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A Cooperative Working Agreement

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Article 1:    Name.

The full name of this Agreement is the Indamex/APL Agreement (the "Agreement").

Article 2:    Purpose.

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide authority for the Parties to discuss and formulate cooperative service arrangements in the Trade, and to offer quality direct liner services, in terms of frequency and rotation.

Article 3:    Parties.

The names and addresses of the principal offices of the parties to the Agreement are the following:

~~(1) The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. ("SCI")  
Shipping House  
245 Madame Cama Road  
Mumbai 400 021  
India~~

(1 2) ~~Contship Containerlines, a division of CP Ships (UK) Limited ("CP Ships Contship")~~  
2 City Place  
Beehive Ring Road  
Gatwick, West Sussex  
RH60PA  
United Kingdom

(2 3) CMA CGM S.A. ("CMA CGM")  
4, Quai D'Arenc  
P.O. Box 2409  
13235 ~~13215~~ Marseilles Cedex 02  
France

and

- (3 4) APL Co Pte Ltd/American President Lines, Ltd.(collectively "APL")  
456, Alexandra Road  
#0600  
NOL Building  
Singapore 119962

(hereinafter referred to individually as "Party" and collectively as "Parties"). ~~Consentship, CMA CGM and SCI are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Founding Parties" of the Indamex service (see FMC 203-011692).~~

Article 4: Geographic Scope.

This Agreement shall cover transportation between ports on the East Coast of the United States (Eastport, Maine to Key West, Florida) and U.S. inland and coastal points served via such ports, on the one hand, and (i) ports and points in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the Bangladesh to Philippines range (South East Asia); (ii) ports and points in countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea and in Portugal; and (iii) ports and points in countries bordering the Red Sea and in the United Arab Emirates, on the other hand. All of the foregoing is referred to herein as the "Trade". It is understood that each of the Parties may utilize space available to it under this Agreement for the carriage of cargo originating in and/or destined to countries outside the Trade.

Article 5: Overview of Agreement Authority.

5.1 The Parties are authorized to meet, exchange information, discuss, negotiate and agree upon the formulation of any lawful agreement permitting the rationalization of service, equipment or capacity in all or any part of the Trade by slot charter, joint service or otherwise; provided, however, that no such agreement may become effective until all governmental conditions required to be fulfilled prior to its effectiveness shall have been fulfilled.

5.2 Space and Vessels.

a) Subject to Article 5.2(d g),~~the Parties shall employ seven (7) vessels of approximately 1800/2300 TEU capacity Eastbound (average 14 gwt per TEU) and approximately 2000/2500 TEU capacity Westbound (average 12 gwt per TEU).~~ (ii) ~~As from mid-March 2004, the Parties shall progressively withdraw the deployed tonnage described in subparagraph (i) above and shall progressively deploy seven (7) vessels of approximately 2500/3000 2800-TEU capacity Eastbound (average 14 gwt per TEU) and approximately 3000/3500 3300 TEU capacity Westbound (average 11 gwt per TEU).~~ (iii) ~~The vessels described in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) above shall be compatible in terms of actual TEU intake and speed capability, able to complete the intended port rotation within 49 days, thus providing a service frequency of approximately 7 days.~~ The Parties are authorized, by unanimous agreement, to revise

the average gwt per TEU used for purposes of this Agreement without making any further amendments hereto.

b) The seven vessels will be provided as follows:

APL 2 vessels ~~1 vessel~~

CMA CGM 2 vessels (of which one vessel is being deployed by CMA CGM's wholly owned subsidiary, MacAndrews & Company Limited)

CP Ships ~~Contship~~ 2 vessels

~~SCI 1 vessel~~

The seventh vessel shall be provided jointly by CMA CGM and CP Ships ~~Contship~~, who are authorized to discuss and agree from time to time on the terms and conditions upon which such vessel shall be provided. In the event the number of vessels deployed hereunder is increased pursuant to Article 5.2(d g), the Parties shall agree on the provision of the additional vessels.

c) ~~Intentionally omitted.~~

d) According to clause 6.2 here below, in case the Agreement is extended, Parties shall discuss and possibly review tonnage provision, without further amendment.

e) ~~Intentionally omitted.~~

f) ~~Intentionally omitted.~~

d g) Without further amendment, the number and size of vessels to be operated hereunder may be increased up to ten (10), each with an approximate capacity of not more than 4500 TEUs, subject to agreement of the Parties.

e h) The Parties will operate a slot exchange agreement in which each of them is entitled to space in proportion to its contribution of slots ("basic slot allocation"). It will be monitored over a cycle in each direction. The Parties are authorized to agree to adjust structurally their basic slot allocations up or down by up to 25% without further amendment to this Agreement. In addition, APL shall sell CMA CGM approximately 150 slots (depending on the agreed average gwt per TEU) per sailing from within APL's basic slot allocation on a used/unused basis through the end of the vessel cycle to be completed on or about June 30, 2006. It is agreed that APL may receive an additional allocation in addition to their basic entitlement, with such additional allocation to be agreed between the Parties.

f i) Any over/under provision of capacity or further sale or purchase of slots between the Parties from within their respective basic slot allocations will be paid for at slot rates to be agreed. In the event that the vessels' capacity is restricted due to known port draft or other mutually agreed operational restrictions, then the restricted capacity will be allocated in proportion to each Party's allocated share of space on each vessel of each Party.

g j) The Parties may agree on the number of sailings, schedules, ports called and frequency of port calls for their vessels in the Trade. Initially, the port rotation is intended to be as follows: Colombo/Tuticorin / Nhava Sheva / via Suez Canal/New York/Norfolk/Charleston or Savannah/Port Said/via Suez Canal/Colombo.

