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PROSPECTUS

NAVIOS MARITIME HOLDING INC.

49,571,720 Shares of Common Stock
Issuable Upon Exercise of Outstanding Publicly Traded Warrants

Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. is registering 49,571,720 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share, which shares are underlying our publicly traded warrants. The shares of Common Stock being registered may be issued by us upon exercise by the holders of our outstanding, publicly traded warrants. The warrants have an exercise price of \$5.00 per share and were issued by International Shipping Enterprises, Inc., our legal predecessor, in its initial public offering. To the extent any holder of our publicly traded warrants determines to exercise their warrants, we will receive the payment of the exercise price in connection with any such exercise. The warrants and our shares of common stock are currently traded on the Nasdaq National Market System under the symbols BULKW and BULK, respectively, and on October 24, 2006, the last reported sale prices of the warrants and common stock were \$0.78 and \$5.31, respectively. We also have a current trading market for our units. One unit consists of one share of our common stock and two warrants with each warrant entitling the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$5.00. Our units also trade on the Nasdaq National Market System under the symbol BULKU.

Investing in our securities involves risks.
See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 6.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and state securities regulators have not approved or disapproved these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is October 25, 2006.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information provided by this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since then. In this prospectus, "Navios", "the company", "we", "us" and "our" refer to Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. (unless the context otherwise req

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 PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following is only a summary. We urge you to read the entire prospectus, including the more detailed financial statements, notes to the financial statements and other information incorporated by reference from our other filings with the SEC. An investment in our shares of common stock involves risks. Therefore, carefully consider the information provided under the heading “Risk Factors” beginning on page 6.

Our Company

We are Navios Maritime Holdings Inc., a vertically integrated global seaborne shipping company, specializing in the worldwide carriage, trading, storing, and other related logistics dry bulk cargo transportation. For over 50 years Navios has worked with raw materials producers, agricultural traders and exporters, industrial end users, ship-owners and charterers. Navios also owns and operates a port/storage facility in Uruguay and has in-house technical and management expertise. As of the date of this prospectus, the core fleet, the average age of which is 4.5 years, consists of a total of 32 vessels aggregating to approximately 2.1 million deadweight tons or dwt. Navios owns ten modern Ultra-Handymax (50,000-55,000 dwt) and six Panamax (70,000-83,000 dwt) vessels and sixteen Panamax and Ultra-Handymax vessels under long-term time charters, nine of which are currently in operation, with the remaining seven scheduled for delivery on various dates up to May 2008. We have options, many of which are “in the money”, to acquire nine of the sixteen vessels in our long term charter fleet. The owned vessels have a substantial net asset value

and the vessels controlled under the in-charters are at rates well below the current market.

Controlling approximately 2.1 million dwt in dry bulk tonnage, Navios is one of the largest independent dry bulk operators in the world. Management believes that Navios occupies a competitive position within the industry in that its reputation in the global dry bulk markets permits it to enter into at any time, and take on spot, medium, or long-term freight commitments, depending on its view of future market trends. In addition, many of the long-term charter deals that form the core of Navios' fleet were brought to the attention of Navios prior to their ever being quoted in the open market. Even in the open market, Navios' solid reputation allows it, on very short notice, to take in large amounts of tonnage on a short, medium, or long-term basis. This ability is possessed by relatively few shipowners and operators, and is a direct consequence of Navios' market reputation for reliability in the performance of its obligations in each of its roles as a shipowner, COA operator, and charterer. Navios, therefore, has much greater flexibility than a traditional shipowner or charterer to quickly go "long" or "short" relative to the dry bulk markets.

Navios' long involvement and reputation for reliability in the Asian region have also allowed the company to develop its privileged relationships with many of the largest trading houses in Japan, such as Marubeni Corporation and Mitsui & Co. Through these institutional relationships, Navios obtains relatively low-cost, long-term charter-in deals, with options to extend time charters and options to purchase the majority of the vessels. Through its established reputation and relationships, Navios has access to opportunities not readily available to most other industry participants who lack Navios' brand recognition, credibility, and track record.

