

# **SEASPAN TAKES DELIVERY OF FIRST NEW CONTAINERSHIP IN 2009 ON TWELVE-YEAR TIME CHARTER TO CHINA SHIPPING**

## **Increases Percentage of Operating Fleet Contracted to Chinese Liner Companies No Expirations until 2011 at Earliest**

HONG KONG, CHINA - April 16, 2009 /CNW/ - Seaspan Corporation (NYSE:SSW) announced today that it has accepted delivery of the CSCL Callao, a 2500 TEU newbuilding. The new containership, which was constructed by Jiangsu Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., expands Seaspan's current operating fleet to 36 vessels with 32 remaining newbuildings to be delivered over approximately the next three years. The CSCL Callao was delivered on April 8, 2009.

The CSCL Callao is subject to a time charter with China Shipping Container Lines (Asia) Co., Ltd. for a twelve-year period at a fixed rate. CSCL Asia is a subsidiary of China Shipping Container Lines Co., Ltd., the world's eighth largest liner company in terms of shipping capacity. Under the terms of the fixed-rate time charter, CSCL Asia is responsible for fuel costs and all cargo operating and related expenses.

Gerry Wang, Chief Executive Officer of Seaspan, commented, "The CSCL Callao is the seventh in the series of eight 2500 TEU vessels to be constructed for Seaspan by Jiangsu Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. We are pleased with the quality and performance of our 2500 TEU vessels and with the strong relationship we have developed with the shipyard. With this delivery, we have increased our time charter coverage with CSCL, a major Chinese liner with whom we also have a strong relationship. Our 36 vessel operating fleet is on charter for an average remaining duration of approximately eight years with no expirations until 2011."

### **About Seaspan**

Seaspan owns containerships and charters them pursuant to long-term fixed-rate charters. Seaspan's contracted fleet of 68 containerships consists of 36 containerships in operation and 32 containerships to be delivered over approximately the next three years. Seaspan's operating fleet of 36 vessels has an average age of approximately five years and an average remaining charter period of approximately eight years. All of the 33 vessels to be delivered to Seaspan are already committed to long-term time charters averaging approximately 11 years in duration from delivery. Seaspan's customer base consists of seven of the world's largest liner companies, including China Shipping Container Lines, A.P. Moller-Maersk, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Hapag-Lloyd, COSCO Container Lines, K-Line and CSAV.

Seaspan's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "SSW".

### **STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This release contains certain forward-looking statements (as such term is defined in Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) concerning future events and our operations, performance and financial condition, including, in particular, the likelihood of our success in developing and expanding our business. Statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", "projects", "forecasts", "will", "may", "potential", "should", and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect management's current views only as of the date of this presentation and are not intended to give any assurance as to

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