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### **SECONDHAND SALES - DRY**



In contrast with the previous week, the **BDI** experienced a continuous decline for five consecutive sessions, starting last Friday, due to reduced demand in the larger segments. It recorded a significant 10.3% drop week on week, reaching **978** points. Specifically, capesize index fell 213 points to 1,442, even hitting 1,421 on Thursday its lowest point since the beginning of June. Panamaxes also suffered a loss of 171 points, reaching 924, with a notable 5% drop mid-week, the largest since February. Subdued demand for panamaxes in the Atlantic and Asian markets coupled with increasing tonnage lists kept pressuring down rates. However, supramaxes were the exception, gaining this week and concluding at 758 points.

Capesize: Throughout the week, the Pacific region has shown a lack of noteworthy activity, resulting in a stagnant and uneventful market. Trading volumes remained discouragingly low, leading to a downward pressure on rates. In contrast, the Atlantic market saw a small uptick in activity, particularly on the Brazil and West Africa to the Far East routes. However, overall, both markets struggled to gain momentum or make substantial progress. Despite decent volumes on certain routes, freight levels were under pressure throughout the week, leading to further rate declines. Some signs suggested that the market might found a floor in the coming days, but the week remained largely lackluster with negative sentiment. Capesize 1y TC rate remained unchanged at \$15,000 / day

Panamax/kamsarmax: The Panamax market encountered a persistently negative trend, despite the previous week's positive note, resulting in further rate declines in both basins. Limited activity and reduced bids were observed in the Atlantic, mainly in the North part, leading to eased rates while the South region saw some fresh demand but failed to pick up steam. Russia's withdraw from the Black Sea Grain Initiative resulted in several vessels ballasting to the MED. Meanwhile, Asia's market remained relatively unchanged, with charterers maintaining control over rates amid weaker demand and an abundance of tonnage resulting

in the market struggling to recover, facing significant pressure from the vast tonnage count. Overall, the week was marked by subdued activity and declining rates, with little indication of imminent improvements. Kamsarmax 1y TC rate fell to \$12,500 / day

**Supramax/ultramax**: The Atlantic market experienced mixed sentiments, as the south region remaining relatively flat with the downward pressure on rates persisting while fronthaul routes sustained last done levels. In the north, the market showed positive signs in the US Gulf that remained balanced while the Mediterranean saw limited fresh enquiry. Asia demonstrated a restrained optimism, with steady Indonesian demand and better levels of enquiry further north. Overall, the week was marked by a lack of excitement in the Atlantic, while Asia displayed a somewhat positive feel with increased enquiry in certain regions. However, the overall tone remained subdued, with limited fixing and fresh enquiry emerging. Ultramax 1y TC rate dropped at \$11,750 / day

Handysize: The sector experienced a subdued and negative sentiment across the week. In the Atlantic, there was minimal fresh enquiry from the Continent and Mediterranean regions, leading to a lack of activity although new enquiry emerged later resulting in limited positivity but the collapse of the Ukraine grain corridor had everyone thinking of the potential increase of open tonnage lists. Similarly, sluggishness persisted in the South Atlantic, with downward pressure on rates and limited fresh enquiries while Asia saw another lackluster week with restricted action and a relative balanced market. Overall, the week remained slow across the sector, with minimal activity. For a 38K handy, 1y TC rate further reduced at \$10,500 / day



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On the dry bulk secondhand market, the sector witnessed some notable activity this week, considering that we are well into the summer period, however, the volume of concluded vessel sales appears to be rather restrained. Although most are anticipating a lackluster S&P activity during the remained of the summer, secondhand asset prices are heading south for a while now which may enhance buying interest in the near term.

Starting off with the capesize segment which continued to exhibit firm activity during the past month, with a noticeable increase in buyers' appetite. This week, rumors emerged about the MV "HL Passion" (179,656 dwt, blt 2015, Dalian, SS 11/25 DD 12/23) that is being committed for \$36.5 mil. Furthermore, clients of Primebulk are behind the acquisition of the MV "Aquaproud" (178,055 dwt, blt 2009, SWS, SS/DD 6/24) for a price in the region of \$20s mil. As a reference, the BWTS-fitted MV "Bao May" (178,050 dwt, blt 2010, SWS, SS/DD 5/25) was sold back in May for \$25.5 mil. Finally, the BWTS-fitted MV "Aquakatie" (174,142 dwt, blt 2007, SWS, SS/DD 2/25) is rumored committed for \$15.9 mil to Greek buyers.

