UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of October 2019

Commission File Number: 001-34153

Global Ship Lease, Inc. (Translation of registrant's name into English)

c/o Global Ship Lease Services Limited 25 Wilton Road London SW1V 1LW United Kingdom (Address of principal executive office)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

On October 1, 2019, Global Ship Lease, Inc. (the "Company") closed its previously announced fully underwritten public offering (the "Offering") of 7,613,788 Class A common shares, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), including 993,102 Shares that were issued pursuant to the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares. B. Riley FBR, Inc. acted as sole book-running manager in the Offering.

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 1.1 is a copy of the Underwriting Agreement, dated September 26, 2019, between the Company and B. Riley FBR, Inc.

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release issued by the Company on September 24, 2019, announcing the launch of the Offering.

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.2 is a copy of the press release issued by the Company on September 26, 2019, announcing the pricing and upsizing of the Offering.

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.3 is a copy of the press release issued by the Company on October 1, 2019, announcing the closing of the Offering and the exercise of the underwriter's option to purchase additional Shares.

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.4 is a copy of the Registration Rights Agreement, dated October 1, 2019, among the Company, B. Riley Financial, Inc. and BRC Partners Opportunity Fund, LP, entered into in connection with the Offering.

The information contained in this Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-231509), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission with an effective date of May 28, 2019.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

GLOBAL SHIP LEASE, INC. (registrant)

Dated: October 3, 2019

By:

/s/ Ian J. Webber Ian J. Webber

Chief Executive Officer

Execution version

GLOBAL SHIP LEASE, INC.

Shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Underwriting Agreement

September 26, 2019

B. Riley FBR, Inc.
299 Park Avenue, 21st Floor New York, NY 10171

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Global Ship Lease, Inc., a company incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (the "<u>Company</u>"), proposes to issue and sell to B. Riley FBR, Inc., the sole underwriter (the "<u>Underwriter</u>"), an aggregate of 6,620,686 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "<u>Underwritten Shares</u>"). In addition, the Company proposes to issue and sell, at the option of the Underwriter, up to an additional 993,102 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Company (the "<u>Option Shares</u>"). The Underwritten Shares and the Option Shares are herein referred to as the "<u>Shares</u>". The shares of Class A Common Stock to be outstanding after giving effect to the sale of the Shares are referred to herein as the "<u>Stock</u>".

The Company hereby confirms its agreement with the Underwriter concerning the purchase and sale of the Shares, as follows:

1. Registration Statement. The Company has prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the "Securities Act"), a registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-233198), including a prospectus, relating to the Shares. Such registration statement, as amended at the time it became effective, including the information, if any, deemed pursuant to Rule 430A, 430B or 430C under the Securities Act to be part of the registration statement at the time of its effectiveness ("Rule 430 Information"), is referred to herein as the "Registration Statement"; and as used herein, the term "Preliminary Prospectus" means each prospectus included in such registration statement (and any amendments thereto) before effectiveness, any prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(a) under the Securities Act and the prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time of its effectiveness that omits Rule 430 Information, and the term "Prospectus" means the prospectus in the form first used (or made available upon request of purchasers pursuant to Rule 173 under the Securities Act) in connection with confirmation of sales of the Shares. If the Company has filed an abbreviated registration statement pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act (the "Rule 462 Registration Statement"), then any reference herein to the term "Registration Statement" shall be deemed to include such Rule 462 Registration Statement. Any reference in this underwriting agreement (this "Agreement") to the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 5 of Form F-1 under the Securities Act, as of the effective date of the Registration Statement or the date of such Preliminary Prospectus or the

Prospectus, as the case may be. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.

At or prior to the Applicable Time (as defined below), the Company had prepared the following information (collectively with the pricing information set forth on Annex A, if any, the "<u>Pricing Disclosure Package</u>"): a Preliminary Prospectus dated September 24, 2019 and each "free-writing prospectus" (as defined pursuant to Rule 405 under the Securities Act) listed on Annex A hereto; any "bona fide electronic roadshow," as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act.

"Applicable Time" means 4:15 P.M., New York City time, on September 26, 2019.

2. <u>Purchase of the Underwritten Shares</u>.

(a) On the basis of the Company representations, warranties and agreements set forth herein and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Company agrees to issue and sell the Underwritten Shares to the Underwriter as provided in this Agreement, and the Underwriter agrees to purchase at a price per share (the "<u>Purchase Price</u>") of \$6.78 from the Company the Underwritten Shares, *provided* that with respect to an aggregate of 168,968 Underwritten Shares allocated at the direction of the Company to certain members of management of the Company, the Underwriter shall purchase such Underwritten Shares at a purchase price of \$7.25 per Share.

In addition, on the basis of the Company representations, warranties and agreements set forth herein and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Company agrees to issue and sell the Option Shares to the Underwriter as <u>provided</u> in this Agreement, and the Underwriter shall have the option to purchase the Option Shares from the Company as <u>provided</u> in this Agreement, at the Purchase Price.

