$ 490 8,969	\$ 941 10,881	\$ 893 10,882	\$	244 11,012

# Time charter equivalent rates

(8) Average daily vessel operating expenses, which includes crew costs, provisions, deck and engine stores, lubricating oil, insurance, maintenance and repairs, is calculated by dividing vessel operating expenses by ownership days for the relevant time periods:

	Three Months Ended June 30,					ix Mont Jun	 	Year Decem		Inception (April 23, 2004) to December 31,			
		2007		2006		2007	2006	2006		2005		2004	
Vessel operating													
expenses	\$	899	\$	1,033	\$	2,313	\$ 2,065	\$ .,	\$	3,596	\$	786	
Ownership days Daily vessel operating		208		273		478	543	1,095		931		244	
expense	\$	4,322	\$	3,784	\$	4,839	\$ 3,803	\$ 4,094	\$	3,863	\$	3,221	

(9) Daily management fees are calculated by dividing total management fees paid on ships owned by ownership days for the relevant time period.

(10) Total vessel operating expenses, or TVOE, is a measurement of our total expenses associated with operating our vessels. TVOE is the sum of daily vessel operating expense and daily management fees. Daily TVOE is calculated by dividing TVOE by fleet ownership days for the relevant time period.

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#### **RISK FACTORS**

Our business faces certain risks. The risks described below may not be the only risks we face. Additional risks that we do not yet know of or that we currently think are immaterial may also impair our business. If any of the events or circumstances described as risks below or elsewhere in this prospectus actually occurs, our business, results of operations or financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

#### **Industry-Specific Risk Factors**

# The cyclical nature of the international shipping industry may lead to volatile changes in charter rates and vessel values, which may reduce our revenues and net income.

We are an independent shipping company that operates in the international drybulk shipping market. Our profitability is dependent upon the charter rates we are able to charge. The supply of and demand for shipping capacity strongly influences charter rates. The demand for shipping capacity is determined primarily by the demand for the type of commodities carried, the distance that those commodities must be moved by sea, and the demand for vessels of a particular size. The demand for commodities is affected by, among other things, world and regional economic and political conditions (including developments in international trade, fluctuations in industrial and agricultural production and armed conflicts), environmental concerns, weather patterns, port congestion, and changes in seaborne and other transportation costs. The size of the existing fleet per size category (i.e., Handysize, Handymax, Panamax or Capesize) in any particular drybulk market, the number of new vessel deliveries, the scrapping of older vessels and the number of vessels out of active service (i.e., laid-up, dry-docked, awaiting repairs or otherwise not available for hire), determines the supply of shipping capacity, which is measured by the amount of suitable tonnage available to carry cargo.

In addition to the prevailing and anticipated charter rates, factors that affect the supply and demand for shipping capacity include the rate of newbuilding, scrapping and laying-up, newbuilding prices, secondhand vessel values in relation to scrap prices, costs of bunkers and other operating costs, costs associated with classification society surveys, normal maintenance and insurance coverage, the efficiency and age profile of the existing fleet in the market, and government and industry regulation of maritime transportation practices, particularly environmental protection laws and regulations. These factors are outside of our control, and we cannot predict the nature, timing and degree of changes in industry conditions. Some of these factors may have a negative impact on our revenues and net income.

The market value of our vessels can fluctuate significantly. The market value of our vessels may increase or decrease depending on the following factors:

economic and market conditions affecting the shipping industry in general;

supply of drybulk vessels, including secondhand vessels;

demand for drybulk vessels;

types and sizes of vessels;

other modes of transportation;

cost of newbuildings;

new regulatory requirements from governments or self-regulated organizations; and

prevailing level of charter rates.

Because the market value of our vessels may fluctuate significantly, we may incur losses when we sell vessels, which may adversely affect our earnings. In addition, any determination that a vessel s remaining useful life and earnings requires an impairment of its value on our financial statements could result in a charge against our earnings and a reduction in our shareholders equity. If for any reason we sell our vessels at a time when prices have fallen, the sale may be less than that vessel s carrying amount on our financial statements, and we would incur a loss and a reduction in earnings.

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# Charter rates, which in the international drybulk shipping industry approached historic highs in the second quarter of 2007, may decline as a result of increased capacity and slowing worldwide economic growth, thereby reducing our future profitability.