Moving down to the still active kamsarmax and panamax secondhand activity, the BWTS-fitted MV "Restinga" (82,551 dwt, blt 2006, Tsuneishi, SS 9/26 DD 2/25) is reputedly committed for a price in the mid-high \$13s mil while after inviting offers early in the week the BWTS-fitted MV "Sunny Eternity" (77,211 dwt, blt 2014, Oshima, SS/DD 6/24) has received several offers with the highest being in the mid-high \$19s mil region. The BWTS-fitted MV "Nord Hydra" (77,134 dwt, blt 2014, Imabari - Mihara HS, S/DD 10/24) is reported sold for low \$23s mil and the MV "Delphinus" (76,948 dwt, blt 2007, Namura, SS 5/27 DD 6/25) invited offers mid-week with the best received offer being at \$13 mil basis dely within singapore/japan range.

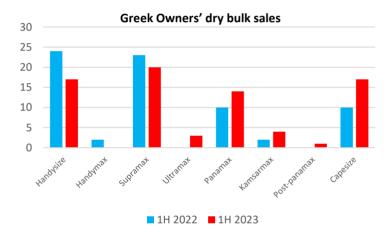
Continuing with the **ultramax/supramax** segments, the **MV** "Jenny M" (56,058 dwt, blt 2007, Mitsui, SS 8/25 DD 11/23) sold for \$12.5 mil.

Down to the smaller sizes the BWTS-fitted **MV "Tomini Zonda"** (37,976 dwt, blt 2016, Zhejiang Ouhua, SS 8/26 DD 8/24) reported sold for **\$19.36 mil** and the **MV "Ben Rinnes"** (35,000 dwt, blt 2015, Jiangdong, SS 9/25 DD 10/23) was acquired by Greek buyers for **\$16.5 mil** basis 2-year index TC to Cargill.

#### Greek Owners' sale and purchase activity for the 1H of 2023

As of the first half of this year, Greek Shipowners completed 76 sales in the dry bulk sector (29 vessels pending delivery). The vessels had an average age of 13.7 years, totaling an estimated value of \$1.2 billion and they mainly comprised 20 supramaxes, 17 capesizes, 17 handysizes, and 14 panamaxes. Compared to the same period last year, Greek Owners sold 71 dry bulk vessels worth a total estimated value of \$1.2 billion.

In terms of purchases they made 74 acquisitions, (21 pending delivery), totaling a combined value of \$1.47 billion. The majority of these purchases included 18 capesizes, 14 kamsarmaxes, and 13 ultramaxes. During the 1H of 2022, Greek Owners acquired the same number of vessels with a total value of \$1.7 billion.





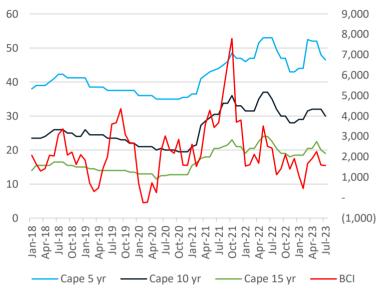
Additionally, Greek Owners sold 20 containerships (6 pending delivery) with an average age of 13.2 years, totaling an estimated value of \$264 million. In contrast, the previous year's first half recorded 19 sales with an average age of 17.3 years, valued at \$912 million. Additionally, equally balanced were the containership acquisitions with 5 in 2023 and 4 in 2022.