Navios' policy has been to take a portfolio approach to managing operating risks. This policy led Navios to time charter-out to various shipping industry counterparties, considered by Navios to be superior credit risks, many of the core fleet vessels that is presently operating (i.e. vessels owned by Navios or which it has taken into its fleet under charters having a duration of more than 12 months) during 2005 and 2006 for various periods ranging between one and three years. By doing this Navios has aimed to lock-in, subject to credit and operating risks, favorable forward cash flows which it believes will cushion it against unfavorable market conditions. In addition, Navios actively trades additional vessels taken in on shorter term charters of less than 12 months duration as well as Contract of Affreightment (COA) and Forward Freight Agreements (FFAs).

Navios also owns and operates the largest bulk transfer and storage port terminal in Uruguay, one of the most efficient and prominent operations of its kind in South America. Situated in an

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international tax free trade zone in the port of Nueva Palmira at the confluence of the Parana and Uruguay rivers, the terminal operates 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and is ideally located to provide customers, consisting primarily of leading international grain and commodity houses, with a convenient and efficient outlet for the transfer and storage of a wide range of commodities originating in the Hidrovia region of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Navios has had a lease with the Republic of Uruguay dating back to the 1950's for the land on which it operates. The lease has been extended and now expires in 2025, and may be extended for an additional 20 years at Navios' option. Additionally, since the Navios terminal is located in the Nueva Palmira Tax Free Zone, foreign commodities moving through the terminal is free of Uruguayan taxes. Certificates of deposit are also obtainable for commodity entering into the station facility.

There is also considerable scope for further expansion of this bulk terminal operation in Uruguay. After completion in September 2005 of Navios' latest expansion of its storage capacity through the construction of its largest grain silo,

Navios' terminal port has approximately 11 acres of available river front land for future development. The increased flow of commodity products through the Nueva Palmira port has allowed Navios to steadily increase throughput. Navios is considering further expansion, as existing and new customers are increasingly demanding long-term terminal transfer and storage services. On this basis Navios intends to build a South American logistics business by acquiring and building assets complementary to its port terminal and storage facilities thus expanding the capabilities of its existing port terminal and storage facilities. Navios' initial focus will be on the area extending from Brazil to Uruguay on the Paraguay and Parana rivers, considering the region's growing agricultural and mineral exports, the cost effectiveness of river transport as compared to available alternatives and its existing transportation infrastructure.

Strategy

Navios' strategy and business model involves the following:

- Operation of a high quality, modern fleet. Navios owns and charters in a modern, high quality fleet, having an average age of approximately 4.5 years, that provides numerous operational advantages, including more efficient cargo operations, lower insurance and vessel maintenance costs, higher levels of fleet productivity, and an efficient operating cost structure;
- Pursue an appropriate balance between vessel ownership and a long-term chartered in fleet. Navios controls, through a combination of vessel ownership and long-term time chartered vessels, approximately 2.1 million dwt in dry bulk tonnage, making Navios one of the largest independent dry bulk operators in the world. Navios' ability, through its longstanding relationships with various shipyards and trading houses, to charter-in vessels at favorable rates allows it to control additional shipping capacity without the capital expenditures required by new vessel acquisition. In addition, having purchase options on nine of the 16 time chartered vessels (including those to be delivered) permits Navios to determine when is the most commercially opportune time to own or charter-in vessels. Navios intends to monitor developments in the sales and purchase market to maintain the appropriate balance between owned and long-term time chartered vessels;
- Capitalize on Navios' established reputation. Navios believes its reputation and commercial relationships enable it to obtain favorable long-term time charters, enter into the freight market and increase its short term tonnage capacity to several times the capacity of its core fleet, as well as obtain access to cargo freight opportunities through Contracts of Affreightment (“COA”) arrangements not readily available to other industry participants. This reputation has also enabled Navios to obtain favorable vessel acquisition terms, as reflected in the purchase options contained in many of its long-term charters, which are superior to the prevailing purchase prices in the open vessel sale and purchase market;

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- Utilize industry expertise to take advantage of market volatility. The dry bulk shipping market is cyclical and volatile. Navios uses its experience in the industry, sensitivity to trends, and knowledge and expertise as to risk management and FFAs to hedge against, and in some cases, generate profit from, such volatility;
 - Maintain high fleet utilization rates. The shipping industry uses fleet utilization to measure a company's efficiency in finding suitable employment for its vessels and minimizing the days its vessels are off-hire. At 99.8%, Navios believes that it has one of the highest fleet utilization rates in the industry;

