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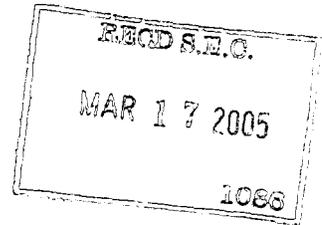


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Mr. Brian Johnson  
Branch Chief  
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Judiciary Plaza  
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, DIANA SHIPPING INC., Common Stock, par value \$0.01. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 17, 2005. Tentative listing date - March 18, 2005.

Sincerely,

*Paras Madho*

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