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(Mark One)
REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR
ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005
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Navios Maritime Holdings Inc.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)
Not Applicable (Translation of Registrant's Name into English)
Republic of Marshall Islands (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)
85 Akti Miouli Street Piraeus, Greece 185 38
(Address of principal executive offices)
Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None.  Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share Warrants to purchase a share of Common Stock Units (consisting of a share of Common Stock and two Warrants) Nasdaq National Market System Nasdaq National Market System Nasdaq National Market System

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act. None.

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report: 44,239,319 as of December 31, 2005.

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If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or (15)(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter periods that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such reporting requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

Indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow. Item 17 Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark wheter the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

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#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Navios Maritime Holdings Inc., or the Company, desires to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this cautionary statement in connection with this safe harbor legislation. This document and any other written or oral statements made by us or on our behalf may include forward-looking statements, which reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. The words "believe", "expect", "anticipate", "intends", "estimate", "forecast", "project", "plan", "potential", "will", similar expressions identify forward-looking statements.

Please note in this annual report, "we", "us", "our", "the Company", all refer to Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. and its subsidiaries.

The forward-looking statements in this document are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although we believe that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

In addition to these important factors and matters discussed elsewhere herein, important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the strength of world economies, fluctuations in currencies and interest rates, general market conditions, including fluctuations in charter hire rates and vessel values, changes in demand in the dry-bulk shipping industry, changes in the Company's operating expenses, including bunker prices, drydocking and insurance costs, changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, general domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents or

political events, and other important factors described from time to time in the reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### PART I

Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisers Not Applicable.

Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable Not Applicable.

Item 3. Key Information

A. Selected Financial Data

The Navios historical successor information is derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Navios as of December 31, 2005 and for the period from August 26, 2005 to December 31, 2005. The Navios historical predecessor information is derived from the audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2004 and for the period from January 1, 2005 to August 25, 2005 and for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2004 included elsewhere in this document. Navios' balance sheet data as of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, and the historical information for the two years ended December 31, 2002 are derived from the financial statements which are not included in this document. The purchase of the net assets of Navios by ISE, through the purchase of all of its outstanding shares of common stock, and the subsequent downstream merger of ISE with and into Navios took place on August 25, 2005. On December 11, 2002, Navios Corporation completed a business combination with Anemos Maritime

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Holdings Inc. (Anemos) and Anemos was considered the accounting acquirer in the business combination. The financial statements for the two year period January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2002 include the accounts of Anemos and its wholly-owned subsidiaries for the full year and Navios Corporation for December 11, 2002 through December 31, 2002. The information is only a summary and should be read in conjunction with the historical consolidated financial statements and related notes, to the extent contained elsewhere herein.

The historical successor and predecessor results included below and elsewhere in this document are not necessarily indicative of the future performance of Navios.

Successor	Predecessor	Year er	nded Decembe	er 31, (Prede	cessor)
August 26,					
2005 to	January 1,				
December	2005 to				
31,	August 25,				
2005	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
(Expr	essed in thous	ands of US I	Oollars – exce	ent ner share	data)

(Expressed in thousands of US Dollars – except per share data)

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Statement of Operations Data	ф	76076	Φ.	1.50.620	ф	250 104	ф	150 504	ф	26.750	Φ.	21 171
Revenue	\$	76,376	\$	158,630	\$	279,184	\$	179,734	\$	26,759	\$	21,454
Gains and (losses) from forward												
freight		(2 = ( )		• 0.60						40.4		
agreements		(2,766)		2,869		57,746		51,115		494		
Time charter, voyage and port												
terminal expense		(39,530)		(91,806)		(180,026)		(136,551)		(6,139)		(1,774)
Direct vessel expense		(3,137)		(5,650)		(8,224)		(10,447)		(8,192)		(7,439)
General and administrative expense		(4,582)		(9,964)		(12,722)		(11,628)		(2,263)		(1,234)
Depreciation and amortization												
expense		(13,582)		(3,872)		(5,925)		(8,857)		(6,003)		(5,274)
Gain (loss) on sale of assets		_	_	_	_	61		(2,367)		(127)		(430)
Interest income		1,163		1,350		789		134		41		195
Interest expense		(11,892)		(1,677)		(3,450)		(5,278)		(3,950)		(6,104)
Other income		52		1,426		374		1,102		72		248
Other expense		(226)		(757)		(1,438)		(553)		(6,070)		(2,770)
Income (loss) before minority interest		1,876		50,549		126,369		56,404		(5,378)		(3,128)
Minority interest		_	_	_	_	_	_	(1,306)		(324)		
Equity in net earnings												
of affiliate companies		285		788		763		403		68		96
Net income (loss)	\$	2,161	\$	51,337	\$	127,132	\$	55,501	\$	(5,634)	\$	(3,032)
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.05	\$	58.70	\$	139.83	\$	55.70	\$	(5.63)	\$	(4.38)
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.05	\$	58.70	\$	139.83	\$	55.70	\$	(5.63)	\$	(4.38)
Balance Sheet Data (at period end)										, ,		,
Current assets, including cash	\$ 1	114,539			\$	187,944	\$	179,403	\$	31,020	\$	4,721
Total assets		789,383				333,292		361,533		215,800		161,610
Current liabilities, including current		, ,, ,, ,,				, .		,		- ,		,-
portion of long-term debt	\$	133,604				103,527		136,902		38,460		12,204
Total long-term debt,	Ψ.	200,00				100,02.		100,502		20,.00		12,20
including current portion	\$ 4	493,400				50,506		98,188		129,615		115,972
Mandatory redeemable preferred	Ψ	1,55,100				20,200		70,100		127,010		110,572
stock, including current portion		_	_			_	_	15,189		9,435		_
Shareholders' equity	\$ 1	207,758				174,791		96,292		41,641		38,272
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	Successor	Predecessor	Year end	Year ended December 31, (Predecessor)			
	August 26,						
	2005 to	January 1,					
	December	2005 to					
	31,	August 25,					
	2005	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	
	(Expre	(Expressed in thousands of US Dollars – except per share data)					
						(unaudited)	
Other Financial Data							
	\$ 24,371	\$ 71,945	\$ 137,218	\$ 21,452	\$ 2,219	\$ 7,826	

Net cash provided by operating						
activities						
Net cash (used in) provided by						
investing activities	(119,447)	(4,264)	(4,967)	26,594	(3,682)	(72,616)
Net cash provided by (used in)						
financing activities	68,880	(50,506)	(111,943)	(29,416)	5,474	61,976
Book value per common share	4.70	5.67	192.25	96.63	41.64	55.29
Cash dividends per common share		<u> </u>	43.99		_	
Cash paid for common stock dividend						
declared		<u> </u>	40,000		_	
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 26,537	\$ 55,696	\$ 135,967	\$ 70,376	\$ 4,750	\$ 11,091

<sup>(1)</sup>EBITDA represents net earnings before interest (income and expense), taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA does not represent and should not be considered as an alternative to net income or cash flow from operations, as determined by U.S. GAAP, and our calculation of EBITDA may not be comparable to that reported by other companies. EBITDA is included in this document because it is a basis upon which the Company assesses its liquidity position and because the Company believes that it presents useful information to investors regarding a company's ability to service and/or incur indebtedness. The following table reconciles net cash from operating activities, as reflected in the consolidated statements of cash flows, to EBITDA:

	Successor	Predecessor	Year end	led Decembe	er 31, (Pred	ecessor)
	August 26,	T 1				
	2005 to	January 1,				
	December	2005 to				
	31,	August 25,	2004	2002	2002	2001
	2005	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	(Express	sed in thousar	nds of US D	ollars – exce	ept per shar	e data)
Net Cash from Operating						
Activities	\$ 24,371	\$ 71,945	\$ 137,218	\$ 21,452	\$ 2,219	\$ 7,826
Net increase (decrease) in						
operating assets	5,864	(14,525)	(7,195)	20,406	1,915	(9)
Net decrease (increase) in						
operating liabilities	1,720	21,407	3,104	(18,112)	289	(1,805)
Payments for drydock and special						
survey costs	1,710	_				
Net interest cost	9,476	(98)	1,888	5,144	3,909	8,541
Impairment loss	_					- (400)
Provision for losses on accounts						. ,
receivable	(411)	880	573	(1,021)	(101)	
Gain/loss on sale of property,	,			,	. ,	
plant and investments	_		- 61	(2,367)	(127)	(430)
Unrealized gain/loss on				,	,	, ,
derivatives, foreign exchange						
contracts, fuel swaps and interest						
rate swaps	(16,478)	(23,728)	254	45,855	(3,098)	(2,632)
Undistributed earnings in affiliates	285	(185)	64	325	68	(2,032)
Minority interest	<b>2</b> 35	_ (100)		- (1,306)	(324)	
EBITDA	\$ 26,537	\$ 55,696	\$ 135,967	\$ 70,376	\$ 4,750	\$ 11,091

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B. Capitalization and Indebtedness

Not applicable.

C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

#### D. Risk Factors

Some of the following risks relate principally to the industry in which we operate and our business in general. Other risks relate principally to the securities market and ownership of our common stock. You should carefully consider each of the following risks together with the other information in and incorporated into this Annual Report when evaluating the Company's business and its prospects. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones the Company faces. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company or that the Company currently considers immaterial may also impair the Company's business operations. 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, and in that case, the trading price of our common stock could decline, 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,

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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 obligations, Navios' current liabilities now 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.

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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.

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 Bereau 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 regulation 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

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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;

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- 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.

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

Some of Navios' directors, officers and principal stockholders have an affiliation with entities that have similar business activities to those conducted by Navios. These other affiliations and business activities may give rise to certain conflicts of interest in the course of such individuals' affiliation with Navios. Although Navios does not prevent its directors, officers and principal stockholders from

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having such affiliations, Navios uses its best efforts to cause such individuals to comply with all applicable laws and regulations in addressing such conflicts of interest. The officers and employee directors of Navios devote their full time and attention to the ongoing operations of Navios and the non-employee directors of Navios devote such time as is necessary and required to satisfy their duties as a director of a public company.

Trading and complementary hedging activities in freight, tonnage and Forward Freight Agreements (FFAs) subject it to trading risks and Navios may suffer trading losses that reduce earnings

Due to dry bulk shipping market volatility, success in this industry requires constant adjustment of the balance between chartering out vessels for long periods of time and trading them on a spot basis. For example, a long-term contract to charter a vessel might lock Navios into a profitable or unprofitable situation depending on the direction of freight rates over the term of the contract. Navios seeks to manage and mitigate that risk through trading and complementary hedging activities in freight, tonnage and forward freight agreements, or FFAs. However, there is no assurance that Navios will be able at all times to successfully protect itself from volatility in the shipping market. Navios may not successfully mitigate its risks, leaving it exposed to unprofitable contracts and may suffer trading losses that reduce earnings.

Navios is subject to certain credit risks with respect to its counterparties on contracts and failure of such counterparties to meet their obligations could cause it to suffer losses on such contracts decreasing revenues and earnings

Navios charters out its vessels to other parties, who pay Navios a daily rate of hire. Navios also enters into Contracts of Affreightment (COAs) pursuant to which Navios agrees to carry cargoes, typically for industrial customers, who export or import dry bulk cargoes. Additionally, Navios enters into FFAs. Navios also enters into spot market voyage contracts, where Navios is paid a rate per ton to carry a specified cargo from point A to point B. All of these contracts subject Navios to counterparty credit risk. As a result, Navios is subject to credit risks at various levels, including with charterers, cargo interests, or terminal customers. If the counterparties fail to meet their obligations, Navios could suffer losses on such contracts which would decrease revenues and earnings.