- Maintain customer focus and reputation for service and safety. Navios is recognized by its customers for high quality of its service and safety record. Navios' high standards for performance, reliability, and safety provide Navios with an advantageous competitive profile;
- Enhance vessel utilization and profitability through a mix of spot charters, time charters, and COAs and strategic backhaul and triangulation methods. Specifically, this strategy is implemented as follows:

The operation of voyage charters or spot fixtures for the carriage of a single cargo from load port to discharge port;

The operation of time charters, whereby the vessel is hired out for a predetermined period but without any specification as to voyages to be performed, with the shipowner being responsible for operating costs and the charterer for voyage costs; and

The use of COAs, under which Navios contracts to carry a given quantity of cargo between certain load and discharge ports within a stipulated time frame, but does not specify in advance which vessels, will be used to perform the voyages.

In addition, Navios attempts, through selecting COAs on what would normally be backhaul or ballast legs, to enhance vessel utilization and, hence, profitability. The cargoes are in such cases used to position vessels at or near major loading areas (such as the US Gulf) where spot cargoes can readily be obtained. This reduces ballast time to be reduced as a percentage of the round voyage. This strategy is referred to as triangulation.

Navios is one of relatively few major owners and operators of this type in the dry bulk market, and it is one of the most experienced. In recent years, it has further raised the commercial sophistication of its business model by using market intelligence derived from its risk management operations and, specifically, its freight derivatives hedging desk, to make more informed decisions in the management of its fleet.

Corporate Structure

Navios Corporation, the legal predecessor company to Navios, was incorporated in 1954 as a corporate subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation for the transportation of its iron ore requirements. In the mid-1970s, Navios transformed itself from a captive ore carrier for United States Steel to a third party cargo carrier that, in the mid-1980s, was sold to Fednav Limited, Canada's largest international shipping group. From 1989 until 2002, Navios underwent a series of leveraged management buyouts and corporate restructuring with the support of various shipping groups, while at the same time adapting its business model to suit the changing requirements of the dry bulk shipping market.

Navios Corporation, a Marshall Islands corporation, and Anemos Maritime Holdings, a Cayman Islands company, merged effective December 11, 2002. This business combination marked the transformation of Navios from being primarily an operator of large physical contracts of affreightment, based on relationships with industrial end-users, to a leading international maritime enterprise focused on the transportation and handling of dry bulk cargoes through the ownership, operation, and chartering of vessels. Anemos was incorporated in the Cayman Islands in

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February 1999 to hold all of the capital stock of certain Cayman Islands and Liberian corporations that owned and operated six older dry bulk vessels in the international shipping market. Anemos was also formed to hold the capital stock of nine Marshall Islands corporations that each contracted with Sanoyas Shipyard in Mizushima, Japan for the construction of a series of dry bulk ultra-Handymax vessels. Another subsidiary of Anemos, named Levant Maritime

International SA, which was originally incorporated in Liberia but was later redomiciled in the Marshall Islands and re-named Navios ShipManagement Inc., was responsible for the technical management of all vessels owned by Anemos's subsidiaries, including the older vessels, and for the supervision of the construction of the nine newbuildings at the Sanoyas shipyard. Anemos modernized its fleet by selling off the older vessels, as the newbuildings delivered from the shipyard, between 2000 and early 2003. The personnel of Navios ShipManagement Inc. include well educated marine engineers and naval architects experienced in supervising new-building construction; four port captains and two marine superintendent engineers, who are all graduates of official Greek merchant marine academies, and who all served as officers on bulk carriers before assuming responsibilities and gaining relevant experience in shore-side technical ship management.

