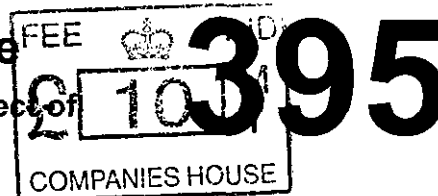


COMPANIES FORM No. 395

Particulars of a mortgage or charge



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A fee of £10 is payable to Companies House in respect of each register entry for a mortgage or charge.

Pursuant to section 395 of the Companies Act 1985

To the Registrar of Companies

For official use

Company number

(Address overleaf - Note 6)

Name of company

ASSOCIATED BULK CARRIERS plc (the "Company")

Date of creation of the charge

26 May 2000

Description of the instrument (if any) creating or evidencing the charge (note 2)

A Swaps Security Deed dated 26 May 2000 (the "Deed") and made between (i) the Company and (ii) Chase Manhattan International Limited (the "Chargee")

Amount secured by mortgage or charge

The "Secured Liabilities" being the aggregate of (a) the total principal amount of up to US\$210,000,000 advanced by the Lenders (as hereinafter defined) to the Company pursuant to a loan agreement dated 25 May 2000 made between the Company as borrower, the Lenders and Swap Banks listed in Schedule 1 thereto, Chase Manhattan plc as arranger (the "Arranger"), the Chargee as agent and the Chargee as security trustee (the "Loan Agreement") and interest thereon (and interest on any unpaid interest thereon and on any other sums of money on which interest is stated in the Loan Agreement to be payable) and fees payable under the Loan Agreement and (b) all other liabilities which the Company, the Security Parties (as hereinafter defined) or any of them have, at the date of the Deed or at any later time or times, to the Chargee or any other Creditor Party (as hereinafter defined) under or in connection with any Finance Document (as hereinafter defined) or the Master Agreements (as hereinafter defined) (other than in connection with a Transaction (continued)

Names and addresses of the mortgagees or persons entitled to the charge

Chase Manhattan International Limited

125 London Wall

London

Postcode

EC2Y 5AJ

Presenter's name address and reference (if any):

Watson, Farley & Williams
15 Appold Street
London EC2A 2HB

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The "Assigned Assets" being all rights and interests of every kind which the Company on the date of the Deed or at any later time has to, in or in connection with, the master agreement (on the 1992 ISDA (Multicurrency Crossborder Form) as amended) dated as of 26 May 2000 and made between the Company and The Bank of Nova Scotia (including any schedule thereto, any Transaction from time to time entered into and any Confirmation from time to time exchanged thereunder).

The Company has covenanted in the Deed that, subject only to the Security Interests created by the Deed and by the other Finance Documents, it will not:

(a) create, incur or permit to subsist any other Security Interest over the whole or any part of the Assigned Assets; or

(b) sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the Assigned Assets,

in any such case, without the prior consent of the Security Trustee.

Particulars as to commission allowance or discount (note 3)

N/A

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charge.
(See Note 6)

Signed

Watson, Farley & Williams

Date 8 June 2000

On behalf of ~~company~~ ~~mortgagee/chargee~~†

†delete as
appropriate

Notes

- 1 The original instrument (if any) creating or evidencing the charge, together with these prescribed particulars correctly completed must be delivered to the Registrar of Companies within 21 days after the date of creation of the charge (section 395). If the property is situated and the charge was created outside the United Kingdom delivery to the Registrar must be effected within 21 days after the date on which the instrument could in due course of post, and if dispatched with due diligence, have been received in the United Kingdom (section 398). A copy of the instrument creating the charge will be accepted where the property charged is situated and the charge was created outside the United Kingdom (section 398) and in such cases the copy must be verified to be a correct copy either by the company or by the person who has delivered or sent the copy to the registrar. The verification must be signed by or on behalf of the person giving the verification and where this is given by a body corporate it must be signed by an officer of that body. A verified copy will also be accepted where section 398(4) applies (property situate in Scotland or Northern Ireland) and Form No. 398 is submitted.
- 2 A description of the instrument, eg "Trust Deed", "Debenture", "Mortgage" or "Legal charge", etc, as the case may be, should be given.
- 3 In this section there should be inserted the amount or rate per cent. of the commission, allowance or discount (if any) paid or made either directly or indirectly by the company to any person in consideration of his
 - (a) subscribing or agreeing to subscribe, whether absolutely or conditionally, or
 - (b) procuring or agreeing to procure subscriptions, whether absolute or conditional,for any of the debentures included in this return. The rate of interest payable under the terms of the debentures should not be entered.
- 4 If any of the spaces in this form provide insufficient space the particulars must be entered on the prescribed continuation sheet.
- 5 Cheques and postal orders are to be made payable to **Companies House**
- 6 The address of the Registrar of Companies is:-

Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF4 3UZ, DX: 33050 Cardiff

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COMPANIES FORM No. 395 (Cont.) AND FORM No. 410 (Scot)(Cont.)
**Particulars of a mortgage or charge
(continued)**

Continuation sheet No 1
to Form No 395 and 410 (Scot)

Company number
3999163

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Name of company
ASSOCIATED BULK CARRIERS plc (the "Company")
limited

Description of the instrument relating or evidencing the mortgage or charge (continued) (note 2)

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which is not a Designated Transaction) or any judgment relating to any Finance Document or the Master Agreements (other than in connection with a Transaction which is not a Designated Transaction); and for this purpose, there shall be disregarded any total or partial discharge of these liabilities, or variation of their terms, which is effected by, or in connection with, any bankruptcy, liquidation, arrangement or other procedure under the insolvency laws of any country.

