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MERMAID MARITIME PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED

(Registered in the Kingdom of Thailand as a Public Company with Limited Liability)
(Registration Number. 0107550000017)

**NON-RENOUNCEABLE NON-UNDERWRITTEN RIGHTS ISSUE AND
PRIVATE PLACEMENT TO RAISE GROSS PROCEEDS OF APPROXIMATELY S\$176.1 MILLION**

*Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalised terms used herein shall bear the same meanings ascribed to them in the Circular dated 12 June 2013 issued by Mermaid Maritime Public Company Limited (the "**Company**").*

NOTICE OF BOOKS CLOSURE DATE FOR THE RIGHTS ISSUE

Further to the announcement made by the Company on July 4 2013 in relation to the results of the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders no. 01/2013, the Company has today received the approval of the Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand for the Rights Issue.

Accordingly, the Register of Shareholders of the Company and the depository register maintained by CDP will be closed at 5.00 p.m. on 26 August 2013 for the purpose of determining the Rights of Registered Shareholders under the Rights Issue (the "**Rights Issue Books Closure Date**").

Subject to compliance with relevant securities laws, Entitled Scripholders will be provisionally allotted the Rights Shares under the Rights Issue on the basis of the Shares recorded in their names in the Register of Shareholders as at the Rights Issue Books Closure Date, fractional entitlements to be disregarded and aggregated to form part of the Excess Rights Shares.

Entitled Depositors will be provisionally allotted the Rights Shares under the Rights Issue on the basis of the number of Shares standing to the credit of their securities accounts with CDP as at the Rights Issue Books Closure Date, fractional entitlements to be disregarded and aggregated to form part of the Excess Rights Shares.

TIMETABLE IN RELATION TO THE EQUITY FUND RAISING

An indicative timeline for the Equity Fund Raising is set out below (all references are to Singapore dates and times):

Shares trade ex-Rights : 22 August 2013 from 9.00 a.m.

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Rights Issue Books Closure Date : 26 August 2013 at 5.00 p.m.

Despatch of the Instruction Booklet as well as the ARE and/or PAL to Registered Shareholders : 29 August 2013

Commencement of application of Rights Shares and Excess Rights Shares : 29 August 2013

Last date and time for acceptance of and payment for Rights Shares : 6 September 2013, at 5.00 p.m.
(9.30 p.m. for electronic applications)

Last date and time for application of and payment for Excess Rights Shares : 6 September 2013, at 5.00 p.m.
(9.30 p.m. for electronic applications)

Expected date for issuance of Rights Shares⁽¹⁾ : 19 September 2013

Expected date for commencement of trading of Rights Shares : 20 September 2013

Note:

(1) Under the relevant Thai law, a public company is required to register the increase of paid-up capital with the Ministry of Commerce ("MOC") within 14 days from the date on which all offered shares, i.e. Rights Shares in this case, were paid up. The expected date of issuance of Rights Shares is conditional upon the completion of the registration with the MOC, which is assumed to take up to 14 days.

The indicative timetable above is subject to modifications at the discretion of the Company, following consultation with the Manager.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Vincent Siaw
Company Secretary
16 August 2013

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