Today, Navios maintains offices in Piraeus, Greece, Norwalk, Connecticut and Montevideo, Uruguay. Navios' corporate structure is functionally organized: commercial ship management and risk management are conducted through Navios Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (out of South Norwalk and Piraeus, respectively), while the ownership and technical management of Navios' owned vessels are conducted through Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (out of Piraeus). Navios owns the Nueva Palmira port and transfer facility indirectly through its Uruguayan subsidiary, Corporaci n Navios Sociedad Anonima, or CNSA. All of Navios' subsidiaries are wholly-owned, except for Acropolis Chartering & Shipping Inc., a charter broker that acts on behalf of both Navios and third parties and of which Navios owns 50% of the outstanding equity. The remaining 50% equity of Acropolis is owned by Mr. Stavros Liaros, Acropolis's Chief Executive Officer and a resident of Piraeus, Greece.

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The Offering

Shares of Common Stock which may be issued by us	49,571,720 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of our currently outstanding, publicly traded warrants.
Shares of Common Stock outstanding after the offering	62,088,127 shares of Common Stock, excluding 49,571,720 shares of Common Stock issuable upon effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and upon exercise of the outstanding, publicly traded warrants.
Use of proceeds	Upon exercise of the publicly traded warrants, if any, if at all, Navios may receive the exercise price of \$5.00 per share in proceeds from the sales described in this prospectus. If all of the outstanding publicly traded warrants were exercised at \$5.00, Navios would receive proceeds upon such exercise of \$247,858,600. However, Navios cannot predict the timing or the amount of the exercise of the warrants. Accordingly, we have not allocated any portion of the potential proceeds to any particular use and any proceeds received will be added to working capital. The company will pay the costs related to the registration of the issuance of the shares of common stock underlying our publicly traded warrants.

Nasdaq National Market Symbol of Common Stock	BULK
Nasdaq National Market Symbol of Warrants	BULKW
Nasdaq National Market Symbol of Units	BULKU

There are no currently issued and outstanding options or warrants, other than our currently outstanding, publicly traded warrants.

Our common stock, the warrants and units commenced trading on the Nasdaq National Market System on November 3, 2005. Prior to such time, our securities traded on the OTC Bulletin Board.

On August 25, 2005, pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement dated February 28, 2005, as amended, by and among ISE, Navios and all the shareholders of Navios, ISE acquired Navios through the purchase of all of the outstanding shares of common stock of Navios. As a result of such acquisition, Navios became a wholly-owned subsidiary of ISE. In addition, on August 25, 2005, simultaneously with the acquisition of Navios, ISE effected a reincorporation from the State of Delaware to the Republic of Marshall Islands through a downstream merger with and into its newly acquired wholly-owned subsidiary, Navios. As a result of the reincorporation, ISE transitioned from a shell company to an operating business and the operations of Navios became those of a publicly traded company. For purposes of the federal securities laws and its public filings, Navios qualifies as a “foreign private issuer” as that term is defined in Rule 3b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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RISK FACTORS

This offering involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risks together with the other information in this prospectus before deciding to exercise your publicly traded warrants and invest in our common stock. If any of the following risks relating to our business and operations actually occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Associated with the Shipping Industry

The cyclical nature of the international dry bulk shipping industry may lead to decreases in charter rates, which may reduce Navios' revenue and earnings

The shipping business, including the dry cargo market, is cyclical in varying degrees, experiencing fluctuations in charter rates, profitability and, consequently, vessel values. For example, at various times during 2004, charter rates for the international dry bulk shipping industry reached historic highs. Navios anticipates that the future demand for its dry bulk carriers and dry bulk charter rates will be dependent upon continued demand for imported commodities, economic growth in China and the rest of the world, seasonal and regional changes in demand, and changes to the capacity of the world fleet. The capacity of the world fleet seems likely to increase, and there can be no assurance that economic growth will continue. Adverse economic, political, social or other developments could decrease demand and growth in the shipping industry and thereby reduce revenue and earnings. Fluctuations, and the demand for vessels, in

general, have been influenced by, among other factors:

- global and regional economic conditions;
- developments in international trade;
- changes in seaborne and other transportation patterns, such as port congestion and canal closures;
- weather and crop yields;
- armed conflicts and terrorist activities;
- political developments; and
- embargoes and strikes.