Navios is subject to certain operating risks, including vessel breakdown or accident, that could result in a loss of revenue from the affected vessels leading to a reduction in revenues and earnings

Navios' exposure to operating risks of vessel breakdown and accidents mainly arises in the context of its 16 owned vessels. The rest of its core fleet is chartered-in under time charters and, as a result, most operating risks relating to these time chartered vessels reside with their head owners. If Navios pays hire on a chartered-in vessel at a lower rate than the rate of hire it receives from a sub-charterer to whom Navios has chartered out the vessel, a breakdown or loss of the vessel due to an operating risk suffered by the head owner will, in all likelihood, result in Navios' loss of the positive spread between the two rates of hire. Although Navios will have in force a time charterer's interest policy to cover it against the loss of such spread through the sinking or other similar loss of a chartered-in vessel, Navios cannot assure you that it will be covered under all circumstances. In addition, Navios is party to long-term contracts with four commodity houses, ADM, Multigranos, Louis Dreyfus and Gargill that will cover a substantial portion of its silo capacity in the Uruguayan terminal for the next several years, and the loss of or a material change to such contracts could have an adverse effect on Navios' financial condition and results of operations. Breakdowns or accidents involving Navios' vessels and losses relating to chartered vessels which are not covered by their insurance would result in a loss of revenue from the affected vessels leading to a reduction in revenues and earnings.

Although Navios has longstanding relationships with certain Japanese shipowners who provide it access to very competitive contracts, Navios cannot assure you that it will always be able to maintain such relationships or that such contracts will continue to be available in the future

Navios has long-standing relationships with certain Japanese shipowners that give it access to time charters that are currently at very competitive rates and which, in some cases, include options to

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purchase the vessels at attractive prices relative to the current market. Although Navios has no indication that it may not have such access in the future, Navios cannot assure you that it will have such relationships indefinitely. In addition, there is no assurance that Japanese shipowners will generally make contracts available on the same or substantially similar terms in the future.

Navios may require additional financing for exercise of vessel purchase options which could dilute existing stockholders

In the future, Navios may be required to make substantial cash outlays to exercise options to acquire vessels and it will need additional financing to cover all or a portion of the purchase prices. Navios intends to cover the cost of exercising such options with new debt collateralized by the vessels to be acquired, but there can be no assurance that Navios will generate sufficient cash or that debt financing will be available. Moreover, the covenants in Navios' senior secured credit facility may make it more difficult to obtain such financing by imposing restrictions on what Navios can offer as collateral. Additional financings, if any, through the issuance of securities would dilute existing stockholders.

Navios expects to grow its fleet which could increase expenses and losses

Navios expects to grow its fleet, either through sales and purchases or the increase of the number of chartered vessels. The addition of these vessels to the Navios fleet will impose significant additional responsibilities on its management and staff, and may require it to increase the number of its personnel. Navios will also have to increase its customer base to provide continued employment for the new vessels. Navios' growth will depend on:

- locating and acquiring suitable vessels;
- identifying and consummating acquisitions or joint ventures;
- integrating any acquired business successfully with Navios' existing operations;
- enhancing its customer base;
- managing its expansion; and
- obtaining required financing.

Growing any business by acquisition presents numerous risks such as undisclosed liabilities and obligations, difficulty experienced in obtaining additional qualified personnel, and managing relationships with customers and suppliers and integrating newly acquired operations into existing infrastructures. Navios cannot give any assurance that it will be successful in executing its growth plans or that it will not incur significant expenses and losses in connection therewith.

As Navios expands its business, Navios will need to improve its operations and financial systems, staff, and crew; if it cannot improve these systems or recruit suitable employees, it may not effectively control its operations

Navios' initial operating and financial systems may not be adequate as it implements its plan to expand, and its attempts to improve these systems may be ineffective. If Navios is unable to operate its financial and operations systems effectively or to recruit suitable employees as it expands its operations, it may be unable to effectively control and manage the substantially larger operation. Although it is impossible to predict what errors might occur as the result of inadequate controls, it is the case that it is harder to oversee a sizable operation than a small one and,

accordingly, more likely that errors will occur as operations grow and that additional management infrastructure and systems will be required to attempt to avoid such errors.

Vessels may suffer damage and Navios may face unexpected drydocking costs, which could affect its cash flow and financial condition

If Navios' owned vessels suffer damage, they may need to be repaired at Navios' cost at a drydocking facility. The costs of drydock repairs are unpredictable and can be substantial. Navios may

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have to pay drydocking costs that insurance does not cover. The loss of earnings while these vessels are being repaired and repositioned, as well as the actual cost of these repairs, could decrease its revenues and earnings substantially, particularly if a number of vessels are damaged or drydocked at the same time.

The shipping industry has inherent operational risks that may not be adequately covered by Navios' insurance

Navios has insurance for its fleet against risks commonly insured against by vessel owners and operators, including hull and machinery insurance, war risks insurance and protection and indemnity insurance (which include environmental damage and pollution insurance). Navios can give no assurance that it will be adequately insured against all risks or that its insurers will pay a particular claim. Even if its insurance coverage is adequate to cover its losses, Navios may not be able to timely obtain a replacement vessel in the event of a loss. Furthermore, in the future, Navios may not be able to obtain adequate insurance coverage at reasonable rates for its fleet. Navios may also be subject to calls, or premiums, in amounts based not only on its own claim records but also the claim records of all other members of the protection and indemnity associations through which Navios receives indemnity insurance coverage for tort liability. Navios' insurance policies also contain deductibles, limitations and exclusions which, although management believes are standard in the shipping industry, may nevertheless increase its costs.

Navios' loan agreement contains restrictive covenants that may limit its liquidity and corporate activities

Navios' loan agreements impose on Navios certain operating and financial restrictions. These restrictions may limit Navios' ability to:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- create liens on its assets;
- make investments;
- engage in mergers or acquisitions;
- pay dividends;
- make capital expenditures;
- change the management of its vessels or terminate or materially amend the management agreements Navios has relating to each vessel; and
- sell any of Navios' vessels.

Therefore, Navios will need to seek permission from its lender in order to engage in some corporate actions. Navios' lender's interests may be different from those of Navios, and Navios cannot guarantee that it will be able to obtain its lender's permission when needed. This may prevent Navios from taking actions that are in its best interest.

Navios' loan agreement imposes certain conditions on the payment of dividends

Navios is party to a senior secured credit facility with an institutional lender, HSH Nordbank AG for the purpose to finance the Navios acquisition by ISE, the acquisition of four panamax vessels and of the acquisition of vessels through the exercise of options. The terms of the new credit facility contain a number of financial covenants and general covenants that require Navios, among other things, to maintain a certain solvency ratio and minimum equity amounts. Navios may not be permitted to pay dividends under the new credit facility in excess of certain amounts or if it is in default of any of these loan covenants.

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Because Navios generates all of its revenues in US dollars but incurs a portion of its expenses in other currencies, exchange rate fluctuations could cause it to suffer exchange rate losses thereby increasing expenses and reducing income

Navios engages in worldwide commerce with a variety of entities. Although, its operations may expose it to certain levels of foreign currency risk, its transactions are predominantly US dollar denominated. Additionally, Navios' wholly-owned Uruguayan subsidiary transacts a nominal amount of its operations in Uruguayan pesos, whereas Navios' wholly-owned vessel subsidiaries and the vessel management subsidiary transact a nominal amount of their operations in Euros; however, all of the subsidiaries' primary cash flows are US dollar denominated. In 2005 approximately 6% of Navios expenses were incurred in currencies other than US dollars. Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are translated at the exchange rate in effect at the date of each transaction. Expenses incurred in foreign currencies against which the US dollar falls in value can increase, decreasing Navios' income. For example, in the year ended 2005, the value of the US dollar declined by approximately 13% as compared to the Euro. Navios, as part of its overall risk management policy, attempts to hedge these risks in exchange rate fluctuations. Navios may not always be successful in such hedging activities and, as a result, its operating results could suffer as a result of un-hedged losses incurred as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

Navios' operations expose it to global political risks, such as wars and political instability, that may interfere with the operation of its vessels causing a decrease in revenues from such vessels

Navios is an international company and primarily conducts its operations outside the United States. Changing economic, political and governmental conditions in the countries where Navios is engaged in business or where its vessels are registered will affect it. In the past, political conflicts, particularly in the Persian Gulf, resulted in attacks on vessels, mining of waterways and other efforts to disrupt shipping in the area. For example, in October 2002, the vessel Limburg was attacked by terrorists in Yemen. Acts of terrorism and piracy have also affected vessels trading in regions such as the South China Sea. Following the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001, and the military response of the United States, the likelihood of future acts of terrorism may increase, and Navios' vessels may face higher risks of being attacked in the Middle East region and interruption of operations causing a decrease in revenues and earnings. In addition, future hostilities or other political instability in regions where Navios' vessels trade could affect its trade patterns and adversely affect its operations by causing delays in shipping on certain routes or making shipping impossible on such routes and thereby causing a decrease in revenues and earnings.

Navios is incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, which does not have a well-developed body of corporate law

Navios' corporate affairs are governed by its amended and restated articles of incorporation and by-laws and by the Marshall Islands Business Corporations Act, or BCA. The provisions of the BCA resemble provisions of the corporation laws of a number of states in the United States. However, there have been few judicial cases in the Republic of the Marshall Islands interpreting the BCA. The rights and fiduciary responsibilities of directors under the law of the Republic of the Marshall Islands are not as clearly established as the rights and fiduciary responsibilities of directors under statutes or judicial precedent in existence in certain United States jurisdictions. Shareholder rights may differ as well. While the BCA does specifically incorporate the non-statutory law, or judicial case law, of the State of Delaware and other states with substantially similar legislative provisions, our public stockholders may have more difficulty in protecting their interests in the face of actions by the management, directors or controlling shareholders than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in the State of Delaware.

Navios, and certain of its officers and directors, may be difficult to serve with process as Navios is incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and such persons may reside outside of the US

Navios is a corporation organized under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Several of our directors and officers are residents of Greece or other non-US jurisdictions. Substantial

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portions of the assets of these persons and of Navios are located in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Greece or other non-US jurisdictions. Thus, it may not be possible for investors to affect service of process upon Navios, or its non-US directors or officers or to enforce any judgment obtained against these persons in US courts. Also, it may not be possible to enforce US securities laws or judgments obtained in US courts against these persons in a non-US jurisdiction.

Being a foreign private issuer exempts us from certain Securities and Exchange Commission requirements.

We are a foreign private issuer within the meaning of rules promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). As such, we are exempt from certain provisions applicable to United States public companies including:

- the rules under the Exchange Act requiring the filing with the Commission of quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or current reports on Form 8-K;
- the sections of the Exchange Act regulating the solicitation of proxies, consents or authorizations in respect of a security registered under the Exchange Act;
- the provisions of Regulation FD aimed at preventing issuers from making selective disclosures of material information; and
- the sections of the Exchange Act requiring insiders to file public reports of their stock ownership and trading activities and establishing insider liability for profits realized from any "short-swing" trading transaction (i.e., a purchase and sale, or sale and purchase, of the issuer's equity securities within less than six months).

Because of these exemptions, investors are not afforded the same protections or information generally available to investors holding shares in public companies organized in the United States.

Item 4. Information on the Company

### A. History and Development of the Company

The Company's head office and principal place of business is located at 85 Akti Miouli Street, Piraeus, Greece 185 38, and its telephone number is (011) +30-210-4595000. The Company is incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Marshall Islands. Trust Company of the Marshall Islands, Inc. serves as the Company's agent for service of process and the Corporation's registered address and telephone number, as well as address and telephone number of its agent for service of process, is Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Island, P.O. Box 1405, Majuro, Marshall Islands MH96960.

On December 11, 2002, the shareholders of Anemos Maritime Holdings Inc. ("Anemos") and Navios Corporation each contributed their respective interests for shares of a newly created entity named Nautilus Maritime Holdings, Inc. ("Nautilus"), a Marshall Islands corporation. For accounting purposes, Anemos was considered as the acquirer. During 2003, Nautilus changed its name to Navios Maritime Holdings Inc.

On August 25, 2005, pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement dated February 28, 2005, as amended, by and among International Shipping Enterprises, Inc. ("ISE"), Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. ("Navios" or the "Company") and all the shareholders of Navios, ISE acquired Navios through the purchase of all of the outstanding shares of common stock. As a result of this 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 the Marshall Islands through a downstream merger with and into its newly acquired wholly-owned subsidiary, whose name was and continued to be Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. 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. The Company reports to the Security Exchange Commission under the rules of Foreign Private Issuers.