In this Form 395:

"Confirmation", in relation to any continuing Designated Transaction, has the meaning given in the relevant Master Agreement;

"Creditor Party" means the Chargee as agent, the Chargee as security trustee, the Arranger, any Lender or any Swap Bank, whether as at the date of the Loan Agreement or at any later time;

"Designated Transaction" means an Existing Transaction or a Transaction which fulfils the requirements set out in, and which has been designated as such pursuant to, the Loan Agreement;

"Existing Transactions" means each of:

(a) a Transaction dated 29 July 1998 between The Chase Manhattan Bank and Associated Bulk Carriers Limited, the obligations of which company pursuant to such Transaction are novated pursuant to a novation agreement dated 26 May 2000 so as to create a Transaction between The Chase Manhattan Bank aforesaid and the Company;

(b) a Transaction dated 4 August 1998 between The Chase Manhattan Bank and Associated Bulk Carriers Limited, the obligations of which company pursuant to such Transaction are novated pursuant to a novation agreement dated 26 May 2000 so as to create a Transaction between The Chase Manhattan Bank aforesaid and the Company;
and

(c) a Transaction dated 27 July 1998 between The Bank of Nova Scotia and Associated Bulk Carriers Limited, the obligations of which company pursuant to such Transaction are novated pursuant to a novation agreement dated 26 May 2000 so as to create a Transaction between The Bank of Nova Scotia aforesaid and the Company;

and in the singular means any of them;

"Finance Documents" means:

(a) the Loan Agreement;

(b) the agency and trust agreement dated the same date, and entered into between the same parties, as the Loan Agreement;

(c) in relation to each Ship, the first priority Bermudian ship mortgage on the Ship dated 26 May 2000 and executed by the Company in favour of the Chargee; (continued)

Names, addresses and descriptions of the mortgagees or persons entitled to the charge

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COMPANIES FORM No. 395 (Cont.) AND FORM No. 410 (Scot)(Cont.)
**Particulars of a mortgage or charge
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Continuation sheet No 2
to Form No 395 and 410 (Scot)

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Description of the instrument relating or evidencing the mortgage or charge (continued) (note 2)

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(d) in relation to each Ship, the deed of covenant dated 26 May 2000 and made between the Company and the Chargee creating charges over the Ship, its earnings, its insurances and any requisition compensation;

(e) the deed dated 26 May 2000 and made between the Company and the Chargee creating security in respect of certain accounts of the Company with The Chase Manhattan Bank;

(f) the deed dated 26 May 2000 and made between the Company and the Chargee creating a floating charge over the assets of the Company;

(g) in relation to each Master Agreement, the assignment dated 26 May 2000 and made between the Company and the Chargee (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Deed) in respect of the Company's rights under the Master Agreement; and

(h) any other document (whether creating a Security Interest or not) which is designated as a Finance Document by agreement between the Chargee and the Company;

"Master Agreement" means each master agreement (on the 1992 ISDA (Multicurrency - Crossborder) form) made between the Company and a Swap Bank pursuant to which any Designated Transactions are from time to time entered into and includes all such Designated Transactions and Confirmations from time to time exchanged under the relevant master agreement;

"Security Interest" means:

(a) a mortgage, charge (whether fixed or floating) or pledge, any maritime or other lien or any other security interest of any kind;

(b) the security rights of a plaintiff under an action in rem; and

(c) any arrangement entered into by a person (A) the effect of which is to place another person (B) in a position which is similar, in economic terms, to the position in which B would have been had he held a security interest over an asset of A; but this paragraph (c) does not apply to a right of set off or combination of accounts conferred by the standard terms of business of a bank or financial institution;

"Security Party" means any person (except a Creditor Party) who, as a surety or mortgagor, as a party to any subordination or priorities arrangement, or in any similar capacity, executes a document falling within the last paragraph of the definition of "Finance Documents";

"Ships" means the fifteen bulk carrier type vessels registered in the name of the Company with the names "ORMOND", "TAUNTON", "COTSWOLD", "ZETLAND", "WATERFORD", "YORK", "VINE", "ULLSWATER", "KILDARE", "MEYNELL", "NEWFOREST", "PYTCHLEY", "QUORN", "RUTLAND" and "SNOWDON" respectively and in the singular shall mean any of them; and

"Transaction" has the meaning given in each Master Agreement.

Names, addresses and descriptions of the mortgagees or persons entitled to the charge

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CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A MORTGAGE OR CHARGE

Pursuant to section 401(2) of the Companies Act 1985

COMPANY No. 03999163

THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT A SWAPS SECURITY DEED DATED THE 26th MAY 2000 AND CREATED BY ASSOCIATED BULK CARRIERS PLC FOR SECURING THE AGGREGATE OF (A) THE TOTAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO US\$ 210,000,000 ADVANCED BY THE LENDERS (AS DEFINED) TO THE COMPANY PURSUANT TO A LOAN AGREEMENT DATED 25 MAY 2000 AND (B) ALL OTHER LIABILITIES WHICH THE COMPANY, THE SECURITY PARTIES (AS DEFINED) OR ANY OF THEM HAVE TO CHASE MANHATTAN INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OR ANY OTHER CREDITOR PARTY (AS DEFINED) UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY FINANCE DOCUMENT (AS DEFINED) OR THE MASTER AGREEMENTS (AS DEFINED) WAS REGISTERED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1 PART XII OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 ON THE 9th JUNE 2000.

GIVEN AT COMPANIES HOUSE, CARDIFF THE 13th JUNE 2000.

L.c.

W.H.



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