An economic slowdown in the Asia Pacific region could reduce demand for shipping services and decrease shipping rates, thus decreasing Navios' revenues and earnings

Currently, China, Japan and other Pacific Asian economies are the main driving force behind the increase in seaborne dry bulk trades and the demand for dry bulk carriers. Demand from such economies has driven increased rates and vessel values. Conversely, a negative change in economic conditions in any Asian Pacific country, but particularly in China or Japan, may have an adverse effect on Navios' business, financial position, earnings and profitability, as well as Navios' future prospects, by reducing such demand and the resultant rates. In particular, in recent years, China has been one of the world's fastest growing economies in terms of gross domestic product. Navios cannot assure that such growth will be sustained or that the Chinese economy will not experience a decline from current levels in the future. Navios' results of operations, as well as its future prospects, would likely be adversely affected by an economic downturn in any of these countries as such downturn would likely translate into reduced demand for shipping services and lower shipping rates industry wide and decrease revenue and earnings for Navios.

Servicing debt could limit funds available for other purposes, such as working capital and the payment of dividends

Navios will use cash to pay the principal and interest on its debt. These payments limit funds otherwise available for working capital, capital expenditures and other purposes. As a result of these

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obligations, Navios' current liabilities may exceed its current assets. This limits the working capital available to grow the business. Navios may need to take on additional debt as it expands the Navios fleet, which could increase its ratio of debt to equity. The need to service its debt may limit funds available for other purposes, including distributing cash to its stockholders, and its inability to service debt could lead to acceleration of its debt and foreclosure on the Navios owned vessels.

The market values of Navios' vessels, which are at historically high levels, may decrease, which could cause it to breach covenants in its credit facility which could reduce earnings and revenues as a result of potential foreclosures

Factors that influence vessel values include:

- number of newbuilding deliveries;
- changes in environmental and other regulations that may limit the useful life of vessels;
- changes in global dry bulk commodity supply;

- types and sizes of vessels;
- development of and increase in use of other modes of transportation;
- cost of vessel newbuildings;
- governmental or other regulations; and
- prevailing level of charter rates.

If the market values of Navios' owned vessels decrease, Navios may breach some of the covenants contained in the financing agreements relating to its indebtedness. If Navios does breach such covenants and is unable to remedy any relevant breach, its lenders could accelerate its debt and foreclose on the collateral, including Navios' vessels. Any loss of vessels would significantly decrease the ability of Navios to generate revenue and income. In addition, if the book value of a vessel is impaired due to unfavorable market conditions, or a vessel is sold at a price below its book value, Navios would incur a loss that would reduce earnings.

Navios may employ vessels on the spot market and thus expose itself to risk of losses based on short term decreases in shipping rates

Navios periodically employs its vessels on a spot basis. The spot charter market is highly competitive and freight rates within this market are highly volatile, while longer-term time charters provide income at pre-determined rates over more extended periods of time. There can be no assurance that Navios will be successful in keeping its vessels fully employed in these short-term markets, or that future spot rates will be sufficient to enable such vessels to be operated profitably. A significant decrease in spot market charter rates or the inability of Navios to fully employ its vessels by taking advantage of the spot market would result in a reduction of the incremental revenue received from spot chartering and adversely affect results of operations, including Navios' profitability and cash flows, with the result that its ability to pay debt service and dividends could be impaired.

Maritime claimants could arrest Navios' vessels, which could interrupt its cash flow

Crew members, suppliers of goods and services to a vessel, shippers of cargo, and other parties may be entitled to a maritime lien against a vessel for unsatisfied debts, claims or damages against such vessel. In many jurisdictions, a maritime lien holder may enforce its lien by arresting a vessel through foreclosure proceedings. The arrest or attachment of one or more of Navios' vessels could interrupt its cash flow and require it to pay large sums of funds to have the arrest lifted. Navios is not currently aware of the existence of any such maritime lien on its vessels.

In addition, in some jurisdictions, such as South Africa, under the "sister ship" theory of liability, a claimant may arrest both the vessel which is subject to the claimant's maritime lien and any "associated" vessel, which is any vessel owned or controlled by the same owner. Claimants could try to assert "sister ship" liability against one vessel in Navios' fleet for claims relating to another ship in the fleet.