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The purpose of the business combination was to create a leading international maritime enterprise focused on the: (i) transportation and handling of bulk cargoes through the ownership, operation and trading of vessels, (ii) forward freight agreements "FFAs" and (iii) ownership and operation of port and transfer station terminals. The Company operates a fleet of owned Ultra Handymax and Panamax vessels and a fleet of time chartered Panamax and Ultra Handymax vessels that are employed to provide worldwide transportation of bulk commodities. The Company actively engages in assessing risk associated with fluctuating future freight rates, fuel prices and foreign exchange and, where appropriate, will actively hedge identified economic risk with appropriate derivative instruments. Such economic hedges do not always qualify for accounting hedge treatment, and, as such, the usage of such derivatives could lead to material fluctuations in the Company's reported results from operations on a period-to-period basis.

To the knowledge of management of the Company, there have been no indications of any public takeover offers by third parties in respect of its shares or by the Company in respect of other companies' shares during the fiscal years 2005 and 2006.

For information concerning the Company's capital expenditures and methods of financing, see "Operating and Financial Review and Prospects."

#### B. Business overview

#### Introduction

Navios is a vertically integrated global seaborne shipping company, specializing in the worldwide carriage, trading, storing, and other related logistics of international dry bulk cargo transportation. For over 50 years, Navios has worked with raw materials producers, agricultural traders and exporters, industrial end-users, shipowners, and charterers and, more recently, acquired an in-house technical ship management expertise. Navios' core fleet, the average age of which is approximately 4.4 years, consists of a total of 32 vessels, aggregating 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 operates 16 Panamax (70,000-83,000 dwt) and Ultra-Handymax (50,000-55,000 dwt) 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. Navios has options, many of which are "in the money", to acquire nine of the 16 time chartered vessels. The owned vessels have a substantial net asset value, and the vessels controlled under charters are at rates below the current market. Operationally, Navios has, at various times over the last three years, deployed over 50 vessels at any one time, including its core fleet.

Navios also owns and operates the largest bulk transfer and storage port facility in Uruguay. While a relatively small portion of Navios' overall enterprise, management believes that this terminal is a stable business with strong growth and integration prospects.

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 4.4 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;

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• 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;

- 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 99.6%, 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.

### Competitive Advantages

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

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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.

In addition to its superior and long-standing reputation and flexible business model, management believes that Navios is well positioned in the dry bulk market on the basis of the following factors:

- A high quality, modern fleet of vessels that provides a variety of operational advantages, such as lower insurance premiums, higher levels of productivity, and efficient operating cost structures, as well as a competitive advantage over owners of older fleets, especially in the time charter market, where age and quality of a vessel are of significant importance in competing for business;
- A core fleet which has been chartered in (through 2017, assuming all available charter extension periods are exercised) on attractive terms (based mostly on prices locked-in before the upswing in rates began in late 2003) that allow Navios to charter-out the vessels at a considerable spread during strong markets and to weather down cycles in the market while maintaining low operating expenses;
- Strong cash flows from creditworthy counterparties;
- Strong commercial relationships with both freight customers and Japanese trading houses and ship owners, providing Navios with an entrée to future attractive long-term time charters on newbuildings with valuable purchase options; and
- Visibility into worldwide commodity flows through its physical shipping operations and port terminal operations in Uruguay.

Management intends to maintain and build on this qualitative advantage, while at the same time continuing to benefit from Navios' favorable reputation and capacity position.

### **Shipping Operations**

Navios' Fleet. Navios operates a core fleet of vessels that represents an accumulation of embedded value in today's and historically strong dry bulk market relative to the long-term historical average. This fleet is comprised of ten modern owned Ultra-Handymax and six owned Panamax vessels and 16 Ultra-Handymax and Panamax vessels (nine of which have purchase options that are "in the money") chartered in at rates well below the market.

Owned Fleet. Navios owns a fleet of ten modern Ultra-Handymax and six Panamax vessels whose technical specifications and youth distinguish them in a market where approximately 25% of the dry bulk world fleet is composed of 20+ year-old ships. With an average age of approximately 5.6 years, the owned vessels have a substantial net asset value.

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Vessel Name	Vessel Type	Year Built	Deadweight
			(in metric tons)
Navios Ionian	Ultra Handymax	2000	52,068
Navios Apollon	Ultra Handymax	2000	52,073
Navios Horizon	Ultra Handymax	2001	50,346
Navios Herakles	Ultra Handymax	2001	52,061
Navios Achilles	Ultra Handymax	2001	52,063
Navios Meridian	Ultra Handymax	2002	50,316
Navios Mercator	Ultra Handymax	2002	53,553
Navios Arc	Ultra Handymax	2003	53,514
Navios Hios	Ultra Handymax	2003	55,180
Navios Kypros	Ultra Handymax	2003	55,222
Navios Gemini S	Panamax	1994	68,636
Navios Libra II	Panamax	1995	70,135
Navios Felicity	Panamax	1997	73,857
Navios Magellan	Panamax	2000	74,333
Navios Galaxy I	Panamax	2001	74,195

Panamax

Six of the owned Ultra Handymax vessels are substantially identical sister vessels (they were all built at the Sanoyas Shipyard in Japan) and, as a result, Navios has built-in economies of scale with respect to technical ship management. Further, they have been built to technical specifications that far exceed those of comparable tonnage in the marketplace today.

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Four of the ten Ultra Handymax vessels each have five cranes (which is more than the industry standard), allowing for increased loading and discharging rates, thereby increasing the efficiency of vessel operations.

All owned Ultra Handymax vessels are equipped with cranes that have 30 and 35 metric tons of lifting capacity, allowing for lifting of different types of heavy cargoes, thereby increasing the vessels' trading flexibility and efficiency.

Six of the ten Ultra Handymax owned vessels have CO2 fittings throughout all cargo holds, allowing for the loading of a variety of special cargoes (such as timber and wood pulp), thereby enhancing the potential trading routes and profitability of the vessels.

Six of the ten Ultra Handymax vessels each have the tank top strengths in all holds are of 24mt/m2, also allowing for the carriage of heavy cargoes.

Long Term Fleet. In addition to the currently 16 owned vessels, Navios operates a fleet of 16 Panamax (68,000-83,000 dwt) and Ultra-Handymax (50,000-55,000 dwt) vessels under long-term time charters, having an average age of approximately two years. Of the 16 chartered vessels, nine are currently in operation and seven are scheduled for delivery at various times up to May 2008, as set forth in the following table:

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V1NI	Deadweight	Delivery Date	Time Charten David	Purchase
Vessel Name	(in metric tons)	of Vessel	Time Charter Period	Option
ULTRA HANDYMAXE	S			
Navios Vector	50,296	October 17, 2002	5  years + 3  years option	No
Navios Astra	53,400	May 19, 2006	7  years + 2  years option	Yes
Navios TBN	53,500	2007	5 years + 3 years option	Yes
Navios TBN	55,100	2008	7  years + 2  years option	No
PANAMAXES				
Navios Star	76,662	April 15, 2002	5 years + 3 years option	Yes
Navios Cielo	75,834	June 12, 2003	5 years + 2 years option	No
Navios Hyperion	75,500	February 10, 2004	5 years + 2 years option	Yes
Navios Orbiter	76,602	February 8, 2004	5 years + 3 years option	Yes
Navios Aurora	75,200	June 26, 2005	5 years + 3 years option	Yes
Navios Orion	76,000	January 11, 2005	5 years + 3 years option	No
Navios Titan	82,936	November 9, 2005	5 years + 3 years option	No
Navios Altair	82,300	September, 2006	5 years + 3 years option	No
Navios Sagittarius	75,500	November, 2006	7 years	Yes
Navios TBN	82,000	2007	7  years + 2  years option	Yes
Navios TBN	75,200	2007	7 years	No
Navios TBN	76,500	2008	7 years $+$ 2 years option	Yes

Many of Navios' current long-term chartered-in vessels are chartered from shipowners with whom Navios has long-standing relationships. Navios pays these shipowners daily rates of hire for such vessels, and then charters out these vessels to other parties, who pay Navios a daily rate of hire. Navios also enters into COAs pursuant to which Navios has agreed to carry cargoes, typically for industrial customers, who export or import dry bulk cargoes. Further, Navios enters into spot market voyage contracts, where Navios is paid a rate per ton to carry a specified cargo from point A to point B.

The long-term chartered vessels are chartered-in at rates below the market, allowing Navios to charter-out those vessels at a significant spread over the daily hire it pays for the vessels to their owners. Navios can take advantage of options it has to extend the period of its long-term charters, maintaining low charter-in rates and, thus, lower overall operational expenses. Navios also has the ability to exercise its purchase options, many of which are "in the money", with respect to nine of the 16 chartered-in vessels.

Short Term Fleet. Navios' "short term fleet" is comprised of Panamax and Handymax vessels chartered-in for duration of less than 12 months. The number of short-term charters varies from time to time.

### **Exercise of Vessel Purchase Options**

During September, October and November 2005, Navios gave notice, to the lessors of four Ultra-Handymax vessels and two Panamax vessels, of its intention to exercise the options to purchase the vessels for an agreed value of approximately \$20 million each. The first of these vessels, the Navios Meridian, was delivered on November 30, 2005, the second, the Navios Mercator was delivered on December 30, 2005, the third, the Navios Arc, was delivered on February 10, 2006, the fourth, the Navios Galaxy I, was delivered on March 23, 2006 the fifth, the Navios Magellan, was delivered on March 24, 2006 and the sixth vessel, the Navios Horizon, was delivered on April 10, 2006.

The option exercise prices on these vessels are substantially below the prices that would be required to purchase vessels of similar types and ages. The aggregate cash outlay of the six vessels amounts to approximately \$115 million. The purchases are financed by HSH Nordbank AG under a senior secured credit facility agreement dated December 21, 2005.

By the exercise of such options as contemplated, charter-in expenses should decrease as a percentage of revenues, but Navios would also expect to incur additional operating expenses,

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depreciation and interest charges associated with the vessels. However, exercising the options is anticipated to have a favourable impact on EBITDA.

Management and Operation of the Fleet. Navios' commercial ship management is conducted out of its South Norwalk, Connecticut office. All vessel operations and the technical management of the owned vessels are conducted out of its Piraeus, Greece office. The financial risk management related to the operation of its fleet is conducted through both its South Norwalk and Piraeus offices, as explained more fully below.

Commercial Ship Management. Commercial management of Navios' fleet involves identifying and negotiating charter party employment for the vessels. Navios uses the services of a related party, Acropolis Chartering & Shipping Inc., based in Piraeus, as well as numerous third-party charter brokers, to solicit, research, and propose charters for its vessels. Charter brokers research and negotiate with different charterers and propose charters to Navios for cargoes suitable for carriage by Navios' vessels. Navios' then evaluates the employment opportunities available for each type of vessel and arranges cargo and country exclusions, bunkers, loading and discharging conditions, and demurrage.

Technical Ship Management. Navios provides, through its subsidiary, Navios ShipManagement Inc, technical ship management and maintenance services to its owned vessels. Based in Piraeus, Greece, the operation is run by experienced professionals who oversee every step of technical management, from the construction of the vessels in Japan to subsequent shipping operations throughout the life of a vessel, including the superintendence of maintenance and repairs and drydocking.

Operations. The operations department, which is located in Greece, supervises the post-fixture business of the vessels in Navios' fleet (i.e., once the vessel is chartered and being employed) by monitoring their daily positions to ensure that the terms and conditions of the charters are being fulfilled. The operations department also sends superintendents to the vessels to supervise the loading and discharging of cargoes when necessary to minimize time spent in port. The operations department also generally deals with all matters arising in relation to the daily operations of Navios' fleet that are not covered by Navios' other departments.

Financial Risk Management. Navios actively engages in assessing financial risks associated with fluctuating future freight rates, daily time charter hire rates, fuel prices, credit risks, interest rates and foreign exchange rates. Financial risk management is carried out under policies approved and guidelines established by the executive management.