After reaching a peak in mid-2005, charter rates and vessel values decreased during the remainder of 2005 and the first half of 2006. Since July 2006, charter rates and the value of secondhand vessels have risen sharply, approaching historical record high levels in August 2007. We cannot give any assurance as to how long these rate levels may be maintained and, if they begin to decline, to what levels they might fall. We anticipate that the future demand for our drybulk carriers and drybulk charter rates will be dependent upon continued economic growth particularly in China and India and elsewhere in the world generally, seasonal and regional changes in demand, and changes to the capacity of the world fleet. Adverse industry, economic, political, social or other developments could also decrease the amount and/or profitability of our business and materially reduce our revenues and net income.

The nature, timing and degree of changes in industry conditions are unpredictable and outside of our control. Some of the factors that influence demand for vessel capacity include:

supply and demand for drybulk commodities;

global and regional economic conditions;

the distance drybulk commodities are to be moved by sea; and

changes in seaborne and other transportation patterns.

Some of the factors that influence the supply of vessel capacity include:

the number of newbuilding deliveries;

the scrapping rate of older vessels;

changes in environmental and other regulations that may limit the useful life of vessels;

the number of vessels that are laid-up; and

changes in global drybulk commodity production.

#### An oversupply of drybulk carrier capacity may lead to reductions in charter rates and our profitability.

The market supply of drybulk carriers, primarily Capesize and Panamax vessels, has been increasing, and the number of such drybulk carriers on order are near historic highs. Newbuildings were delivered in significant numbers starting at the beginning of 2006 and are expected to continue to be delivered in significant numbers through 2007. As of June 2007, newbuilding orders had been placed for an aggregate of more than 34% of the current global drybulk fleet, with deliveries expected during the next three to four years. An oversupply of drybulk carrier capacity may result in a reduction of our charter rates. If such a reduction occurs, when our vessels current charters expire or terminate, we may only be able to recharter our vessels at reduced or unprofitable rates or we may not be able to charter these vessels at all.

An economic slowdown in the Asia Pacific region or elsewhere could materially reduce the amount and/or profitability of our business.

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A significant number of the port calls made by our vessels involve the loading or discharging of raw materials and semi-finished products in ports in the Asia Pacific region. As a result, a negative change in economic conditions in any Asia Pacific country, but particularly in China or India, may have an adverse effect on our business, financial position and results of operations, as well as our future prospects. In particular, in recent years, China has been one of the world s fastest growing economies in terms of gross domestic product. We cannot assure you that such growth will be sustained or that the Chinese economy will not experience contraction in the future. Moreover, any slowdown in the economies of the United States, the European Union or certain other Asian countries may adversely effect economic growth in China and



elsewhere. Our revenues and net income, as well as our future prospects, would likely be materially reduced by an economic downturn in any of these countries.

# Changes in the economic and political environment in China and policies adopted by the government to regulate its economy may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The Chinese economy differs from the economies of most countries belonging to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, or OECD, in such respects as structure, government involvement, level of development, growth rate, capital reinvestment, allocation of resources, rate of inflation and balance of payments position. Prior to 1978, the Chinese economy was a planned economy. Since 1978, increasing emphasis has been placed on the utilization of market forces in the development of the Chinese economy. There is an increasing level of freedom and autonomy in areas such as allocation of resources, production, pricing and management and a gradual shift in emphasis to a market economy and enterprise reform. Although limited price reforms were undertaken, with the result that prices for certain commodities are principally determined by market forces, many of the reforms are experimental and may be subject to change or abolition. We cannot assure you that the Chinese government will continue to pursue a policy of economic reforms. The level of imports to and exports from China could be adversely affected by changes to these economic reforms, as well as by changes in political, economic and social conditions or other relevant policies of the Chinese government, such as changes in laws, regulations or export and import restrictions, all of which could, adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

