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PRESS RELEASE

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The Chamber of Shipping of America (CSA) is pleased to announce that Maersk Line, Limited has been unanimously elected to membership. Maersk Line, Limited (MLL) is an American company headquartered in Norfolk, VA that provides U.S. flag transportation, ship management, and maritime technical services to government and commercial customers. The company has been in business since 1983 when it won its first government contract to convert and operate five military prepositioning ships. Since then, MLL has expanded and has managed and operated over 100 vessels of varying sizes and types. Typifying the company's diverse activities, the newest ships brought into the fleet this fall include an ice-classed tanker and two new-build heavy lift ships. Nearly one thousand U.S. citizen mariners are employed daily on MLL's fleet of container, PCTC, tanker, heavy lift and special mission government contract vessels supported by 225 maritime professionals ashore.

Joseph J. Cox, President of CSA said, "We are very pleased to have a quality operator like Maersk Line, Limited join our association. They have been operating various types of ships for a number of years and are well regarded among their colleagues in the industry. All of us in the maritime community take use and stewardship of the oceans very seriously and Maersk Line, Limited's concerns with safety, protection of the marine environment and efficient operation for their customers dovetail very well with CSA's mission and vision statements. We welcome them into our association and look forward to working with them on issues affecting our industry."

Maersk Line, Limited's President and CEO, John F. Reinhart, when informed of the election, stated, "We are honored to be unanimously elected to membership in the Chamber of Shipping of America. CSA is a great organization and is addressing a large number of important issues facing our industry including numerous safety and environmental initiatives. We look forward to being an active and productive member of the association."

CSA is an association of thirty-six U.S. companies that own, operate or charter vessels in the domestic and international trades of the U.S. or are engaged businesses closely associated with vessels. CSA traces its heritage to the first U.S. shipowner's association formed in 1917.

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