• Freight Rate Risk. Navios uses FFAs to manage and mitigate its risk to its freight market exposures in shipping capacity and freight commitments and respond to fluctuations in the dry bulk shipping market by augmenting its overall long or short position. These FFAs settle monthly in cash on the basis of publicly quoted indices, not physical delivery. These instruments typically cover periods from one month to one year, and are based on time charter rates or freight rates on specific quoted routes. Navios enters into these FFAs through over-the-counter transactions and over NOS ASA, a Norwegian clearing house or other clearing houses. Navios' FFA trading personnel work closely with the chartering group to ensure that the most up-to-date information is incorporated into the company's commercial

ship management strategy and policies.

- Credit Risk. Navios closely monitors its credit exposure to charterers, counter-parties and FFAs. Navios has established policies designed to ensure that contracts are entered into with counter-parties that have appropriate credit histories. Counter-parties and cash transactions are limited to high credit quality financial institutions. Most importantly, Navios has strict guidelines and policies that limit the amount of credit exposure.
- Interest Rate Risk. Navios uses interest rate swap agreements to reduce exposure to fluctuations in interest rates. Specifically, the company enters into interest rate swap contracts that entitle it to receive interest at floating rates on principal amounts and oblige it to pay

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interest at fixed rates on the same amounts. Thus, these instruments allow Navios to raise long-term borrowings at floating rates and swap them into fixed rates. Although these instruments are intended to minimize the anticipated financing costs and maximize gains for Navios that may be set off against interest expense, they may also result in losses, which would increase financing costs.

• Foreign Exchange Risk. Although Navios' revenues are dollar-based, 2.7% of its expenses related to its port operations are in Uruguayan pesos and 2.4% of its expenses related to operation of its Piraeus office are in Euros. Navios monitors its Euro and Pesos exposure against long term currency forecasts and enters into foreign currency contracts when considered appropriate.

### Port and Terminal Operations

Overview. Navios 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 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. Navios believes the terms of the lease reflect Navios' very high-level relationships within the Republic of Uruguay. 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.

Although one of the smaller countries in South America, Uruguay is regarded as one of the most stable countries in the continent. The population is almost 100% literate, with a large middle class and a well-established democracy. The banking system is modern and efficient by international standards.

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Port Infrastructure. The port terminal stands out in the region because of its sophisticated design, efficiency, and multimodal operations. The Navios port terminal has specially designed storage facilities and conveying systems that provide tremendous flexibility in cargo movements that help to avoid delays to trucks, vessels and barge convoys. The port terminal offers 270,400 tons of clean and secure grain silo capacity. With ten silos (some with internal separations) available for storage, customers are assured their commodities will be naturally separated. The port terminal has the latest generation, high precision, independent weigh scales, both for discharging and loading activity.

The port terminal has two docks. The main outer dock is 240 meters long and accommodates vessels of up to 85,000 dwt loading to the maximum permitted draft of the Martin Garcia Bar and Mitre Canal. The dock has three new ship loaders capable of loading vessels at rates of up to 20,000 tons per day, depending on commodity. The inner face of this dock is equipped for discharging barge

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convoys. The secondary inner dock measures 170 meters long and is dedicated to the discharge of barge convoys. This activity is carried out on both sides of the dock. The terminal is capable of discharging barge convoys at rates averaging 10,000 to 14,000 tons per day, depending on the type of barges and commodity. Fixed duty cycle cranes located on each dock carry out the discharging of barge convoys. The process is optimized through the selection of the most appropriate size and type of buckets according to the commodity to be discharged.

Port Operation. The commodities most frequently handled include grain and grain by-products, as well as some ores, sugar, and salt. The port terminal receives bulk cargoes from barges, trucks, and vessels, and either transfers them directly to dry bulk carriers or stores them in its own modern silos for later shipment.

Dedicated professionals operate the port terminal, taking pride in the quality of service and responsiveness to customer requirements. Management is attentive to commodity storage conditions seeking to maintain customer commodity separation at all times and minimize handling losses. The port terminal operates 24 hours/day, seven days/week, to provide barge and ship traffic with safe and fast turnarounds. The ability to conduct multiple operations simultaneously involving ocean vessels, barges, trucks, and grain silos further enables the port terminal to efficiently service customers' needs.

The Navios port terminal is also unique in its pricing policy by using a fixed fee structure to charge its clients. Other regional competitors charge clients a complicated fee structure, with many variable add-on charges. Navios' pricing

policy provides clients with a transparent, comprehensive, and hassle-free quote that has been extremely well received by port patrons. The Uruguay port terminal operations present the additional advantage of generating revenue in US dollars, whereas the majority of its costs are in local currency.

Future Growth. The development of South American grain markets dates back to President Carter's embargo of grain against the Soviet Union in 1979. As a result of that decision, the USSR took steps to secure grain supplies from sources outside North America. By 1981, Argentina had become a significant grain exporter to the USSR, and Brazil quickly followed. The intervening decade saw the development of grain exports markets from these two countries as successive local governments recognized the significant benefits of US dollar income. In the 1990s, Paraguay began to export small quantities of grain and, more recently, Bolivia has expanded its grain exports; the significance of grain exports from these two countries is that both are land-locked. The table below highlights the gradual development of export volumes through the Navios facility in Nueva Palmira, and Navios believes this growth will continue as both countries continue to drive for larger hard currency income.

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Navios Uruguay Annual Throughput Volumes

Navios is currently in negotiations with significant existing and new customers, who have expressed high levels of interest in entering in long-term business relationships with the company based on the growing Uruguay grain market.

Navios Uruguay Export Market. Over the past few years, Uruguay has begun to develop its grain exports that, historically, were very small because land was allocated to cattle and sheep farming. The rapid rise in Uruguayan exports is apparent from the chart below. Most importantly for the Navios port terminal, the natural growth area for grain in Uruguay is in the western region of the country on land that is located in close proximity to Nueva Palmira.

#### **Uruguay Grain Exports**

Source: Uruguayan Farm Cooperative (as of December 31, 2005)

In 2004, Navios completed construction of four new cylindrical silos designed specifically to receive Uruguayan commodities. Before these silos had been completed, local exporters had booked their total capacity for a period of three years. This was the first time in the terminal's history that additional silo capacity was booked before completion of construction. As a result of yet further significant new customer demand from companies such as Cargill, Bunge, and Louis Dreyfus, as well as from a number of smaller local grain merchandisers, Navios constructed a new 75,000 ton silo that is the largest in Uruguay and was completed in September 2005. This additional silo added

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approximately 35% to the terminal's existing storage capacity and is serving the increased exports of Uruguayan soybeans. The total investment for this project included the new silo, as well as two new truck un-loaders, and new

truck weigh scales. Of traditional horizontal, concrete construction, the silo design incorporated wall separations, mechanical air ventilation systems as well as a sensitive temperature monitoring equipment.

#### Customers

#### Fleet

The international dry bulk shipping industry is highly fragmented and, as a result, there are numerous charterers. The charterers for Navios' core fleet come from leading enterprises that mainly carry iron ore, coal, and grain cargoes. Navios' assessment of a charterer's financial condition and reliability is an important factor in negotiating employment of its vessels. Navios generally charters its vessels to major trading houses (including commodities traders), major producers and government-owned entities rather than to more speculative or undercapitalized entities. Navios' customers under charter parties, COAs, and its counterparties under FFAs, include national, regional and international companies, such as Cargill International SA, COSCO Bulk Carriers Ltd., Dampskipsskelskapet Norden, Glencore International A.G., Furness Withy Pty. Ltd., Louis Dreyfus Corp., Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd., Rudolf A. Oetker, Sinochart and Taiwan Maritime Transportation Corp. During the year ended December 31, 2005, for both the successor and predecessor periods, none of such customers accounted for more than 10% of revenues, except for Dampskipsskelskapet Norden and Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd. that accounted for 14.8% and 11.9% of revenues, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2004, none of such customers accounted for more than 10% of revenues. During 2003, none of Navios' customers or counterparties accounted for more than 10% of Navios' total revenues, with the exception of Cargill International S.A. that accounted for 29.4%.

### Port Terminal

Navios' port terminal at Nueva Palmira, Uruguay conducts business with customers engaged in the international sales of agricultural commodities, which book portions of the port terminal's silo capacity and transship cargoes through the terminal. In 2005, the two largest customers of the port terminal were Agrograin SA, a subsidiary of the Archer Daniels Midland group, which accounted for 40.4% of the port terminal's revenue, and Multigranos SA which accounted for 14.7% of the port terminal's revenue. These two customers were also the largest two sources of revenue for the port terminal in 2004 accounting for the following respective percentages of its total revenues in that year: Agrograin SA (46.4%) and Multigranos (14.1%).

#### Competition

The dry bulk shipping markets are extensive, diversified, competitive, and highly fragmented, divided among approximately 1,500 independent drybulk carrier owners. The world's active drybulk fleet consists of approximately 6,239 vessels, aggregating some 349.8 million dwt. As a general principle, the smaller the cargo carrying capacity of a drybulk carrier, the more fragmented is its market, both with regard to charterers and vessel owners/operators. Even among the larger drybulk owners and operators, whose vessels are mainly in the larger sizes, only three companies have fleets of 100 vessels or more: the Chinese Government (directly and through China Ocean Shipping and China Shipping Group) and the two largest Japanese shipping companies, Mitsui OSK Lines and Nippon Yusen Kaisha. There are no more than 30 owners with fleets of between 20 and 100 vessels. However, vessel ownership is not the only determinant of fleet control. Many owners of bulk carriers charter their vessels out for extended periods, not just to end users (owners of cargo), but also to other owner/operators and to tonnage pools. Such operators may, at any given time, control a fleet many times the size of their owned tonnage. Navios is one such operator; others include CCM (Ceres Hellenic/Coeclerici), Bocimar, Zodiac Maritime, Louis-Dreyfus/Cetragpa, Cobelfret and Torvald Klaveness.

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### Governmental and Other Regulations

Governmental Regulation. Government regulation significantly affects the ownership and operation of vessels. These regulations include international conventions, national, state, and local laws, and regulations in force in the countries in which vessels may operate or are registered. A variety of governmental and private entities subject vessels to both scheduled and unscheduled inspections. These entities include the local port authorities (US Coast Guard, harbor master or equivalent), classification societies, flag state administration (country of registry), and charterers, particularly terminal operators. Certain of these entities require vessel owners to obtain permits, licenses, and certificates for the operation of their vessels. Failure to maintain necessary permits or approvals could require a vessel owner to incur substantial costs or temporarily suspend operation of one or more of its vessels.

We believe that the heightened level of environmental and quality concerns among insurance underwriters, regulators, and charterers is leading to greater inspection and safety requirements on all vessels, and may accelerate the scrapping of older vessels throughout the industry. Increasing environmental concerns have created a demand for vessels that conform to stricter environmental standards. Vessel owners are required to maintain operating standards for all vessels that will emphasize operational safety, quality maintenance, continuous training of officers and crews, and compliance with United States and international regulations.

Environmental Regulations. The International Maritime Organization, or IMO, has negotiated international conventions that impose liability for oil pollution in international waters and a signatory's territorial waters. In September 1997, the IMO adopted Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, which was ratified on May 18, 2004, and became effective on May 19, 2005. Annex VI sets limits on sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from ship exhausts and prohibits deliberate emissions of ozone depleting substances, such as chlorofluorocarbons. Annex VI also includes a global cap on the sulfur content of fuel oil and allows for special areas to be established with more stringent controls on sulfur emissions.

