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PACIFIC SHIPPING TRUST TAKES DELIVERY OF 12th VESSEL

- Annual revenue to increase by 10% and total slot capacity to increase to 25,964 TEU
- Latest vessel to be long-term chartered to the largest shipping company in Latin America
- All capital commitments fully financed
- PST's prudent capital and risk management strategy should help it weather the current financial turmoil

SINGAPORE, 11 November 2008 – PST Management Pte. Ltd., as Trustee-Manager of Pacific Shipping Trust (“PST”), Singapore’s first publicly-listed business trust, takes delivery of its 12th vessel, as scheduled. The 4,250 TEU vessel, CSAV LAUCA, will begin its five-year time charter to Compania Sud Americana de Vapores S.A. (“CSAV”) on 12 November 2008, following completion of the acquisition today.

With the delivery of CSAV LAUCA, the total slot capacity of PST’s portfolio will reach 25,964 TEU. Since IPO, PST has invested approximately US\$493 million to acquire 12 vessels, 10 of which have been chartered to Pacific International Lines (Private) Limited and two to CSAV.

“We are delighted to further our business relationship with CSAV, the 17th largest container company in the world and the largest shipping company in Latin America. Moving forward, we will continue to strengthen our portfolio by working with some of the most established operators in the world,” said Mr Alvin Cheng, CEO of PST Management Pte. Ltd., Trustee-Manager of PST.

Asset value of portfolio is preserved

“PST observed significant asset price escalation starting from the later part of 2007. As such, we have held back on vessel acquisitions since entering into the contracts to purchase the CSAV

vessels in Q3 2007. This strategy has paid off, as with asset prices now falling, PST has avoided the losses in asset values it would have sustained had it then gone into the market, unlike some other shipowners who continued to make vessel acquisitions through 2008, at the peak of asset prices,” explained Mr Cheng.

“Financing for the entire fleet portfolio, including CSAV Lauca is in place. With the loan tenure for our portfolio averaging 8.5 years, the funding for the acquisition of all our vessels has been locked-in and there should be no refinancing requirements in the medium-term. In addition, as there are no on-going asset-to-loan covenants in our loan agreements, the asset value correction facing the industry today is not expected to have a near-term impact on PST. As such, we do not have the concerns affecting some other players in the market who, because of asset-to-loan covenants in their financing agreements, might be challenged to provide top-up capital, forced to sell some of their assets or undertake highly dilutive equity issues,” added Mr Cheng.

“We continue to adopt a prudent capital and risk management strategy to ensure stability of our portfolio during these times. We have a resilient financial structure in place which should help us to weather the current financial turmoil and keep us well-placed to seize on opportunities when market conditions improve” concluded Mr Cheng.

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About Pacific Shipping Trust

Pacific Shipping Trust is the first business trust listed on the SGX-ST. It provides shipping companies with innovative financing and leasing structures that enable them to expand their fleet without straining their capital. By acquiring vessels and leasing them to reputable charterers on medium / long term time or bareboat charters, PST seeks to generate a steady stream of high-yielding income for its Unitholders.

The trustee-manager of PST is PST Management Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pacific International Lines (Private) Limited, one of the biggest container shipping companies in the world.

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