The Underwriter may exercise the option to purchase Option Shares at any time in whole, or from time to time in part, on or before the thirtieth day following the date of the Prospectus, by written notice from the Underwriter to the Company. Such notice shall set forth the aggregate number of Option Shares as to which the option is being exercised and the date and time when the Option Shares are to be delivered and paid for, which may be the same date and time as the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined) but shall not be earlier than the Closing Date nor later than the second business day (as hereinafter defined) after the date of such notice. Any such notice shall be given at least two business days prior to the date and time of delivery specified therein.

(b) The Company understands that the Underwriter intends to make a public offering of the Shares as soon after the effectiveness of this Agreement as in the judgment of the Underwriter is advisable, and initially to offer the Shares on the terms set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Underwriter may offer and sell Shares to or through any affiliate of the Underwriter.

(c) Payment for the Shares shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account specified by the Company in the case of the Underwritten Shares, at the offices of Seward & Kissel LLP at 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on October 1, 2019, or at such other time or place on the same or such other date as the Underwriter and the



Company may agree upon in writing or, in the case of the Option Shares, on the date and at the time and place specified by the Underwriter in the written notice of the Underwriter's election to purchase such Option Shares. The time and date of such payment for the Underwritten Shares is referred to herein as the "<u>Closing Date</u>", and the time and date for such payment for the Option Shares, if other than the Closing Date, is herein referred to as the "<u>Additional Closing Date</u>".

(d) Delivery to the Underwriter for the Shares to be purchased on such date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, shall be made against payment by the Underwriter for the Shares to be purchased on the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be. Any transfer taxes payable in connection with the sale of such Shares shall be duly paid by the Company. Delivery of the Shares shall be made through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company ("<u>DTC</u>") unless the Underwriter shall otherwise instruct.

(e) On the Closing Date, the Company and the Underwriter (or its affiliate nominee) shall execute and deliver a Registration Rights Agreement, in the form to be agreed by the parties, to provide certain registration rights with respect to the Underwriter's resale of the Shares under the Securities Act that are held by the Underwriter for its own account following the Closing Date.

(f) Provided that the Underwriter and/or its affiliates purchase and hold for their own account at least an aggregate of \$15.0 million of Shares as of the Closing Date, the Company agrees that the Board of Directors of the Company (the "<u>Board</u>") shall take all necessary actions, effective immediately following the Closing Date to (i) increase the size of the Board to nine members and (ii) nominate and appoint one individual selected by the Underwriter (the "<u>Appointee</u>") as a director of the Company to fill the vacancy so created, such Appointee to serve as a Term II director with an initial term expiring at the Company's 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders; it being understood that the Underwriter shall have the continuing right to select and nominate one such Appointee for so long as the Underwriter and/or its affiliates hold 5% or more of the Company's outstanding voting power; and provided further, that such Appointee shall not be a citizen or resident of the United States to the extent determined necessary by the Board in order to preserve the Company's status as a Foreign Private Issuer; and provided further, that in the event such individual selected or nominated by the Underwriter is not elected as a director of the Company by the shareholders, the Company shall take all necessary actions to ensure that another individual selected and nominated by the Underwriter will be nominated or appointed as a director.

(g) The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Underwriter is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length contractual counterparty to the Company with respect to the offering of Shares contemplated hereby (including in connection with determining the terms of the offering) and not as a financial advisor or a fiduciary to, or an agent of, the Company or any other person. Additionally, the Underwriter is not advising the Company or any other person as to any legal, tax, investment, accounting or regulatory matters in any jurisdiction. The Company shall consult with its own advisors concerning such matters and shall be responsible for making its own independent investigation and appraisal of the transactions contemplated hereby, and the Underwriter shall have no responsibility or liability to the Company with respect thereto. Any review by the Underwriter of the Company, the transactions contemplated hereby or

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other matters relating to such transactions will be performed solely for the benefit of the Underwriter and shall not be on behalf of the Company.

3. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company</u>. The Company represents and warrants to each Underwriter that:

(a) <u>Preliminary Prospectus</u>. No order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus has been issued by the Commission, and each Preliminary Prospectus included in the Pricing Disclosure Package, at the time of filing thereof, complied in all material respects with the Securities Act, and no Preliminary Prospectus, at the time of filing thereof, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; <u>provided</u> that the Company makes no representation or warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to the Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter expressly for use in any Preliminary Prospectus, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 7(b) hereof.

(b) <u>Pricing Disclosure Package</u>. The Pricing Disclosure Package as of the Applicable Time did not, and as of the Closing Date and as of the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; <u>provided</u> that the Company makes no representation or warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to the Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter expressly for use in such Pricing Disclosure Package, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 7(b) hereof.