Under the International Safety Management Code, or ISM Code, effective since July 1998, the party with operational control of a vessel is required to develop an extensive safety management system that includes, among other things, the adoption of a safety and environmental protection policy setting forth instructions and procedures for operating its vessels safely and describing procedures for responding to emergencies. The ISM Code requires that vessel operators obtain a safety management certificate for each vessel they operate. This certificate evidences compliance by a vessel's management with code requirements for a safety management system. No vessel can obtain a certificate unless its manager has been awarded a document of compliance, issued by the respective flag state for the vessel, under the ISM Code. Noncompliance with the ISM Code and other IMO regulations may subject a ship owner to increased liability, may lead to decreases in available insurance coverage for affected vessels, and may result in the denial of access to, or detention in, some ports. For example, the United States Coast Guard and European Union authorities have indicated that vessels not in compliance with the ISM Code will be prohibited from trading in ports in the United States and European Union.

Security Regulations. 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 United States 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 on July 1, 2004, and imposes various detailed security obligations on vessels and port authorities, most of which are contained in the newly created International Ship and Port Facilities

Security, or 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;

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- on-board installation of ship security alert systems;
- the development of vessel security plans; and
- compliance with flag state security certification requirements.

The United States 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, or ISSC, that attests to the vessel's compliance with SOLAS security requirements and the ISPS Code.

Inspection by Classification Societies. Every sea going vessel must be "classed" by a classification society. The classification society certifies that the vessel is "in class," signifying that the vessel has been built and maintained in accordance with the rules of the classification society and complies with applicable rules and regulations of the vessel's country of registry and the international conventions of which that country is a member. In addition, where surveys are required by international conventions and corresponding laws and ordinances of a flag state, the classification society will undertake them on application or by official order, acting on behalf of the authorities concerned.

The classification society also undertakes, on request, other surveys and checks that are required by regulations and requirements of the flag state. These surveys are subject to agreements made in each individual case or to the regulations of the country concerned. For maintenance of the class, regular and extraordinary surveys of hull, machinery, including the electrical plant, and any special equipment classed are required to be performed as follows:

- Annual Surveys: For seagoing ships, annual surveys are conducted for the hull and the machinery (including the electrical plant) and, where applicable, for special equipment classed, at intervals of 12 months from the date of commencement of the class period indicated in the certificate.
- Intermediate Surveys: Extended annual surveys are referred to as intermediate surveys and typically are conducted two and one-half years after commissioning and each class renewal. Intermediate surveys may be carried out on the occasion of the second or third annual survey.
- Class Renewal Surveys: Class renewal surveys, also known as special surveys, are carried out for the ship's hull, machinery (including the electrical plant), and for any special equipment classed, at the intervals indicated by the character of classification for the hull. At the special survey, the vessel is thoroughly examined, including audio-gauging to determine the thickness of the steel structures. Should the thickness be found to be less than class requirements, the classification society would prescribe steel renewals. The classification society may grant a one-year grace period for completion of the special survey. Substantial amounts of money may have to be spent for steel renewals to pass a special survey if the vessel experiences excessive wear and tear. In lieu of the special survey every four or five years, depending on whether a grace period was granted, a ship owner has the option of arranging with the classification society for the vessel's integrated hull or machinery to be on a continuous survey cycle, in which every part of the vessel would be surveyed within a five-year cycle.

Risk of Loss and Liability Insurance

General. The operation of any cargo vessel includes risks such as mechanical failure, physical damage, collision, property loss, cargo loss or damage, business interruption due to political circumstances in foreign countries, hostilities, and labor strikes. In addition, there is always an inherent possibility of marine disaster, including oil spills and other environmental mishaps, and the liabilities arising from owning and operating vessels in international trade. OPA, which imposes virtually unlimited liability upon owners, operators and demise charterers of any vessel trading in the United States exclusive economic zone for certain oil pollution accidents in the United States, has made liability insurance more expensive for ship owners and operators trading in the United States market. While management believes that Navios' present insurance coverage is adequate, not all risks

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can be insured, and there can be no guarantee that any specific claim will be paid, or that Navios will always be able to obtain adequate insurance coverage at reasonable rates.

Hull and Machinery and War Risk Insurances. Navios has marine hull and machinery and war risk insurance, which includes the risk of actual or constructive total loss, for all of the 16 owned vessels. Each of the owned vessels is covered up to at least fair market value, with a deductible for the hull and machinery insurance in amounts ranging from \$75,000 to \$100,000. There are no deductibles for the war risk insurance. Navios has also arranged increased value insurance for most of the owned vessels. Under the increased value insurance, in case of total loss of the vessel, Navios will be able to recover the sum insured under the increased value policy in addition to the sum insured under the hull and machinery policies. Increased value insurance also covers excess liabilities that are not recoverable in full by the hull and machinery policies by reason of under insurance.

Protection and Indemnity Insurance. Protection and indemnity insurance is provided by mutual protection and indemnity associations, or P&I Associations, which covers Navios' third party liabilities in connection with its shipping activities. This includes third-party liability and other related expenses of injury or death of crew, passengers and other third parties, loss or damage to cargo, claims arising from collisions with other vessels, damage to other third-party property, pollution arising from oil or other substances, and salvage, to wing and other related costs, including wreck removal. Protection and indemnity insurance is a form of mutual indemnity insurance, extended by protection and indemnity mutual associations, or "clubs." Subject to the "capping" discussed below, Navios' coverage, except for pollution, is unlimited. Navios' current protection and indemnity insurance coverage for pollution is \$1.0 billion per vessel per incident. The 14 P&I Associations that comprise the International Group insure approximately 90% of the world's commercial tonnage and have entered into a pooling agreement to reinsure each association's liabilities. As a member of a P&I Association, which is a member of the International Group, Navios is subject to calls payable to the associations based on its claim records as well as the claim records of all other members of the individual associations, and members of the pool of P&I Associations comprising the International Group.

### Risk Management

Risk management in the shipping industry involves balancing a number of factors in a cyclical and potentially volatile environment. Fundamentally, the challenge is to appropriately allocate capital to competing opportunities of owning or chartering vessels. In part, this requires a view of the overall health of the market, as well as an understanding of capital costs and return. Thus, stated simply, one may charter part of a fleet as opposed to owning the entire fleet to maximize risk management and economic results. This is coupled with the challenge posed by the complex logistics of ensuring that the vessels controlled by Navios are fully employed.

Navios manages risk through a number of strategies, including vessel control strategies (chartering and ownership) freight carriage and FFA trading. Navios vessel control strategies include seeking the appropriate mix of owned vessels, long and short-term chartered in vessels, coupled with purchase options, when available, and spot charters. Navios also enters into COAs, which gives Navios, subject to certain limitations, the flexibility to determine the means of getting a particular cargo to its destination. Navios' FFA trading strategies include taking economic hedges to manage and mitigate risk on vessels that are on hire or coming off hire to protect against the risk of movement in freight market rates.

#### **Legal Proceedings**

Navios is not involved in any legal proceedings which may have a significant effect on its business, financial position, and results of operations or liquidity. From time to time, Navios may be subject to legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of business, involving principally commercial charter party disputes. It is expected that these claims would be covered by insurance if they involve liabilities such as arise from a collision, other marine casualty, damage to cargoes, oil pollution, death or personal injuries to crew, subject to customary deductibles. Those claims, even if lacking merit, could result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources.

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### Crewing and Shore Employees

Navios crews its vessels primarily with Greek officers, Filipino officers, Ukrainian officers and seamen. Navios' fleet manager is responsible for selecting its Greek officers, which are hired by Navios' vessel owning subsidiaries. Navios' Filipino officers and seamen are referred to Navios' fleet manager by Interorient Maritime Enterprises Inc. and Bright Maritime Corporation, two independent crewing agencies. Navios' Ukrainian officers and seamen are referred to Navios' fleet manager by Elvictor Management LTD, an independent crewing agent. Navios' Georgian officers and seaman are referred to Navios' fleet manager by Lira Maritime Ltd., an independent crewing agent. The crewing agencies handle each seaman's training, travel, and payroll. Navios requires that all of its seamen have the qualifications and licenses required to comply with international regulations and shipping conventions.

With respect to shore side employees, Navios employs 18 employees in its South Norwalk, Connecticut office, 29 in its Piraeus, Greece office, and four employees in its Montevideo office, with an additional 79 employees working at the port facility in Nueva Palmira.

#### **Facilities**

Navios currently leases the following properties:

- Navios Corporation has leased approximately 12,458 square feet of space at 20 Marshall Street, South Norwalk, CT, 06820 under a lease that expires on May 15, 2011. Navios has sublet approximately 1,394 square feet of space to Healy & Baillie, LLP, under a sub-lease that expires on May 15, 2011.
- Navios ShipManagement Inc. and Navios Corporation has leased approximately 2,034.3 square meters of space at 85 Akti Miaouli, Piraeus, Greece, under a lease that expires in 2017
- Corporación Navios Sociedad Anonima leases the land on which it operates its port and transfer

facility, located at Zona Franca, Nueva Palmira, Uruguay. This lease is between Uruguayan National Authority of Free Zones and Corporación Navios Sociedad Anonima, which expires on November 29, 2025, with an option to extend for another 20 years.

Corporación Navios Sociedad Anonima owns the premises from which it operates in Montevideo, Uruguay. This space is approximately 112 square meters and is located at Juan Carlos Gomez 1445, Oficina 701, Montevideo 1100, Uruguay.

### C. Organizational structure

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, Corporación 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. The chart below sets forth Navios' current corporate structure following the acquisition and reincorporation (all corporations are domiciled in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, except for Acropolis, which is a Liberian corporation, CNSA, which is a Uruguayan company and Hestia Shipping Ltd, which is a Maltese corporation):

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			Country of
Company Name	Nature	Vessel Name	Incorporation
Navios Maritime Holdings Inc.	Holding Company	_	Marshall Is.
Navios Corporation	<b>Sub-Holding Company</b>	_	Marshall Is.
Navios International Inc.	Operating Company	_	Marshall Is.
Navimax Corporation	Operating Company	_	Marshall Is.
Navios Handybulk Inc.	Operating Company	_	Marshall Is.
Corporation Navios SA	Operating Company	_	Uruguay
Hestia Shipping Ltd.	Operating Company	_	Malta
Anemos Maritime Holdings	<b>Sub-Holding Company</b>	_	Marshall Is.
Navios Shipmanagement Inc.	Management Company	_	Marshall Is.
Achilles Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Achilles	Marshall Is.
Apollon Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Apollon	Marshall Is.
Herakles Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Herakles	Marshall Is.
Hios Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Hios	Marshall Is.
Ionian Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Ionian	Marshall Is.
<b>Kypros Shipping Corporation</b>	Ship owning Company	Navios Kypros	Marshall Is.
Meridian Shipping Enterprises Inc.	Ship owning Company	Navios Meridian	Marshall Is.
Mercator Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Mercator	Marshall Is.
Libra Shipping Enterprises Corp.	Ship owning Company	Navios Libra II	Marshall Is.
Alegria Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Alegria	Marshall Is.
Felicity Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Felicity	Marshall Is.
Gemini Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Gemini (ii)	Marshall Is.

Arc Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Arc (iii)	Marshall Is.
Galaxy Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Galaxy I (iv)	Marshall Is.
Horizon Shipping Enterprises	Ship owning Company	Navios Horizon (iv)	Marshall Is.
Corporation			
Magellan Shipping Corporation	Ship owning Company	Navios Magellan (iv)	Marshall Is.
Acropolis Chartering & Shipping	Brokerage Company	_	Liberia
Inc. (i)			

<sup>(</sup>i) The company is 50% owned by Navios and is accounted for on the equity basis.

Our only material property is the owned vessels and the port terminal facilities in Uruguay. See Item 4.B above.

Item 4A. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

#### Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

The following is a discussion of Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. as "Successor" to and as "Predecessor" of the acquisition / reincorporation discussed in the following paragraphs and in Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements as of December 31, 2005, for the period from August 26, 2005 to December 31, 2005 and for the period from January 1, 2005 to August 25, 2005. Also following is a discussion of the Predecessor's company financial condition and results of operations for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. All of these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States of America (GAAP). You should read this section together with the consolidated financial statements including the notes to those financial statements for the years and periods mentioned above which are included in this document.