~~Thereafter, as soon as above subclause (f) is in force, Parties will discuss and possibly agree on a unanimous basis any long term additional call(s).~~

h k) None of ~~SCI~~, CP Ships Contship, CMA CGM, APL nor any Party's wholly owned subsidiary, affiliate company or other member of a group of shipping companies (either acting as VOCC or NVOCC in the United States) receiving slots from any Party's entitlement under the present Agreement, may provide space made available to it hereunder to a non-Party ocean common carrier without the prior consent of the other two Parties ~~three ocean carriers~~. If the other two Parties ~~three ocean carriers~~ consent to making space available to such non-parties, such space will be provided on such terms as all Parties ~~four ocean carriers~~ agree; provided, however, that (i) CP Ships Contship shall not require the consent of the others to provide space to other CP Ships carriers; and (ii) CP Ships Contship and CMA CGM shall not require the consent of ~~SCI and~~ APL to make space available to Hapag Lloyd. The terms on which space may be provided to other CP Ships carriers or Hapag Lloyd under this Article 5.2(h k) shall not require the agreement of the other Parties. Nothing herein shall authorize any other CP Ships carrier or Hapag Lloyd to sub-charter space provided to it hereunder to another carrier. APL shall not require the consent of the other Parties to allocate and share space as between APL Co. Pte Ltd and American President Lines, Ltd. CMA CGM shall not require the consent of the other Parties to allocate space to affiliated and wholly owned subsidiary companies.



5.3 Facilities, Services and Supplies.

The Parties are authorized to enter into exclusive, preferential, or cooperative working arrangements with marine terminal operators and any person relating to marine terminal, stevedoring or other shoreside services. The Parties agree that they shall, where possible, negotiate jointly stevedoring terms and conditions at direct ports of call. Nothing herein, however, shall authorize the Parties jointly to operate a marine terminal in the United States.

5.4 Operational Considerations.

(a) ~~SCI, CP Ships Consortium~~, APL and CMA CGM shall book cargoes subject to this Agreement for their separate accounts and shall issue their own separate bills of lading.

(b) ~~SCI, CP Ships Consortium~~, APL and CMA CGM agree that none of them or their affiliates and/or wholly owned subsidiaries will commence or enter into a separate service with any other ocean common carrier that competes directly with the service and route provided under this Agreement between India/Sri Lanka and the U.S. East Coast; provided, however, that such agreement does not preclude operation of pre-existing services or any of the following (the inclusion of a service in paragraphs (i) through (v) below is not intended to imply that all such services are directly competitive):

(i) ~~CP Ships Consortium~~ and CMA CGM from continuing their participation in the EPIC Consortium and/or the service they operate in the Trade from Indian subcontinent via Singapore to the Mediterranean/UK/North

Europe/U.S. East Coast (westbound only) in conjunction with Marfret and P&O Nedlloyd or its replacement;

~~(ii) SCI from continuing its service with Waterman Isthmian Line from U.S. Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports to India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Ceylon and Burma, or with Waterman Isthmian Line and Bangladesh Shipping Corporation from the East Coast of India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka to the U.S. East Coast, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Island, or the service it operates in the trade from Felixstowe to U.S. Gulf Ports in conjunction with Maersk SeaLand;~~

(iii) CMA CGM from continuing its service from Colombo to the Mediterranean in conjunction with Norasia or its replacement and its service between the Mediterranean and the U.S. East and Gulf Coasts in conjunction with Maersk Sealand and APL or its replacement;

~~(iii iv)~~ CMA CGM from continuing its service between Far East ports and ports in Panama, Jamaica and on the U.S. East Coast in conjunction with P&O Nedlloyd and China Shipping Group; or its replacement;

(iv) APL from continuing to use ships operated by or in cooperation with Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Hyundai Merchant Marine, Ltd., Matson Navigation Company, Evergreen Marine Corp., CP Ships USA, LLC ~~TMM Lines Limited, LLC, Lykes Lines Limited, LLC~~, Maersk Sealand and/or CMA CGM to provide all-water or land/water service calling the U.S. East Coast, South East Asia or Mediterranean.

5.5 Parties shall use their best endeavours to reach satisfactory level of on-time service performance at all ports of call by jointly design, review and optimize service rotations and all related operation arrangement.

5.6 Administration and Implementation.

(a) The Parties may implement this Agreement by meetings, writings and other communications between them, and may make such other arrangements as

may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes and provisions of this Agreement.

