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1. Full Name of the Agreement: The full name of this Agreement is the Trailer Bridge / America Cruise Ferries Space Charter Agreement.

2. Purpose of the Agreement: The purpose of this Agreement is to permit Trailer Bridge to charter space from America Cruise Ferries in the Trade (as defined in Article 4).

3. Parties to the Agreement: The following are the respective names and addresses of the principal offices of the parties to this Agreement:

The parties to the Agreement (hereinafter "Party" or "Parties") are:

Office Address

Trailer Bridge, Inc. ("TB")
10405 New Berlin Road East
Jacksonville, FL 32226

America Cruise Ferries, Inc. ("ACF")
Concordia # 249
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico 00680
4. Geographic Scope of the Agreement: The geographic scope of the Agreement is the trade between (a) ports in Puerto Rico and (b) ports in the Dominican Republic.

The foregoing geographic scope is herein referred to as "the Trade."

5. Overview of Agreement Authority:

(a) ACF is authorized to charter to TB space in the Trade on a space available, as used basis for each weekly sailing of an ACF vessel in each direction in the Trade. The parties will meet and confer from time to time to determine the amount of such space and the terms and conditions under which such space will be chartered hereunder.

(b) TB is authorized to utilize the same marine terminals and stevedores at those ports at which ACF provides service; provided that nothing herein shall authorize the parties jointly to operate a marine terminal facility in the United States. The slot rates are inclusive of terminal and stevedoring cost. TB is responsible for pick up, delivery, and dispatch of its cargo to/from ACF’s terminals.

(c) The parties are authorized to discuss and agree upon routine operational and administrative matters including, but not limited to, procedures for allocating space; the handling of breakbulk, out-of-gauge and dangerous/hazardous cargoes; forecasting; stevedoring and terminal operations; recordkeeping; responsibility for loss, damage or injury (including provisions of bills of lading relating to same); stowage planning, schedule adjustments; the interchange of information and data regarding all matters within the scope of this Agreement; terms and conditions for force majeure relief: change of ownership; insolvency; performance procedures and penalties; insurance, guarantees, indemnification; the resolution of claims and responsibility for loss or damage; consequences for delay: and compliance with customs, safety, security, documentation, and other regulatory requirements.

(d) The parties are authorized to make such other provisions as are necessary or desirable for the effective operation of this Agreement; provided that no such provision requiring filing under Section 5 of the U.S. Shipping Act of 1984 shall become effective unless and until it has been filed and become effective thereunder.

(e) Nothing herein or in any charter of space pursuant hereto shall be construed as a demise or partial demise of any vessel. At all times during any voyage on which cargo, containers or other equipment are carried pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the Master, his
and or agents of the carrier chartering out the space and not the
employees or agent of the carrier chartering in the space.

(f) ACF will immediately inform TB of any permanent or long-term
changes to ACF vessel schedules or rotations.

(g) The Parties shall collectively implement this Agreement by meetings,
writing, or other communications between them and make such other
arrangements as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the
purposes and provisions of this Agreement.

6. Officials of the Agreement and Delegations of Authority:

Legal counsel for this Agreement and for the parties hereto each shall
have the authority, with full power of substitution, to file this Agreement
with U.S. Federal Maritime Commission, to execute and file with such
Commission any modification to this Agreement agreed to by the parties,
and to execute and submit to such Commission any associated materials
in support thereof.

7. Membership and Withdrawal: Subject to the provisions of Article 8
hereof, either party may resign from the Agreement by giving thirty
(30) day's prior written notice to the other party.

8. Duration and Termination of the Agreement:

The effective date of the Agreement shall be the date that the Agreement
becomes effective pursuant to the U.S. Shipping Act of 1984, as amended,
and the date any other governmental approvals as may be required have
been obtained. Under no circumstances shall the effective date of this
Agreement be earlier than the effective date under the Shipping Act of
1984, as amended. The Agreement shall remain in force (1) unless
terminated by the unanimous agreement of the parties,
(2) unless terminated upon written notice with immediate effect for default
of one of the parties which remains uncured for a period of thirty (30) days
after prior written notice has been received by the defaulting party, or (3)
until the effective date of withdrawal of a party pursuant to Article 7.
Notice of any such termination shall be promptly provided to the Federal
Maritime Commission.

Any voyage of an ACF vessel on which space is chartered to/purchased by
TB which has commenced but has not been completed prior to the
effective date of the termination of this Agreement under this Article, or
Article 7 hereof, shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement in its
9. **Law: Jurisdiction**: This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the general maritime laws of the United States, and in accordance with the laws of Florida with respect to issues not covered by the general maritime laws of the United States, without resort to the conflicts of laws principles of either the general maritime law or the laws of Florida. Each of the parties hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida for the purpose of any dispute arising concerning this Agreement or its subject matter, construction or effect.

10. **Miscellaneous**: Any notice by a party hereunder shall be in writing and sent to each other party at its address set forth in Article 3 (or at such other address as the party shall have specified by notice hereunder). This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written modification hereof executed on behalf of both parties hereto. This Agreement and any such modification shall become effective on the first date on which it may be lawfully implemented under the U.S. Shipping Act of 1984 and shall be binding upon and ensure to the benefit of only the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of March 30, 2016.

TRAILER BRIDGE, LLC

By: 

AMERICA CRUISE FERRIES, INC.

By: 

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