This report contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Reform Act of 1995. These forward looking statements are based on Navios'

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current expectations and observations. Included among the factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward looking statements contained in this report are changes in any of the following: (i) charter demand and/or charter rates, (ii) production or demand for the types of dry bulk products that are transported by Navios' vessels, (iii) operating costs including but not limited to changes in crew salaries, insurance, provisions, repairs, maintenance and overhead expenses, or (iv) changes in interest rates.

#### Overview

<sup>(</sup>ii) The vessel was acquired on January 5, 2006 (Note 23)

<sup>(</sup>iii)The vessel was acquired on February 10, 2006 (Note 23)

<sup>(</sup>iv)Navios Galaxy I, Navios Magellan and Navios Horizon were delivered on March 23, 2006, March 24, 2006 and April 10, 2006 (Note 24 to the December 31, 2005 consolidated financial statements) respectively.

D. Property, plants and equipment

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 its common stock. As a result of this 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 the Marshall Islands through a downstream merger with and into its newly acquired wholly-owned subsidiary, whose name continued to be 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.

This transaction was recorded in two steps. In step one, ISE recorded the \$594.4 million total cash purchase price, plus \$14.2 million in allocable transaction costs, by allocating such cost to the assets acquired in accordance with their fair market value on the acquisition date. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the assets acquired was recorded as goodwill. In step two, which immediately followed, ISE effected a "downstream merger" with and into Navios. The assets and liabilities of ISE (which reflected the acquisition of Navios) became the assets and liabilities of Navios. The stockholders' equity of ISE became the stockholders' equity of Navios. The results of operations of Navios to August 25, 2005 are labeled as "Predecessor" and remain as historically reported. The results of operations from August 26, 2005 forward are labeled as "Successor" and reflect the combined operations of Navios and ISE. The Stock Purchase Agreement required a purchase price adjustment based on an EBITDA target for the period January 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005. The \$594.4 million cash purchase price reflects a preliminary price adjustment based on an EBITDA target included in the contract and was adjusted by approximately \$0.6 million based on a final calculation agreed between the parties, which amount was paid before December 31, 2005.

Approximately \$412.0 million of the purchase price was financed from a \$514.4 million senior secured credit facility, entered into on July 12, 2005 and funded on August 25, 2005, with HSH Nordbank AG. The senior secured credit facility was assumed by Navios in connection with the acquisition and reincorporation and was restructured on December 21, 2005. See also Liquidity and Capital Resources and Note 11 to the Navios Maritime Holdings, Inc. Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on this facility and its restructuring which occurred on December 21, 2005.

On December 31, 2005, Navios' current assets totaled \$114.5 million, while current liabilities totaled \$133.6 million, resulting in a negative working capital position of \$19.1 million. Navios' cash forecast indicates that it will be able to generate sufficient cash during 2006 to make the required principal and interest payments on its indebtedness, provide for the normal working capital requirements of the business and remain in a positive cash position.

At the time of the August 25, 2005 acquisition, ISE's senior management anticipated implementing a strategic post-acquisition plan for the relocation of Navios' offices in the United States from South Norwalk, Connecticut to New York City and of its existing offices in Piraeus, Greece to larger offices in Piraeus to house Navios' headquarters and the operations of its subsidiaries. Management has commissioned an internal task force to implement this plan during the first half of 2006. The cost of this relocation plan will include the cost of lease terminations, the write off of leasehold improvements at the offices vacated and severance. On January 21, 2006, the Company moved to its new offices at 85 Akti Miaouli, Piraeus Greece. As a result of this relocation, an expense

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of \$1.4 million has been included in the December 31, 2005 consolidated financial statements as part of the purchase accounting. Of that amount, \$0.8 million remained as an accrual at December 31, 2005.

Navios is a vertically integrated global seaborne shipping company, specializing in the worldwide carriage, trading, storing, and other related logistics of international dry bulk cargo transportation. For over 50 years, Navios has cooperated 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 ship management expertise that allows it to oversee every step of technical management of the owned fleet including the shipping operations throughout the life of the vessel and, the superintendence of maintenance, repairs and dry-docking of the operated fleet.

Following is the current "core fleet" employment profile, including the newbuilds to be delivered. The current "core fleet" consists of 32 vessels totaling 2.1 million deadweight tons. It includes (a) ten modern Ultra-Handymax (52,000-55,000 dwt) and six Panamax (70,000-83,000 dwt) vessels which the Company owns, seven Panamax (70,000-83,000 dwt) and two Ultra-Handymax vessel under long-term time charter and seven long term chartered-in vessels (two Ultra-Handymax and five Panamax) scheduled to be delivered on various dates up to May 2008. The 25 vessels in current operation aggregate approximately 1.61 million deadweight tons and have an average age of 4.4 years. Navios has currently fixed 87.6% and 24.0% of its 2006 and 2007 available days respectively.

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#### Owned Vessels

				Charter-out	Expiration
Vessels	Type	Built	DWT	Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	Date <sup>(2)</sup>
Navios Ionian	Ultra Handymax	2000	52,068	15,152	01/25/2007
Navios Apollon	Ultra Handymax	2000	52,073	16,150	08/21/2007
Navios Horizon	Ultra Handymax	2001	50,346	14,725	04/30/2008
Navios Herakles	Ultra Handymax	2001	52,061	15,437	02/19/2007
Navios Achilles	Ultra Handymax	2001	52,063	15,533	10/08/2006
Navios Meridian	Ultra Handymax	2002	50,316	20,045	10/15/2006
Navios Mercator	Ultra Handymax	2002	53,553	21,175	01/10/2006
Navios Arc	Ultra Handymax	2003	53,514	15,438	03/15/2007
Navios Hios	Ultra Handymax	2003	55,180	19,237	09/15/2006
Navios Kypros	Ultra Handymax	2003	55,222	16,844	04/05/2007
Navios Gemini S	Panamax	1994	68,636	16,150	09/21/2006
Navios Libra II	Panamax	1995	70,136	17,385	07/12/2006
Navios Felicity	Panamax	1997	73,857	9,144	03/25/2007
Navios Magellan	Panamax	2000	74,333	14,963	02/23/2007
Navios Galaxy I	Panamax	2001	74,195	24,062	12/25/2007
Navios Alegria	Panamax	2004	76,466	23,750	08/03/2006

### Long Term Chartered-in Vessels

				Purchase	Charter-out	Expiration
Vessels	Type	Built	DWT	Option <sup>(3)</sup>	Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	Date <sup>(2)</sup>
Navios Vector	Ultra Handymax	2002	50,296	No	8,811	12/17/2007
Navios Astra	Ultra Handymax	2006	53,400	Yes	17,100	04/19/2007
Navios Star	Panamax	2002	76,662	Yes	15,343	01/13/2007
Navios Cielo	Panamax	2003	75,834	No	16,863	08/30/2006
Navios Hyperion	Panamax	2004	75,500	Yes	15,400	01/05/2007
Navios Orbiter	Panamax	2004	76,602	Yes	16,150	10/16/2006
Navios Aurora	Panamax	2005	75,200	Yes	24,063	05/27/2008
Navios Orion	Panamax	2005	76,000	No	21,175	01/15/2007
Navios Titan	Panamax	2005	82,936	No	20,000	10/09/2007

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Long Term Chartered-in Vessels to be Delivered

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Type	Delivery Date	Purchase Option	DWT
Panamax	09/2006	No	82,300
Panamax	01/2007	Yes	75,500
Ultra Handymax	04/2007	Yes	53,500
Panamax	09/2007	Yes	82,000
Panamax	11/2007	No	75,200
Panamax	03/2008	Yes	76,500
Ultra Handymax	05/2008	No	55,100
	Panamax Ultra Handymax Panamax Panamax Panamax	Panamax       09/2006         Panamax       01/2007         Ultra Handymax       04/2007         Panamax       09/2007         Panamax       11/2007         Panamax       03/2008	Panamax       09/2006       No         Panamax       01/2007       Yes         Ultra Handymax       04/2007       Yes         Panamax       09/2007       Yes         Panamax       11/2007       No         Panamax       03/2008       Yes

- (1)Net Time Charter-out Rate per day (net of commissions)
- (2)Estimated dates assuming earliest redelivery by charterers
- (3) Generally, the Company may exercise its purchase option after three years of service.

At August 25, 2005, Navios had options to purchase 13 vessels of its term chartered-in fleet, including those to be delivered, of which six have been exercised. During November 2005, Navios concluded two more charter-in contracts with options to purchase these vessels, bringing the total to 15. More specifically, during September, October and November, 2005, Navios gave notice, to the owners of four Ultra-Handymax vessels and two Panamax vessels, of its intention to exercise the options to purchase the vessels at the option exercise price of approximately \$20 million each. Notice of intent to exercise was given to the owner of the Navios Horizon, the sixth purchase option vessel, on November 15, 2005. As of December 31, 2005, Navios had executed all exercisable purchase options comprising four Ultra Handymax vessels and two Panamax vessels. The first two of the option vessels, the Navios Meridian and Navios Mercator, were delivered to the Company on November 30, 2005 and December 30, 2005, respectively, the third option vessel, the Navios Arc, was delivered on February 10, 2006, the fourth vessel, the Navios Galaxy I, was delivered on March 23, 2006 and the fifth vessel, the Navios Magellan, was delivered on March 24, 2006 and the sixth vessel, the Navios Horizon, was delivered on April 10, 2006. The total acquisition cost of these six additional vessels was approximately \$115 million. Navios believes that the market value of the six vessels is approximately \$200 million.

On December 19, 2005 Navios signed agreements to purchase four Panamax vessels from Maritime Enterprises Management S.A., a company affiliated with the Angeliki Frangou family the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. On December 22, 2005, Navios took delivery of the first two vessels, the Navios Libra II and the Navios Alegria built in 1995 and 2004 respectively. The third vessel, the Navios Felicity built in 1997, was delivered on December 27, 2005 and the fourth vessel, the Navios Gemini S built in 1994, was delivered on January 5, 2006. The total acquisition cost for the four new vessels including backlogs was \$119.8 million and was funded with (i) with \$13.0 million of Navios' available cash; (b) with \$80.3 million from bank financing and (c) through the issuance of 5,500,854 shares of Navios authorized common stock at \$4.96 per share for Navios Alegria (1,840,923 shares) and Navios Libra II (1,227,282 shares), \$4.82 per share for Navios Felicity (1,271,114 shares) and \$4.42 for Navios Gemini S. (1,161,535 shares).

On December 21, 2005, Navios entered into a senior secured credit facility with HSH Nordbank AG for \$649 million. The facility restructured the balance of Navios' senior secured credit facility dated July 12, 2005 with HSH Nordbank AG of \$435.0 million while the additional \$214 million represents financing for the acquisition of the six vessels through the exercise of purchase options and the acquisition of the four additional vessels discussed above. Navios

believes that the charter revenue, net of expenses, for these vessels will be sufficient to meet the principal and interest obligations on this new debt and, therefore, Navios' net cash flow will not be negatively impacted. However, the current portion of this new debt will cause current liabilities to exceed current assets.

On December 21, 2005 and in connection with the secured credit facility discussed above, Navios entered into an ISDA (International Swap Dealer Association, Inc.) Agreement with HSH Nordbank AG, providing for (a) interest rate swaps whereas the company exchanges LIBOR with a fixed rate of 4.74% (this contract applies for the period from March 2006 to March 2007 on notional amounts

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starting at \$ 171 million and de-escalating down to \$100.5 million following the loan repayment schedule), and (b)interest rate collar with a cap of 5.00% and a floor of 4.45% (this contract applies for the period from March 2007 to June 2008 on notional amounts starting at \$ 82 million and de-escalating down to \$ 13.3 million following the loan repayment schedule). The ISDA Agreement is bound by the same securities as the secured credit facility discussed in the preceding paragraph.

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 it 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 Contracts of Affreightment (COA) and Forward Freight Agreements (FFAs).