(b) The Parties, in implementing this Agreement, may agree on their respective rights, liabilities, and indemnities arising under this Agreement including, but not limited to, matters such as failure to perform, force majeure, and insurances. The phase-in of tonnage will be conducted in a smooth and economic manner and be completed as soon as possible. The Party phasing-in the tonnage will bear the phase-in costs.

5.7 Further Agreements.

Pursuant to 46 C.F.R. §535.408(b) 407, any further agreement reached pursuant to authority contained in this Agreement will not be implemented until it has been filed with the Federal Maritime Commission and become effective under the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended (if such filing is legally required).

Article 6: Membership, Withdrawal and Readmission.

6.1 An ocean common carrier shall be admitted to membership in this Agreement upon unanimous agreement of the Parties hereto.

6.2 Any Party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing not less than three (3) months prior written notice to the other Parties, ~~provided however that no such notice may be given prior to nine (9) months after the effective date of this Agreement. If such notice is not given before the end of the ninth month after the~~

~~effective date, the present Agreement will be automatically extended by another year. Thereafter, any Party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing not less than three (3) months prior written notice to the other Parties, which nevertheless shall not be served prior to twenty one (21) months after the effective date of this Agreement.~~

6.3 Any Party may be expelled from this Agreement by a majority vote of all Parties in the event of:

- a. A deliberate material breach of the Agreement by the breaching Party;  
or
- b. A material breach of the Agreement caused by acts of negligence or omission of the breaching Party; or
- c. Failure to maintain an ocean common carrier service within the Scope of this Agreement for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days (strikes and Force Majeure excepted); or
- d. Failure to abide by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

No expulsion shall become effective until the expelled Party has been furnished with a detailed statement setting forth the reason or reasons therefore, a copy of such statement has been submitted to the FMC, and, to the extent required by law, an appropriate amendment to FMC Agreement reflecting the membership change has become effective. Similarly, any Party affected by a material breach resulting from the conduct specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) above may withdraw from this Agreement by giving ninety (90) days notice to the other Parties. In case a breaching Party is expelled by majority vote and one of the non-breaching Parties exercises its

right to resign as provided for in this Article 6.3, then the remaining Parties shall discuss the future of the Agreement. If the remaining Parties do not reach agreement on the future structure of the service prior to the effective date of the resignation of the non-breaching Party, then the Agreement shall automatically terminate.

6.4 If at any time during the period of this Agreement any one Party ("Affected Party") should become bankrupt or insolvent or have a receiving order made against it, suspend payments, or continue its business under a receiver for the benefit of any of its creditors or if a petition is presented or a meeting convened for the purpose of considering a resolution, or other steps are taken for the winding up of the Affected Party, or any event similar to any of the above shall occur under the laws of the Affected Party's country of incorporation, the other Parties are entitled by mutual consent to forthwith exclude the Affected Party from the Agreement. It is expressly understood and agreed that termination and/or withdrawal from the Agreement for any reason whatsoever shall in no way prejudice or affect the terms and conditions of the final accounting or reconciliation of outstanding amounts owed between the Parties.

6.5 Any Party may be expelled from this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Article 6.3 if it has not complied with agreed payment procedures for slots purchased from another Party pursuant to Article 5.2.e ~~h~~ (imbalance between tonnage provided and received allocation).

Article 7: Voting.

Decisions under this Agreement, including amendments thereto, shall be by unanimous vote of all Parties participating in the Agreement.

Article 8: Duration and Termination.

8.1 Subject to clause 6.2, this Agreement shall remain in effect unless terminated by the unanimous agreement of the Parties.

8.2 In the event of war, Act of God, port closures, act of public enemies, arrest or restraint of princes, rulers and peoples, strikes, lockouts, or any other event whatsoever which cannot be avoided or guarded against and which renders the performance of this Agreement wholly or substantially impracticable, this Agreement shall not thereby be terminated, but the performance thereof shall be suspended (in whole or in part as appropriate) until such time as the performance thereof is again practicable, without prejudice to any rights, liabilities and obligations accrued at the date of suspension. Should this Agreement be wholly suspended for a period exceeding six (6) calendar months from the date of the commencement of such suspension or partially suspended for a period exceeding ten (10) calendar months, each Party may resign from the Agreement by giving a 30 days' written notice.

Article 9: Applicable Law.

The interpretation, construction and enforcement of this Agreement, and all

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rights and obligations between the Parties under this Agreement shall be governed by English Law, but always subject to the application of the U.S. Shipping Act of 1984 as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 and any other U.S. regulatory law.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article 9, any dispute between the Parties relating to loss or damage to cargo or containers shall be dealt as per clause 10.

Article 10: Arbitration.

Any controversy or dispute (including cargo and container claims) between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be referred to arbitration in London in accordance with the Arbitration act of 1996 of the United Kingdom and any re-enactments and amendment thereto.

Any claim up to \$ 300,000 shall be referred to the LMAA (London Maritime Arbitration Association) Small Claim Procedure.

Higher claims shall be referred to the LMAA normal procedure.

Arbitration shall be before a single arbitrator acceptable to all Parties to the dispute. In the event the Parties involved in the dispute are unable to reach agreement on a single arbitrator, the arbitrator shall be appointed by the LMAA upon application of any of the Parties.