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A failure to pass inspection by classification societies could result in one or more vessels being unemployable unless and until they pass inspection, resulting in a loss of revenues from such vessels for that period and a corresponding decrease in earnings

The hull and machinery of every commercial vessel must be classed by a classification society authorized by its country of registry. The classification society certifies that a vessel is safe and seaworthy in accordance with the

applicable rules and regulations of the country of registry of the vessel and the United Nations Safety of Life at Sea Convention. Navios' owned fleet is currently enrolled with Lloyd's Register of Shipping, the American Bureau of Shipping, Nippon Kaiji Kiokai and Bureau Veritas.

A vessel must undergo Annual Surveys, Intermediate Surveys, and Special Surveys. In lieu of a Special Survey, a vessel's machinery may be on a continuous survey cycle, under which the machinery would be surveyed periodically over a five-year period. Navios' vessels are on Special Survey cycles for hull inspection and continuous survey cycles for machinery inspection. Every vessel is also required to be drydocked every two to three years for inspection of the underwater parts of such vessel.

If any vessel fails any Annual Survey, Intermediate Survey, or Special Survey, the vessel may be unable to trade between ports and, therefore, would be unemployable, potentially causing a negative impact on Navios' revenues due to the loss of revenues from such vessel until it was able to trade again.

Navios is subject to environmental laws that could require significant expenditures both to maintain compliance with such laws and to pay for any uninsured environmental liabilities resulting from a spill or other environmental disaster

The shipping business and vessel operation are materially affected by government regulations in the form of international conventions, national, state, and local laws, and regulations in force in the jurisdictions in which vessels operate, as well as in the country or countries of their registration. Because such conventions, laws, and regulations are often revised, Navios cannot predict the ultimate cost of complying with such conventions, laws, and regulations, or the impact thereof on the resale price or useful life of Navios' vessels. Additional conventions, laws, and regulations may be adopted which could limit Navios' ability to do business or increase the cost of its doing business, which may materially adversely affect its operations, as well as the shipping industry generally. Navios is required by various governmental and quasi-governmental agencies to obtain certain permits, licenses, and certificates with respect to its operations.

The operation of vessels is also affected by the requirements set forth in the International Safety Management, or ISM, Code. The ISM Code requires shipowners and bareboat charterers to develop and maintain an extensive "Safety Management System" that includes the adoption of a safety and environmental protection policy setting forth instructions and procedures for safe vessel operation and describing procedures for dealing with emergencies. The failure of a shipowner or bareboat charterer to comply with the ISM Code may subject such party to increased liability, may decrease available insurance coverage for the affected vessels, and may result in a denial of access to, or detention in, certain ports. Currently, each of the vessels in Navios' owned fleet is ISM Code-certified. However, there can be no assurance that such certification will be maintained indefinitely.

Although the United States is not a party thereto, many countries have ratified and follow the liability scheme adopted by the International Maritime Organization, or IMO, and set out in the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969, as amended, or the CLC, and the Convention for the Establishment of an International Fund for Oil Pollution of 1971, as amended. Under these conventions, a vessel's registered owner is strictly liable for pollution damage caused on the territorial waters of a contracting state by discharge of persistent oil, subject to certain defenses. Many of the countries that have ratified the CLC have increased the liability limits through a 1992 Protocol to the CLC. The liability limits in the countries that have ratified this Protocol are currently approximately \$4 million, plus approximately \$566 per gross registered ton above 5,000 gross tons, with an approximate maximum of \$80.5 million per vessel and an exact amount tied to a unit of

account which varies according to a basket of currencies. The right to limit liability is forfeited under the CLC where the spill is caused by the owner's actual fault or privity and, under the 1992 Protocol, where the spill is caused by the owner's intentional or reckless conduct. Vessels trading to contracting states must provide evidence of insurance covering the limited liability of the owner. In jurisdictions where the CLC has not been adopted, various legislative schemes or common law govern, and liability is imposed either on the basis of fault or in a manner similar to the CLC.

Navios currently maintains, for each of its owned vessels, pollution liability coverage insurance in the amount of \$1.0 billion per incident. If the damages from a catastrophic incident exceed this insurance coverage, it would severely hurt its cash flow and profitability and financial position.

The United States Oil Pollution Act of 1990, or OPA, established an extensive regulatory and liability regime for the protection and cleanup of the environment from oil spills. OPA affects all owners and operators whose vessels trade in the United States, its territories and possessions or whose vessels operate in United States waters, which includes the United States' territorial sea and its 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone.