FFAs are swap agreements covering periods generally ranging from one month to one year and are based on time charter rates or freight rates on specific quoted routes. FFAs are executed either over-the-counter, between parties, or through NOS ASA, a Norwegian clearing house. FFAs are settled in cash monthly based on publicly quoted indices. NOS ASA requires both base and margin collaterals. Certain portions of these collateral funds may be restricted at any given time, as determined by NOS ASA. At the end of each calendar quarter, the fair value of FFAs traded over-the-counter are determined from an index published in London, United Kingdom and the fair value of those FFAs traded with NOS ASA are determined from the NOS' valuation. FFAs are entered into with a view towards maximizing earnings and managing Navios' market exposure.

In 2004 and 2005, this policy had the effect of generating Time Charter Equivalents (TCE) that, while high by the average historical levels of the dry bulk freight market over the last 30 years, were below those which could have been earned had the Navios fleet been operated purely on short term and or spot employment. It could also have the effect of generating higher TCE than spot employment should the dry bulk market experience a downturn over the course of 2005 through 2006.

The average daily charter-in vessel cost for the Navios long term charter-in fleet averaged of \$9,566 per day, significantly lower than the market revenue earning capacity of the vessels. The average charter-in hire rate per vessel was derived from the amount for long term hire as disclosed in Note 16 to Navios' annual financial statements included elsewhere in this document and was computed by (a) multiplying the (i) daily charter-in rate for each vessel by (ii) number of days the vessel is in operation for the year and (b) dividing such product by the total number of

vessel days for the year. These rates exclude gains and losses from FFAs. Furthermore, Navios has the ability to increase its owned fleet through in-the-money purchase options exercisable in the near future. Navios believes that existing cash flow generation should allow it access to available financing in the debt markets to exercise its purchase options.

Navios believes that Asian demand for commodities will remain robust on the back of strong expected economic growth. China, which is one of the main importers of most major dry bulk commodities such as iron ore and grains, is expected to continue its rapid growth and urbanization over the next few years. Significant commodities purchases by Asian countries, especially China and India, combined with limited new dry bulk capacity, caused by constraints on available shipyard vessel construction berths and port congestion, should contribute to historically high freight rates for the foreseeable future compared to those that have prevailed for most of the last 30 years, albeit not necessarily at the highest levels reached in 2005.

Navios believes that a decrease in global commodity demand from its current level, and the delivery of dry bulk carrier new buildings into the world fleet, would have an adverse impact to future revenue and profitability. However, the cost advantage of Navios' long term chartered fleet, which is chartered-in at historically favorable fixed rates, would help to mitigate the impact of any short-term decline in freight rates. The reduced freight rate environment may also have an adverse impact on the

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value of Navios' owned fleet and the presently in-the-money purchase options. In reaction to a decline in freight rates, available ship financing may also be negatively impacted.

Dry bulk fundamentals remain attractive. The United States, India, Brazil and especially China continue to contribute to strong global economic growth. More specifically, Chinese demand for iron ore, coal and grain and its import and exports of steel products play a significant part in sustaining dry bulk market at high levels. The high price of oil has contributed to increased movements of steam coal which is expected to continue in the foreseeable future. Additionally, new longer haul trade routes have developed that Navios anticipates should serve to stimulate ton-mile demand while port congestion continues to absorb global fleet tonnage whose growth is limited as shipyard capacity is dominantly allocated to container and tanker building. By entering into fixed-rate long term time charters at charter-in rates much lower than current prevailing spot rates, Navios has secured a steady earnings structure enabling it to be profitable in low market environments.

Navios also owns and operates the largest bulk transfer and storage port facility in Uruguay. While a relatively small portion of the overall enterprise, Navios believes that this terminal is a stable business with strong growth and integration prospects. Operating results for Navios' Uruguay port terminal are highly correlated to South American grain production and export, in particular Paraguayan, Uruguayan and Bolivian production and export. Navios believes that the continuing development of Uruguayan, Paraguayan and Bolivian grain exportation will foster throughput growth and therefore increase revenues at its Nueva Palmira port terminal. Should this development be delayed, grain harvests reduced, or the market experience an overall decrease in the demand for grain, the port terminal operations would be adversely affected.

### A. Operating Results

Factors Affecting Navios' Results of Operations:

Navios actively manages the risk in its operations by: (i) operating the vessels in its fleet in accordance with all applicable international standards of safety and technical ship management; (ii) enhancing vessel utilization and profitability through an appropriate mix of spot charters (time charters for short-term employment) and contracts of affreightment ("COAs"); (iii) monitoring the financial impact of corporate exposure from both physical and forward freight agreements ("FFAs") transactions; (iv) monitoring market and counterparty credit risk limits; (v) adhering to risk management and operation policies and procedures; and (vi) requiring counterparty credit approvals.

Navios believes that the important measures for analyzing trends in its results of operations consist of the following:

- Market Exposure: Navios manages the size and composition of its fleet, by chartering and owning vessels, to adjust to anticipated changes in market rates. Navios aims at achieving an appropriate balance between owned vessels and long and short term chartered in vessels and controls approximately 2.1 million dwt in dry bulk tonnage. Navios' options to extend the duration of vessels it has under long-term time charter (durations of over 12 months) and its purchase options on chartered vessel (see separate table) permits Navios to adjust the cost and the fleet size to correspond to market conditions.
- Available days: Available days is the number of the operating days less the aggregate number of days that the vessels are off-hire due to scheduled repairs or repairs under guarantee, vessel upgrades or special surveys. The shipping industry uses available days to measure the number of days in a period during which vessels should be capable of generating revenues.
- Operating days: Operating days is the number of available days in a period less the aggregate number of days that the vessels are off-hire due to any reason, including unforeseen circumstances. The shipping industry uses operating days to measure the aggregate number of days in a period during which vessels actually generate revenues.

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- Fleet utilization: Fleet utilization is obtained by dividing the number of operating days during a period by the number of available days during the period. The shipping industry uses fleet utilization to measure a company's efficiency in finding suitable employment for its vessels and minimizing the amount of days that its vessels are off-hire for reasons other than scheduled repairs or repairs under guarantee, vessel upgrades, special surveys or vessel positioning.
- Time Charter Equivalents rates ("TCE"): TCE rates are defined as voyage and time charter revenues plus gains or losses on FFA less voyage expenses during a period divided by the number of available days during the period. Navios includes the gains or losses on FFA in the determination of TCE rates as neither voyage and time charter revenues nor gains or losses on FFA are evaluated in isolation. Rather, the two are evaluated together to determine total earnings per day. The TCE rate is a standard shipping industry performance measure used primarily to compare daily earnings generated by vessels on time charters with daily earnings generated by vessels on voyage charters, because charter hire rates for vessels on voyage charters are generally not expressed in per day amounts, while charter hire rates for vessels on time charters generally are expressed in such amounts.

### Voyage and Time Charter

Revenues are driven primarily by the number of vessels in the fleet, the number of days during which such vessels operate and the amount of daily charter hire rates that the vessels earn under charters, which, in turn, are affected by a number of factors, including:

- the duration of the charters:
- the level of spot market rates at the time of charter
- decisions relating to vessel acquisitions and disposals;
- the amount of time spent positioning vessels;
- the amount of time that vessels spend in dry-dock undergoing repairs and upgrades;
- the age, condition and specifications of the vessels; and
- the aggregate level of supply and demand in the dry bulk shipping industry.

Time charters are available for varying periods, ranging from a single trip (spot charter) to long-term which may be many years. In general, a long-term time charter assures the vessel owner of a consistent stream of revenue. Operating the vessel in the spot market affords the owner greater spot market opportunity, which may result in high rates when vessels are in high demand or low rates when vessel availability exceeds demand. Vessel charter rates are affected by world economics, international events, weather conditions, strikes, governmental policies, supply and demand, and many other factors that might be beyond the control of management.

Consistent with industry practice, Navios uses time charter equivalent (TCE), revenue which consists of revenue from vessels operating on time charters, or TC revenue, and voyage revenue less voyage expenses from vessels operating on voyage charters in the spot market, as a method of analyzing fluctuations between financial periods and as a method of equating revenue generated from a voyage charter to time charter revenue. TCE revenue also serves as industry standard for measuring revenue and comparing results between geographical regions and among competitors.

Navios operates a fleet of owned Ultra Handymax and Panamax dry bulk vessels and a fleet of chartered-in Panamax and Ultra Handymax dry bulk vessels that are employed to provide world wide transportation of bulk commodities under freight contracts and through sub-time charter employment to other leading shipping companies.

The cost to maintain and operate a vessel increases with the age of the vessel. Older vessels are less fuel efficient, cost more to insure and require upgrades from time to time to comply with new regulations. The average age of Navios' owned fleet is 5.6 years. But as such fleet ages or if Navios

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expands its fleet by acquiring previously owned and older vessels the cost per vessel would be expected to rise and, assuming all else, including rates, remains constant, vessel profitability would be expected to decrease.

Spot Charters, Contracts of Affreightment (COAs), and Forward Freight Agreements (FFAs)

Navios enhances vessel utilization and profitability through a mix of voyage charters, short term charter-out contracts, COA's and strategic backhaul cargo contracts, as follows:

- The operation of voyage charters or spot charter-out fixtures for the carriage of a single cargo from load port to discharge port
- 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; and
- The use of FFA both as economic hedges in reducing market risk on specific vessels, freight commitments or the overall fleet and in order to increase or reduce the size of its exposure to the dry bulk shipping market.

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

Contracts of Affreightment (COAs) and Forward Freight Agreements (FFAs)

Navios enters into COAs with major industrial end users of bulk products, primarily in the steel, energy and grain sectors. These contracts are entered into not only with a view to making profit but also as a means of maintaining relationships, obtaining market information and continuing a market presence in this market segment. Navios has adopted a strategy of entering into COAs to carry freight into known loading areas, such as the US Gulf and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where subsequent spot or voyage charters can be obtained.

Navios may enter into FFAs as economic hedges relating to identifiable ship and/or cargo positions and as economic hedges of transactions that Navios expects to carry out in the normal course of its shipping business. By using FFAs, Navios manages the financial risk associated with fluctuating market conditions. The effectiveness of a hedging relationship is assessed at its inception. If an FFA qualifies for hedge accounting, any gain or loss on the FFAs is first recognized when measuring the profit or loss of the related transaction. However, at December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, none of the open FFAs qualified for hedge accounting and, accordingly, all gains or losses from FFAs were recorded in the statement of operations. FFAs will continue to be so treated and, accordingly, may result in material fluctuations in the results of operations.

FFA cover periods generally ranging from one month to one year and are based on time charter rates or freight rates on specific quoted routes. FFA are executed either over-the-counter, between two parties, or through NOS ASA, a Norwegian clearing house. FFAs are settled in cash monthly based on publicly quoted indices. NOS ASA requires both base and margin collaterals. Certain portions of these collateral funds may be restricted at any given time, as determined by NOS ASA. On December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, Navios restricted cash with NOS ASA was \$1.0 million, \$2.8 million and \$0 million, respectively.

At the end of each calendar quarter, the fair value of FFAs traded over-the-counter are determined from an index published in London, United Kingdom, and the fair value of those FFAs traded with NOS ASA are determined from the NOS valuation.

Statement of Operations Breakdown by Segment

Navios reports financial information and evaluates its operations by charter revenues and not by vessel type, length of ship employment, customers or type of charter. Navios does not have discrete

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financial information to evaluate the operating results for each such type of charter. Although revenue can be identified for these types of charters, management cannot and does not identify expenses, profitability or other financial information for these charters. As a result, Navios reviews operating results solely by revenue per day and operating results of the owned and chartered-in fleet and, thus, the Company has determined that it has two reportable segments, Vessel Operations and Port Terminal. The reportable segments reflect the internal organization of Navios and strategic businesses that offer different products and services. The Vessel Operations business consists of

transportation and handling of bulk cargoes through ownership, operation, and trading of vessels, freight and FFAs. The Port Terminal business consists of operating a port and transfer station terminal. Navios measures segment performance based on net income. For further segment information, please see the footnotes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In March 2005 the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, released Staff Accounting Bulletin 107, "Share-Based Payments", or SAB 107. The interpretations in SAB 107 express views of the SEC staff, or staff, regarding the interaction between SFAS 123R and certain SEC rules and regulations, and provide the staff's views regarding the valuation of share-based payment arrangements for public companies. In particular, SAB 107 provides guidance related to share-based payment transactions with non-employees, the transition from nonpublic to public entity status, valuation methods (including assumptions such as expected volatility and expected term), the accounting for certain redeemable financial instruments issued under share-based payment arrangements, the classification of compensation expense, non-GAAP financial measures, first-time adoption of SFAS 123R in an interim period, capitalization of compensation cost related to share-based payment arrangements, the accounting for income tax effects of share-based payment arrangements upon adoption of SFAS 123R, the modification of employee share options prior to adoption of SFAS 123R and disclosures in Management's Discussion and Analysis subsequent to adoption of SFAS 123R. The adoption of this interpretation will not have an effect on the Company's statement of financial position or results of operations.