#### Charter rates are subject to seasonal fluctuations, which may adversely affect our operating results.

Our fleet consists of Handysize and Handymax drybulk carriers that operate in markets that have historically exhibited seasonal variations in demand and, as a result, in charter rates. This seasonality may result in quarter-to-quarter volatility in our operating results. The energy markets primarily affect the demand for coal, with increases during hot summer periods when air conditioning and refrigeration require more electricity and towards the end of the calendar year in anticipation of the forthcoming winter period. Grain shipments are driven by the harvest within a climate zone. Because three of the five largest grain producers (the United States, Canada and the European Union) are located in the northern hemisphere and the other two (Argentina and Australia) are located in the southern hemisphere, harvests occur throughout the year and grains require drybulk shipping accordingly. As a result of these and other factors, the drybulk shipping industry is typically stronger in the fall and winter months. Therefore, we expect our revenues from our drybulk carriers to be typically weaker during the fiscal quarters ended June 30 and September 30 and, conversely, we expect our revenues from our drybulk carriers to be typically stronger in fiscal quarters ended December 31 and March 31. Seasonality in the drybulk industry could materially affect our operating results.

#### The operation of drybulk carriers has certain unique operational risks.

The operation of certain vessel types, such as drybulk carriers, has certain unique risks. With a drybulk carrier, the cargo itself and its interaction with the ship can be a risk factor. By their nature, drybulk cargoes are often heavy, dense, easily shifted, and react badly to water exposure. In addition, drybulk carriers are often subjected to battering treatment during unloading operations with grabs, jackhammers (to pry encrusted cargoes out of the hold), and small bulldozers. This treatment may cause damage to the vessel. Vessels damaged due to treatment during unloading procedures may be more susceptible to breach to the sea. Hull breaches in drybulk carriers may lead to the flooding of the vessels holds. If a drybulk carrier suffers flooding in its forward holds, the bulk cargo may become so dense and waterlogged that its pressure may buckle the vessel s bulkheads leading to the loss of a vessel. If we are unable to adequately maintain our vessels we may be unable to prevent these events. Any of these circumstances or events could negatively impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay dividends. In addition, the loss of any of our vessels could harm our reputation as a safe and reliable vessel owner and operator.

# We are subject to regulation and liability under environmental laws that could require significant expenditures and reduce our cash flows and net income.

Our business and the operation of our vessels are materially affected by government regulation in the form of international conventions and national, state and local laws and regulations in force in the jurisdictions in which the vessels operate, as well as in the country or countries of their registration. We are also required by various governmental and quasi-governmental agencies to obtain certain permits, licenses and certificates with respect to our operations. Because such conventions, laws, regulations and permit requirements are often revised, we cannot predict the ultimate cost of complying with such conventions, laws, regulations or permit requirements, or the impact thereof on the resale prices or useful lives of our vessels. Additional conventions, laws and regulations may be adopted that could limit our ability to do business and thereby reduce our revenue or increase our cost of doing business, thereby materially decreasing our net income.

The operation of our vessels is affected by the requirements set forth in the International Safety Management, or ISM, Code. The ISM Code requires shipowners and bareboat charterers to develop and maintain an extensive Safety Management System. The system includes the adoption of a safety and environmental protection policy setting forth instructions and procedures for safe operation and dealing with emergencies. The failure of a shipowner or bareboat charterer to comply with the ISM Code may subject such party to increased liability, may decrease available insurance coverage for the affected vessels, and/or may result in a denial of access to, or detention in, certain ports. Currently, Lloyd s Register of Shipping has awarded ISM and International Ship and Port Facilities Security, or ISPS, certification to all of our vessels and to Free Bulkers, our ship management company. There can be no assurance, however, that such certification will be maintained indefinitely.

The European Union is considering legislation that will affect the operation of vessels and the liability of owners for oil pollution. It is difficult to predict what legislation, if any, may be promulgated by the European Union or any other country or authority.

We currently maintain, for each of our vessels, protection and indemnity insurance, which includes pollution liability coverage, in the amount of one billion dollars per incident. If the damages from a catastrophic incident exceeded our insurance coverage, the payment of these damages may materially decrease our net income.

The International Maritime Organization, or IMO, or other regulatory bodies may adopt further regulations in the future that could adversely affect the useful lives of our vessels as well as our ability to generate income from them. These requirements can also affect the resale value of our vessels.

The United States Oil Pollution Act of 1990, or OPA, established an extensive regulatory and liability regime for the protection and clean-up of the environment from oil spills. OPA affects all owners and operators whose vessels trade in the United States of America or any of its territories and possessions or whose vessels operate in waters of the United States of America, which includes th