Under OPA, vessel owners, operators and bareboat charterers are "responsible parties" and are jointly, severally and strictly liable (unless the spill results solely from the act or omission of a third party, an act of God or an act of war) for all containment and clean-up costs and other damages arising from discharges or threatened discharges of oil from their vessels, including bunkers (fuel).

The European Union has introduced and is considering legislation that will affect the operation of vessels and the liability of owners for oil pollution. It is difficult to predict what legislation, if any, may be promulgated by the European Union or any other country or authority. Any such legislation could require significant expenditures to continue to operate vessels and such expenses could negatively impact cash flows and net income.

Navios is subject to vessel security regulations and will incur costs to comply with recently adopted regulations and may be subject to costs to comply with similar regulations which may be adopted in the future in response to terrorism

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, there have been a variety of initiatives intended to enhance vessel security. On November 25, 2002, the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, or MTSA, came into effect. To implement certain portions of the MTSA, in July 2003, the US Coast Guard issued regulations requiring the implementation of certain security requirements aboard vessels operating in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Similarly, in December 2002, amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, or SOLAS, created a new chapter of the convention dealing specifically with maritime security. The new chapter went into effect in July 2004, and imposes various detailed security obligations on vessels and port authorities, most of which are contained in the newly created ISPS Code. Among the various requirements are:

- on-board installation of automatic information systems, or AIS, to enhance vessel-to-vessel and vessel-to-shore communications;
- on-board installation of ship security alert systems;
- the development of vessel security plans; and
- compliance with flag state security certification requirements.

The US Coast Guard regulations, intended to be aligned with international maritime security standards, exempt non-US vessels from MTSA vessel security measures, provided such vessels have on board, by July 1, 2004, a valid International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) that attests to the vessel's compliance with SOLAS security requirements and the ISPS Code. Navios will implement the various security measures addressed by the MTSA, SOLAS and the ISPS Code and take measures to ensure that its vessels attain compliance with all applicable security

requirements within the prescribed time periods. Although management does not believe these additional requirements will have a material financial impact on Navios' operations, there can be no assurance that there will not be an interruption in operations to bring vessels into compliance with the applicable requirements and any such interruption could cause a decrease in revenues.

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Governments could requisition Navios' vessels during a period of war or emergency, resulting in loss of revenues and earnings from such requisitioned vessels

A government could requisition title or seize Navios' vessels during a war or national emergency. Requisition of title occurs when a government takes a vessel and becomes the owner. A government could also requisition Navios' vessels for hire, which would result in the government's taking control of a vessel and effectively becoming the charterer at a dictated charter rate. Requisition of one or more of Navios' vessels would have a substantial negative effect on Navios as Navios would potentially lose all revenues and earnings from the requisitioned vessels and permanently lose the vessels. Such losses might be partially offset if the requisitioning government compensated Navios for the requisition.

The operation of ocean-going vessels entails the possibility of marine disasters including damage or destruction of the vessel due to accident, the loss of a vessel due to piracy or terrorism, damage or destruction of cargo and similar events that may cause a loss of revenue from affected vessels and damage Navios' business reputation, which may in turn, lead to loss of business

The operation of ocean-going vessels entails certain inherent risks that may adversely affect Navios' business and reputation, including:

- damage or destruction of vessel due to marine disaster such as a collision;
- the loss of a vessel due to piracy and terrorism;
- cargo and property losses or damage as a result of the foregoing or less drastic causes such as human error, mechanical failure and bad weather;
- environmental accidents as a result of the foregoing; and
- business interruptions and delivery delays caused by mechanical failure, human error, war, terrorism, political action in various countries, labor strikes or adverse weather conditions.

Any of these circumstances or events could substantially increase Navios' costs, as for example, the costs of replacing a vessel or cleaning up a spill or lower its revenues by taking vessels out of operation permanently or for periods of time. The involvement of Navios' vessels in a disaster or delays in delivery or damages or loss of cargo may harm its reputation as a safe and reliable vessel operator and cause it to lose business.

Certain of Navios' directors, officers, and principal stockholders are affiliated with entities engaged in business activities similar to those conducted by Navios which may compete directly with Navios causing such persons to have a conflict of interest