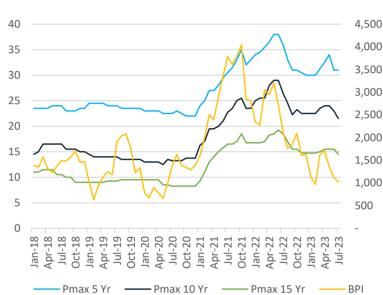
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### **SECONDHAND SALES - DRY**

#### Secondhand average prices (\$ mil) - Capesize



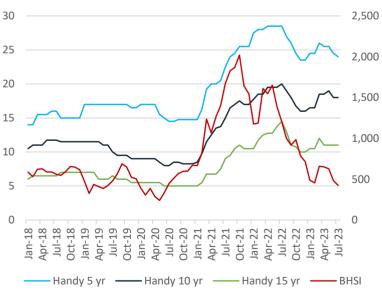
#### Secondhand average prices (\$ mil) - Panamax



#### Secondhand average prices (\$ mil) - Handymax



#### Secondhand average prices (\$ mil) - Handysize





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### **SECONDHAND SALES - WET**



Oil prices are set for a marginal increase despite a stronger US dollar as prices have been trending sideways, with Brent just over \$80 pb and WTI slightly above \$76 pb, recording four consecutive weeks of gains. China's determination to strengthen its economy has had a positive impact on sentiment within the oil markets, leading to a more optimistic outlook and bullish market fundamentals.

In the VLCCs rates experienced a slight increase last week as July's final cargoes were fixed in the MEG to East routes. In the TD2 and TD3C Owners saw rates reaching region low/mid WS 50s as the available tonnage list tightened. Increased vessel availability is expected ahead of August due to lesser cargo volumes and the anticipated impact of the latest OPEC+ cuts. In the Atlantic, the market tries to pick up steam with increased enquiry ex W. Africa. In suezmaxes, TD20 dropped by 19 points since last Friday to WS 84.5 as available tonnage looks to be fairly balanced and market players remain cautious as we are heading well into summer. In the Mediterranean, the market remains relatively flat with TD6 rates dropping marginally at WS 94. Overall, the market is expected to maintain current levels in the coming days or dropping a bit in case some Owners are willing to accept lower levels for the summer. Aframax rates in the North Sea saw an uptick this week with increased activity and a tight tonnage availability with TD7 increasing at WS 135. In the TD25 rates pressured down to WS 173.13 as some Owners opted to ballast to the US Gulf. Heading to August, rates are expected to maintain current levels. In the Mediterranean, ample tonnage list keeps rates in the region of WS 120, with no significant changes expected in the short term. **MRs** gave mixed signals, with the Atlantic market experiencing weaker conditions, while the Pacific region observed some noteworthy gains.

The recent surge in the wet sector's S&P activity has given way to a limited number of transactions with sentiment moving south, affected by declining rates in most segments as we head deeper into summer. Despite this, secondhand asset values remain high in the longer term, bolstered by the multi-year low orderbook and overall positive market fundamentals.

In this week's activity involving VLCCs, the Korean-built **MT** "Astro Chloe" (318,440 dwt, blt 2009, Hyundai HI, SS/DD 1/24) is rumored to have been sold at a price ranging between \$62-63 mil.

Further down, despite that the BWTS & scubber-fitted **MT "TRF Bergen"** (49,126 dwt, blt 2015, Hyundai-Vinashin, SS/DD 5/25, epoxy-coated) being reported as sold to Far Eastern buyers this week, we understand that the transaction did not conclude and she is back on the market.

Closing with the smaller sizes, the BWTS-fitted **MT "Sumatra Palm"** (16,989 dwt, blt 2008, Taizhou Sanfu, SS1/28 DD 12/25, epoxy-coated, coiled) changed hands for an undisclosed price.



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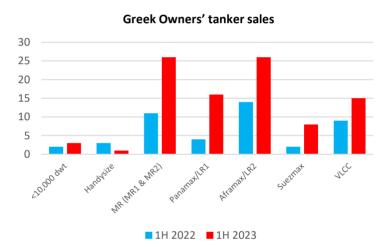
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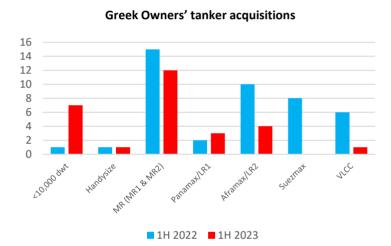
#### Greek Owners' sale and purchase activity for the 1H of 2023

In the tanker sector for the first half of 2023, Greek Shipowners performed 95 sales (18 pending delivery) with a total estimated value of \$3.1 billion and an average vessel age of 16.8 years. The majority of these sales comprised 26 MRs (both MR1 & MR2), 26 aframax/LR2, and 16 panamax/LR1 tankers. Concurrently, they made 28 tanker purchases (with 2 pending delivery) worth a total value of \$475 million and an average age of 14.1 years.