(c) <u>Issuer Free Writing Prospectus</u>. Other than the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, the Company (including its agents and representatives, other than the Underwriter in its capacity as such) has not prepared, used, authorized, approved or referred to and will not prepare, use, authorize, approve or refer to any "written communication" (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) that constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the Shares (each such communication by the Company or its agents and representatives (other than a communication referred to in clause (i) below) an "<u>Issuer Free Writing Prospectus</u>") other than (i) any document not constituting a prospectus pursuant to Section 2(a)(10)(a) of the Securities Act or Rule 134 under the Securities Act or any document not constituting an offer pursuant to Rule 135 under the Securities Act and (ii) the documents listed on Annex A hereto, each electronic road show and any other written communications approved in writing in advance by the Underwriter, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Each such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus complies in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act, has been or will be (within the time period specified in Rule 433) filed in accordance with the Securities Act (to the extent required thereby) and does not conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Pricing Disclosure Package, and, when taken together with the Preliminary

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Prospectus accompanying, or delivered prior to delivery of, such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, did not, and as of the Closing Date and as of the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; <u>provided</u> that the Company makes no representation or warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in each such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or Preliminary Prospectus in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to the Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter expressly for use in such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 7(b) hereof.

(d) [Intentionally Omitted.]

Registration Statement and Prospectus. The Registration Statement has been declared effective by the (e) Commission. No order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued by the Commission, and, to the knowledge of the Company, no proceeding for that purpose or pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act against the Company or related to the offering of the Shares has been initiated or threatened by the Commission; as of the applicable effective date of the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, the Registration Statement and any such post-effective amendment complied and will comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act, and did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; and as of the date of the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto and as of the Closing Date and as of the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, the Prospectus will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that the Company makes no representation or warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to the Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter expressly for use in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 7(b) hereof.

(f) <u>Incorporated Documents</u>. The documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Pricing Disclosure Package, when they were filed with the Commission conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the "<u>Exchange Act</u>"), and none of such documents contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(g) <u>Financial Statements</u>. The financial statements (including the related notes thereto) of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus comply in all

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material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, as applicable, and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the results of their operations and the changes in their cash flows for the periods specified; such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("<u>GAAP</u>") applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods covered thereby, except in the case of the unaudited financial statements, which are subject to normal year-end adjustments and do not contain certain footnotes permitted by the applicable rules of the Commission; and any supporting schedules included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement present fairly, in all material respects, the information required to be stated therein; and the other historical financial information of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus has been derived from the accounting records of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries and presents fairly in all material respects the information shown thereby.

(h) <u>No Material Adverse Change</u>. Since the date of the most recent financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (i) there has not been any change in the capital stock, any material change in short-term debt or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, set aside for payment, paid or made by the Company on any class of capital stock, or any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the business, properties, management, financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; (ii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has entered into any transaction or agreement (whether or not in the ordinary course of business) that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; and (iii) neither the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; and (iii) neither the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; or contingent, that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; or contingent, that is either from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor disturbance or dispute or any action, order or decree of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority.

(i) Organization and Good Standing. The Company and each of its Significant Subsidiaries have been duly organized and are validly existing and in good standing under the laws of their respective jurisdictions of organization, are duly qualified to do business and are in good standing in each jurisdiction in which they are chartered or organized or the conduct of their respective businesses requires such qualification, and have all power and authority necessary to own or hold their respective properties and to conduct the businesses in which they are engaged, except where the failure to be so organized, existing, qualified or in good standing or have such power or authority would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, management, financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or on the performance by the Company of its obligations under this Agreement (a "<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>"). The Company does not own or control, directly or indirectly, any corporation, association or other entity other than the subsidiaries listed in Exhibit

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21.1 to the Registration Statement (the "<u>Significant Subsidiaries</u>"), except for subsidiaries that, considered in the aggregate as a single subsidiary, would not constitute a "significant subsidiary" (as defined in Rule 1.02 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act).

Capitalization. The Company has an authorized capitalization as set forth in the Registration Statement, the (i) Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the heading "Capitalization"; except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus: all the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable and are not subject to any preemptive or similar rights; except as described in or expressly contemplated by the Registration Statement, Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no outstanding rights (including, without limitation, pre-emptive rights), warrants or options to acquire, or instruments convertible into or exchangeable for, any shares of capital stock or other equity interest in the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any contract, commitment, agreement, understanding or arrangement of any kind relating to the issuance of any capital stock of the Company or any such subsidiary, any such convertible or exchangeable securities or any such rights, warrants or options; the capital stock of the Company conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and all the outstanding shares of capital stock or other equity interests of each subsidiary owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable (except as otherwise described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus), and are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of any lien, charge, encumbrance, security interest, restriction on voting or transfer or any other claim of any third party, in each case, other than as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(k) <u>Due Authorization</u>. The Company has full right, power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder; and all action required to be taken for the due and proper authorization, execution and delivery by it of this Agreement and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby has been duly and validly taken.

