



Safe Bulkers, Inc. announces a new period time charter for a Post-Panamax Class vessel at \$20,500 gross daily rate.

ATHENS, GREECE - October 29, 2009 – Safe Bulkers, Inc. (the “Company”) (NYSE: SB), announced today that it has entered into a new period time charter for the *Andreas K*, a 92,000 dwt Post-Panamax class vessel, with a delivery date in November 2009, for a minimum duration of 12 months and a maximum duration of 14 months, at a gross daily rate of \$20,500 less 3.75% total commissions.

Our subsidiary Maxdodeka Shipping Corporation took delivery of the newbuild *Andreas K* on September 8, 2009 and the vessel has since been operated in the spot market. Following this delivery, our operational fleet expanded to 14 drybulk vessels, comprised of five Panamax, three Kamsarmax and six Post-Panamax vessels, all built post-2003.

Polys Hajioannou, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, said: “We have concluded a new period time charter which secures additional contracted revenues to our Company and reinforces the stability of our cash flows. This charter is accretive to earnings and demonstrates our ability to develop direct business with the industry’s charterers.”

About Safe Bulkers, Inc.

The Company is an international provider of marine drybulk transportation services, transporting bulk cargoes, particularly grain, iron ore and coal, along worldwide shipping routes for some of the world’s largest users of marine drybulk transportation services. The Company's common stock is listed on the NYSE, where it trades under the symbol “SB”. The Company’s fleet consists of 14 drybulk vessels, all built post-2003, and the Company has contracted to acquire additional drybulk newbuild vessels to be delivered at various times beginning in 2010 through 2011.

Forward-Looking Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements (as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, as amended and in the Section 21E of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended) concerning future events, the Company’s growth strategy and measures to implement such strategy, including expected vessel acquisitions and entering into further time charters. Words such as “expects,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “anticipates,” “hopes,” “estimates” and variations of

such words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct. These statements involve known and unknown risks and are based upon a number of assumptions and estimates which are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, the ability to satisfy the closing conditions of the acquisition, changes in the demand for drybulk vessels, competitive factors in the market in which the Company operates, risks associated with operations outside the United States and other factors listed from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company expressly disclaims any obligations or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with respect thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

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