Comparatively, during the first half of 2022, Greek Owners made 45 tanker sales with a total value of \$960 mil and an average vessel age of 14.3 years. They also carried out 43 tanker purchases totaling \$920.7 mil and an average vessel age of 12.3 years.

Moreover, in 2023, Greek Shipowners sold 3 LNG tankers for \$339 mil and 7 LPGs for \$150.8 mil. In the same period, 1 LNG was acquired for \$30 mil and 4 LPGs for \$70.7 million. In contrast, during 2022, they neither sold nor bought any LNG tanker. However, they did sell 8 LPGs for \$405.6 mil and purchased 1 unit.

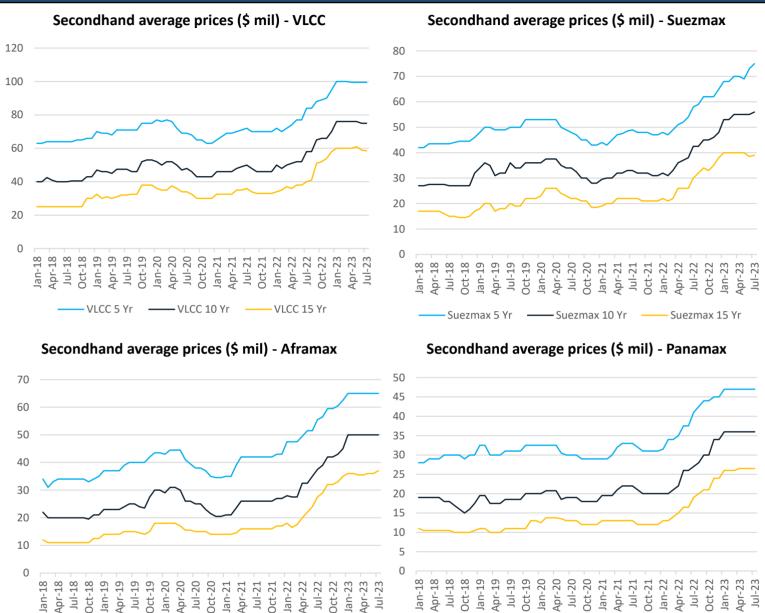


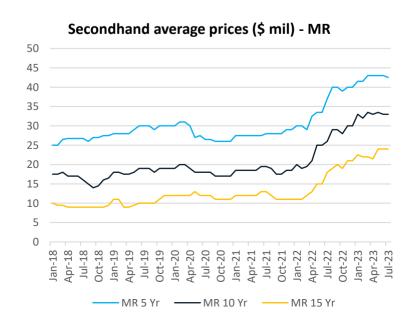




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- Aframax 15 Yr

- Aframax 10 Yr

Aframax 5 Yr

Panamax 5 Yr

- Panamax 10 Yr



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### **SECONDHAND AVERAGE PRICES (USD MILLION)**

Bulkers							
Туре	5 YRS OLD	10 YRS OLD	15 YRS OLD				
CAPESIZE	46.5	30.0	19.0				
KAMSARMAX / PANAMAX	31.0	21.5	14.5				
ULTRAMAX / SUPRAMAX	28.5	21.0	14.0				
HANDYSIZE	24.0	18.0	11.0				

	Tankers							
Туре	5 YRS OLD	10 YRS OLD	15 YRS OLD					
VLCC	99.5	75.0	58.5					
SUEZMAX	75.0	56.0	39.0					
AFRAMAX/LR2	65.0	50.0	37.0					
PANAMAX/LR1	47.0	36.0	26.5					
MR	42.5	33.0	24.0					



