

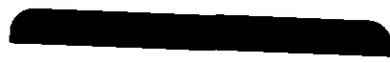


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Dear Sirs

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NOL has today issued a press release relating to the invitation to continue into the next phase of the bidding process for the sale of Hapag-Lloyd.

Attached is a copy of the relevant document for your attention, please.

Yours faithfully


Marjorie Wee (Ms)
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOL Invited into Next Stage of Hapag-Lloyd Sale Process

Singapore, 8 August 2008: Neptune Orient Lines Limited (NOL) today confirmed it has been invited to continue into the next phase of the bidding process for the sale of the Hapag-Lloyd container shipping business.

NOL submitted an indicative non-binding bid to acquire Hapag-Lloyd to the company's owner TUI AG on 21 July 2008.

Any agreement would be subject to, among other steps, due diligence, submission and acceptance of NOL's final bid, regulatory approvals and NOL shareholders' approvals. If successful, NOL would integrate its APL container shipping business with Hapag-Lloyd, which would create the world's third-largest container carrier.

While the process is underway, NOL will be bound by strict confidentiality undertakings, which legally restrict the company's ability to share information. NOL is committed to keeping stakeholders informed of important developments.

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About NOL

Neptune Orient Lines (NOL) is a Singapore-based global container shipping, terminals and logistics company. Its container shipping arm, APL, provides world-class container shipping services and intermodal operations supported by leading-edge IT and e-commerce. Its terminals unit has one of the world's leading container terminal networks, with key gateway facilities in Asia and North America. Its logistics business, APL Logistics, provides international, end-to-end logistics services and solutions, employing the latest IT and data connectivity for maximum supply chain visibility and control. NOL web site: www.nol.com.sg

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