In March 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued FIN 47 as an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations (FASB No. 143). This interpretation clarifies that the term conditional asset retirement obligation as used in FASB Statement No. 143, refers to a legal obligation to perform an asset retirement activity in which the timing and/or method of settlement are conditional on a future event that may or may not be within the control of the entity. The obligation to perform the asset retirement activity is unconditional even though uncertainty exists about the timing and/or method of settlement. Accordingly, an entity is required to recognize a liability for the fair value of a conditional asset retirement obligation if the fair value of the liability can be reasonably estimated. This interpretation also clarifies when an entity would have sufficient information to reasonably estimate the fair value of an asset retirement obligation. FIN 47 is effective no later than the end of fiscal years ending after December 15, 2005. The adoption of this interpretation did not have an effect on the Company's statement of financial position or results of operations.

In March 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 154, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and FASB Statement No. 3. The Statement applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principle, and changes the requirements for accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle. Statement No. 154 requires retrospective applications to prior periods' financial statements of a voluntary change in accounting principle unless it is impracticable. Opinion 20 previously required that most voluntary change in accounting principle be recognized by including in net income of the period of the change the cumulative effect of changing to the new accounting principle. Statement No. 154 improves financial reporting because its requirements enhance the consistency of financial information between periods. Navios cannot determine what effect Statement No. 154 will have with regard to any future accounting changes. This statement will be effective for the Company for the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2006.

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On November 3, 2005, Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Financial Staff Position (FSP) numbers 115-1 and 124-1 providing guidance for the application of FAS 115. These FSPs are effective for Navios beginning on January 1, 2006 and address the determination as to when an investment is considered impaired, whether that impairment is other than temporary, and the measurement of an impairment loss. It also states that impairment of investments in debt securities must be assessed on an individual basis. Adoption of this interpretation is not expected to have a significant effect on the Company's statement of financial position or results of operations.

In February 2006, the Financial Accounting Standard Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 155 (SFAS 155) "Accounting for Certain Hybrid Instruments - an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140". SFAS 155 amends SFAS 133 to permit fair value measurement for certain hybrid financial instruments that contain an embedded derivative, provides additional guidance on the applicability of SFAS 133 and SFAS 140 to certain financial instruments and subordinated concentrations of credit risk. SFAS 155 is effective for the first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006. We are currently evaluating the impact SFAS 155 will have on our consolidated financial statements. This statement will be effective for the Company for the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2007.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The Navios' consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or US GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires Navios to make estimates in the application of its accounting policies based on the best assumptions, judgments and opinions of management. Following is a discussion of the accounting policies that involve a higher degree of judgment and the methods of their application that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of its financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Critical accounting policies are those that reflect significant judgments or uncertainties, and potentially result in materially different results under different assumptions and conditions. Navios has described below what it believes are its most critical accounting policies that involve a high degree of judgment and the methods of their application. For a description of all of Navios' significant accounting policies, see Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Accounting for derivative financial instruments and hedge activities: The Company enters into dry bulk shipping FFAs as economic hedges relating to identifiable ship and or cargo positions and as economic hedges of transactions the Company expects to carry out in the normal course of its shipping business. By utilizing certain derivative instruments, including dry bulk shipping FFAs, the Company manages the financial risk associated with fluctuating market conditions. In entering into these contracts, the Company has assumed the risk that might arise from the possible inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts.

The Company also trades dry bulk shipping FFAs with NOS ASA, a Norwegian clearing house. NOS ASA calls for both base and margin collaterals, which are funded by Navios, and which in turn substantially eliminates counterparty risk. Certain portions of these collateral funds may be restricted at any given time as determined by NOS ASA.

At the end of each calendar quarter, the fair value of dry bulk shipping FFAs traded over-the-counter are determined from an index published in London, United Kingdom and the fair value of those FFAs traded with NOS ASA are determined from the NOS valuation.

Pursuant to SFAS 133, the Company records all its derivative financial instruments and hedges as economic hedges. Since they neither qualify as a hedge nor do they meet the criteria for hedge accounting all gains or losses are reflected in the statement of operations. For the period August 26, 2005 to December 31, 2005 and January 1, 2005 to August 25, 2005 and the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, none of the FFAs, foreign exchange contracts or interest rate swaps qualifies for hedge accounting treatment. Accordingly, all gains or losses have been recorded in statement

of operations for the periods presented.

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Impairment of long-lived assets: Vessels, other fixed assets and other long lived assets held and used by the Company are reviewed periodically for potential impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a particular asset may not be fully recoverable. In accordance with FAS 144, management reviews valuations and compares them to the assets carrying amounts. Should the valuations indicate potential impairment, management determines projected undiscounted cash flows for each asset and compares it to its carrying amount. In the event that impairment occurs, an impairment charge is recognized by comparing the asset's carrying amount to its estimated fair value. For the purposes of assessing impairment, long lived-assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows. No impairment loss was recognized for any of the periods presented.

Vessels, net: In connection with the acquisition / reincorporation, vessels owned by Navios (Predecessor) were recorded at fair market values as of August 25, 2005. Vessels acquisitions subsequent to that date are stated at historical cost, which consists of the contract price, any material expenses incurred upon acquisition (improvements and delivery expenses). Subsequent expenditures for major improvements and upgrading are capitalized, provided they appreciably extend the life, increase the earning capacity or improve the efficiency or safety of the vessels. Expenditures for routine maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred.

Depreciation is computed using the straight line method over the useful life of the vessels, after considering the estimated residual value. Management estimates the useful life of the Company's vessels to be 25 years from the vessel's original construction. However, when regulations place limitations over the ability of a vessel to trade on a worldwide basis, its useful life is re-estimated to end at the date such regulations become effective.

Dry-docking costs: The Company's vessels are subject to regularly scheduled dry-docking and special surveys which are carried out every 30 or 60 months to coincide with the renewal of the related certificates issued by the Classification Societies, unless a further extension is obtained in rare cases and under certain conditions. The costs of dry-docking and special surveys are deferred and amortized over the above periods or to the next dry-docking or special survey date if such has been determined. Unamortized dry-docking or special survey costs of vessels sold are written off to income in the year the vessel is sold. When vessels are acquired the portion of the vessels' capitalized cost that relates to dry-docking or special survey is treated as a separate component of the vessels' cost and is deferred and amortized as above. This cost is determined by reference to the estimated economic benefits to be derived until the next dry-docking or special survey.

Goodwill and Other Intangibles: As required by SFAS No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", goodwill acquired in a business combination initiated after June 30, 2001 is not to be amortized. Similarly, intangible assets with indefinite lives are not amortized. Rather, SFAS 142 requires that goodwill be tested for impairment at least annually and written down with a charge to operations if the carrying amount exceeds the estimated fair value.

Navios evaluates impairment of goodwill using a two-step process. First, the aggregate fair value of the reporting unit is compared to its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the fair value exceeds the carrying amount, no impairment exists. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds the fair value, then the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill is compared with its carrying amount. The implied fair value is determined by allocating the fair value of the reporting unit to all the assets and liabilities of that unit, as if the unit had been acquired in a business

combination and the fair value of the unit was the purchase price. If the carrying amount of the goodwill exceeds the implied fair value, then goodwill impairment is recognized by writing the goodwill down to the implied fair value. Navios determined that there was no impairment of goodwill during the periods August 26, 2005 to December 31, 2005 and January 1, 2005 to August 25, 2005 and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.

All of Navios' intangible assets were valued at August 25, 2005 in a process that included the use of independent appraisers. The fair value of the trade name was determined based on the 'relief from royalty' method which values the trade name based on the estimated amount that a company would have to pay in an arms length transaction in order to use that trade name. The asset is being

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amortized under the straight line method over 32 years. Other intangibles that are being amortized, such as the amortizable portion of favorable leases, port terminal operating rights, backlog assets and liabilities, would be considered impaired if their fair market value could not be recovered from the future undiscounted cash flows associated with the asset. Vessel purchase options, which are included in favorable lease terms, are not amortized and would be considered impaired if the carrying value of an option, when added to the option price of the vessel, exceeded the fair market value of the vessel.

The intangible asset associated with the favorable lease terms includes an amount of \$20.7 million related to purchase options for the vessels as of August 25, 2005. This amount is not amortized and should the purchase options be exercised, any unamortized portion of this asset will be capitalized as part of the cost of the vessel and will be depreciated over the remaining useful life of the vessel. As of December 31, 2005, \$50,000 had been transferred to the acquisition cost of Navios Meridian.

### NASDAQ Listing:

On October 31, 2005, Navios received the approval of NASDAQ to list its securities on the NASDAQ National Market System. Navios' common stock, warrants and units commenced trading on the NASDAQ National Market System on November 3, 2005 under the symbols BULK, BULKW and BULKU, respectively.

As a foreign private issuer, whose securities are trading on the Nasdaq National Market System, Navios is entitled to follow its home country (Marshall Islands) practice rather than following certain of the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules, primarily the shareholder approval rules of Nasdaq. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and through the filing of this Form 20-F, Navios determined to follow its home country practice with respect to the issuance of securities in a related party transaction to Mrs. Frangou, its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and her affiliates, which did not require shareholder approval for the transactions, as opposed to the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules which would have required such approval.

For the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to the year ended December 31, 2004

The following table presents combined revenue and expense information for the year ended December 31, 2005. This information was derived from the audited consolidated revenue and expense accounts of Navios as predecessor for the period from January 1 to August 25, 2005 and from the audited consolidated revenue and expense accounts of Navios as successor for the period from August 26 to December 31, 2005.

The combined revenue and expense is being presented solely to assist comparisons across the years. The successor period for 2005 in the combined statement of cash flow includes the effect of fair value purchase accounting adjustments. The successor and predecessor periods in the combined revenue and expense accounts are not comparable as the successor period revenue and expense accounts include increases to certain charges. The principle increases relate to amortization of intangible assets and increased depreciation, all of which arise as a result of recognizing an increase in the fair value of the assets and liabilities acquired from Navios, and increased interest charges arising as a consequence of additional indebtedness to finance the acquisition.

The combined information is a Non-US GAAP financial measure and should not be used in isolation or substitution of the Predecessor and Successor results and is expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars.

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	Successor	Predecessor	Combined	Predecessor
	August 26,			
	2005	January 1,	Year ended	Year ended
	to December	2005	December	December
	31,	to August 25,	31,	31,
	2005	2005	2005	2004
Revenue	\$ 76,376	\$ 158,630	\$ 235,006	\$ 279,184
(Loss) gain on FFA's	(2,766)	2,869	103	57,746
Time charter, voyage and port				
terminal expenses	(39,530)	(91,806)	(131,336)	(180,026)
Direct vessel expenses	(3,137)	(5,650)	(8,787)	(8,224)
General and administrative expenses	(4,582)	(9,964)	(14,546)	(12,722)
Depreciation and amortization	(13,582)	(3,872)	(17,454)	(5,925)
Gain on sale of vessels	_	_	_	61
Interest income	1,163	1,350	2,513	789
Interest expense	(11,892)	(1,677)	(13,569)	(3,450)
Other income	52	1,426	1,478	374
Other expense	(226)	(757)	(983)	(1,438)
Income before equity in net earnings				
of affiliated companies	1,876	50,549	52,425	126,369
Equity in net earnings of affiliated				
companies	285	788		