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## SECONDHAND SALES

BULK CARRIERS									
Name	DWT	Built	Yard	\$/Mil	Buyers	Comments			
MV "HL Passion"	179,656	2015	Dalian	36.5	Greek	rummored committed, SS 11/25 DD 12/23			
MV "Aquaproud"	178,055	2009	SWS	region 20s	clients of Primebulk	SS/DD 6/24			
MV "Aquakatie"	174,142	2007	SWS	15.9	Greek	rumored committed, SS/DD 2/25, BWTS-fitted			
MV "Restinga"	82,551	2006	Tsuneishi	mid/high 13s	Undisclosed	rumored committed, SS 9/26 DD 2/25, BWTS-fitted			
MV "Nord Hydra"	77,134	2014	Imabari - Mihara HS	low 23s	Undisclosed	S/DD 10/24, BWTS-fitted			
MV "Jenny M"	56,058	2007	Mitsui	12.5	Undisclosed	SS 8/25 DD 11/23			
MV "Tomini Zonda"	37,976	2016	Zhejiang Ouhua	19.36	Undisclosed	SS 8/26 DD 8/24, BWTS-fitted			
MV "Ben Rinnes"	35,000	2015	Jiangdong	16.5	Greek	SS 9/25 DD 10/23, basis 2-year index TC to Cargill			

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MT "Sumatra Palm"	16,989	2008	Taizhou Sanfu	-	Undisclosed	SS1/28 DD 12/25, BWTS-fitted, epoxy-coated, coiled		



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LNG/LPG TANKERS							
Name	СВМ	Built	Yard	\$/Mil	Buyers	Comments	
Nothing to report this week							

CONTAINERS								
Name	TEU	Built	Yard	\$/Mil	Buyers	Comments		
MV "X-Press Cotopaxi"	1,740	2004	Guangzhou Wenchong	-	Clients of MSC	SS/DD 2/24, Ice Class II		
MV "Chiquita Passion"	2,797	2008	Yangfan	15.5	Clients of MSC	SS/DD 9/23, Ice Class II		

General Cargo / ConRO							
Name	СВМ	Built	Yard	\$/Mil	Buyers	Comments	
MV "Galaxy Ocean"	8,441	2009	Dongfeng	low 4	Undisclosed	SS/DD 6/24, Ice clas II	



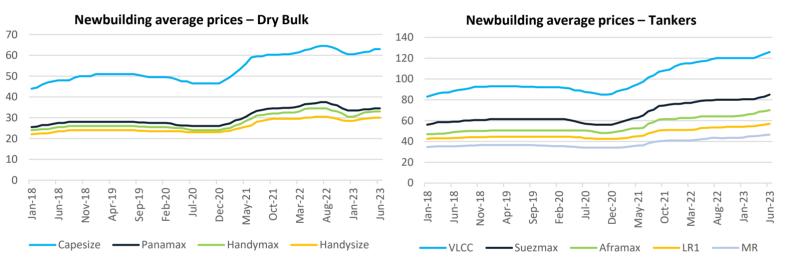
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#### **NEWBUILDINGS**

The newbuilding market remains in a state of continuous activity, although at a slower pace, as indicated by the recent flow of new orders. Contracting is diversifying across various segments, with this week witnessing a firm tanker ordering, while dry bulk vessels, PCTCs, and container newbuilds, attracted further interest.

Amidst the latest shipbuilding updates, the Greek tanker ordering remained firm, with Atlas Maritime's deal at DH shipbuilding for a pair of 158,000 dwt suezmaxes plus two options, emerging this week. The vessels will be scrubber-fitted and dual-fuel ready, priced at \$84.0 mil each. Additionally, Capital Maritime ordered a pair of innovative 22,000 cbm liquid CO2 carriers at HMD priced at region \$71.0 mil each. The vessels will be dual-fuel ready and able to carry also LPG and ammonia.

The car carriers' sector continues to see a substantial ordering surge due to yearlong increasing rates, were as we mentioned in a previous report, recorded a remarkable +30% growth. The global PCTC orderbook has grown to 148 ships making more than 25% of the current active fleet. In the past week, Höegh Autoliners ordered four additional LNG dual-fuelled and ammonia-ready 9,100 ceu vessels priced at \$98 mil each.

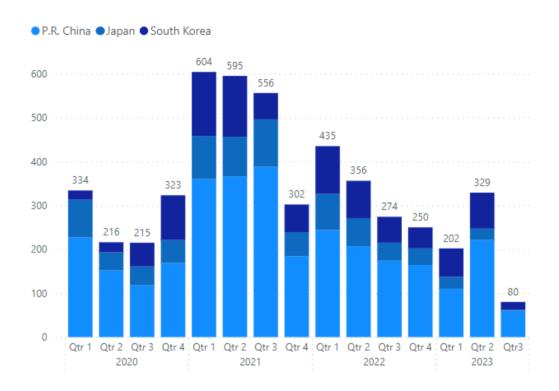


NEWBUILDING CONTRACTS									
Туре	Size	Buyer	Yard	Delivery	Price	Units	Comments		
Bulker	82,000 dwt	Sea Traders	Hengli HI	2025-2027	\$35m / unit	10	Previously reported and now officially confirmed, scrubber-fitted		
Bulker	82,000 dwt	Agricore Shipping	Chengxi	2026	\$35-36m / unit	2	Tier III Nox		
Tanker	158,000 dwt	Atlas Maritime	DH Shipbuilding	2025-2026	\$84m / unit	2+2	Scrubber-fitted, LNG dual-fuel ready		
Tanker	115,000 dwt	Kurow Shipping	Zhoushan Changhong	2026	-	4+4			
LCO2/LPG	22,000 cbm	Capital Maritime	Hyundai Mipo	1H 2026	\$71m / unit	2	CO2/LPG/ammonia carriers, ammonia dual- fuel ready		
Tanker	8,000 dwt	China Merchants	Chongqing Chuandong	2025	-	1			
Container	1,058 teu	Ningbo Ocean	Taizhou Jianxing	2025	\$24m / unit	4+4			
РСТС	9,100 ceu	Höegh Autoliners	CMHI Jiangsu	2024-2025	\$98m / unit	4	LNG dual-fuelled, ammonia-ready		

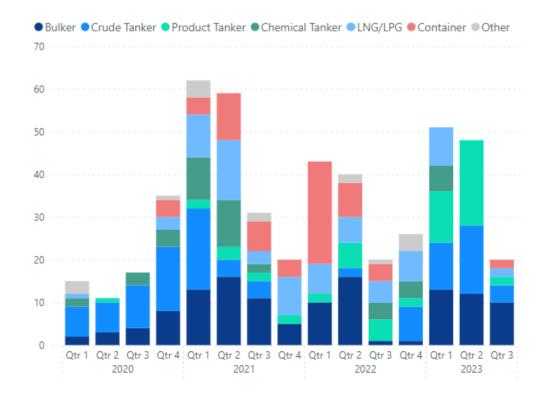
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### **NEWBUILDINGS**

### Total NB orders in the main SB markets (No)



### **Total orders from Greek Owners by ship type**





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#### **DEMOLITIONS**

Ship recycling activities in major destinations have been sluggish and unsatisfying, with prices remaining flat as Monsoon impacts and weakened domestic steel markets have contributed to minimal changes in recent weeks. Pakistan faces prolonged inactivity, Bangladesh struggles with Letter of Credit issues, and India appears disadvantaged in pricing levels. Overall, tonnage scarcity is already declining as prices recording further corrections, and market players seem to believe that current levels are going to be unchanged for the near term. On the positive news, Pakistan welcomed am encouraging development with the announcement of an IMF loan of about \$3 billion, easing the liquidity issues faced by the country. This will probably allow ship recycling activity to resume shortly as commercial banks will be able to issue Letter of Credits soon. In total, the level of activity remains constrained as challenges persist in the ship recycling market.

Indicative Scrap Prices							
	US\$/ldt						
	Bulkers	Tankers	Containers				
India	510	530	550				
Bangladesh	560	590	610				
Pakistan	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Turkey	320	330	340				

	DEMOLITION SALES									
Туре	Name	DWT	LDT	Built	Buyers	(US\$ /ldt)	Comments			
Bulker	Asian Bulk	70,165	9,257	1996	Indian	-				
Bulker	Haven Guarder	27,860	6,079	1995	Bangladeshi	554				
Tanker	Heng Yang	8,143	3,574	1994	Indonesian	930	"As is" Batam, ice class 1A, STST			
Container	Zhong Da	9,865	3,856	2000	Bangladeshi	608	797 teu			
G. Cargo	Pu Hui 2	12,882	3,950	2006	Bangladeshi	-				
G. Cargo	Kokuryu Maru	2,700	3,950	1992	Undisclosed	325	"As is"			

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