Company.

(l) <u>Underwriting Agreement</u>. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the

(m) <u>The Shares</u>. The Shares to be issued and sold by the Company hereunder have been duly authorized by the Company and, when issued and delivered and paid for as <u>provided</u> herein, will be duly authorized and validly issued, will be fully paid and nonassessable and will conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and the issuance of the Shares is not subject to any preemptive or similar rights.

(n) <u>No Violation or Default</u>. To the Company's knowledge, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents; (ii) in default, and no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute such a default, in the due performance or observance of any term,

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covenant or condition contained in any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any property or asset of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject; or (iii) in violation of any law or statute applicable to the Company or any subsidiary or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries, except, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, for any such default or violation that would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(o) <u>No Conflicts</u>. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement, the issuance and sale of the Shares by the Company and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not (i) conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, result in the termination, modification or acceleration of, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property, right or asset of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any property, right or asset of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, (ii) result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or (iii) result in the violation of any law or statute applicable to the Company or any subsidiary or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries, except, in the case of clauses (i) and (iii) above, for any such conflict, breach, violation, default, lien, charge or encumbrance that would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(p) <u>No Consents Required</u>. No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority is required for the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement, the issuance and sale of the Shares and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except for (i) the registration of the Shares under the Securities Act, (ii) such consents, approvals, authorizations, orders and registrations or qualifications as may be required by the New York Stock Exchange (the "<u>Exchange</u>"), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("<u>FINRA</u>") and under applicable state securities laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Shares by the Underwriter or (iii) such consents, approvals, authorizations, orders, licenses, registrations or qualifications as shall have been obtained or made prior to the Closing Date.

(q) <u>Legal Proceedings</u>. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no legal, governmental or regulatory investigations, actions, suits, arbitrations or proceedings ("<u>Actions</u>") pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any property of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, subsidiaries is the subject that, individually or in the aggregate, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse

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Effect; no such Actions are, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened or contemplated by any governmental or regulatory authority.

(r) <u>Independent Accountants</u>. PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. and PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit, who have certified certain financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, are each an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and as required by the Securities Act.

(s) <u>Title to Real and Personal Property</u>. The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title to, or have valid rights to lease or otherwise use, all items of real and personal property (including, without limitation, all rights, title and interest in insurances, freights and hires, and charters) that are material to the respective businesses of the Company and its subsidiaries, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims and defects and imperfections of title except those that (i) are otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (ii) do not materially interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and its subsidiaries or (iii) could not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(t) <u>Intellectual Property</u>. The Company and its subsidiaries own or possess, or can acquire on reasonable terms, all material patents, patent rights, licenses, inventions, copyrights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures), trademarks, service marks and trade names currently employed by them in connection with the business now operated by them, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any of the foregoing which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would have a Material Adverse Effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(u) <u>Investment Company Act</u>. The Company is not and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Shares and the application of the proceeds thereof received by the Company as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, will not be required to register as an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(v) <u>Taxes</u>. The Company and its subsidiaries have paid all federal, state, local and foreign taxes to the extent such taxes have become due and filed all tax returns required to be filed through the date hereof (except in any case in which failure to pay or file (as applicable) would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and except for any taxes being contested in good faith); and except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there is no tax deficiency that has been asserted against the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets (except for any tax deficiency that is currently being contested in good faith or as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect).

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(w) Licenses and Permits. The Company and its subsidiaries possess all licenses, sub-licenses, certificates, permits and other authorizations issued by, and have made all declarations and filings with, the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory authorities that are necessary for the ownership or lease of their respective properties or the conduct of their respective businesses as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except where the failure to possess or make the same would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; and except as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received notice of any revocation or modification of any such license, sub-license, certificate, permit or authorization or has any reason to believe that any such license, sub-license, certificate, permit or authorization will not be renewed in the ordinary course, in each case, except where such revocation or modification would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(x) <u>Vessel Certifications</u>. Each of the vessels owned by the Company or any of its subsidiaries is classed by any of Lloyd's Register, DNV-GL & RINA and American Bureau of Shipping or other classification society of recognized international standing and each such vessel is in class with valid class and trading certifications.

(y) <u>Vessel Registration</u>. Each of the vessels owned by the Company or any of its subsidiaries has been duly registered as a vessel under the laws and regulations and flag of the applicable jurisdiction in the sole ownership of the Company or such subsidiary (the "<u>Vessel Owner</u>"), no other action is necessary to establish and perfect such Vessel Owner's title to and interest in such vessel (the "<u>Owned Vessel</u>") as against any charterer or third party and each such Vessel Owner has good and marketable title to the Owned Vessel, free and clear of all mortgages, pledges, liens, security interests and claims and all defects of the title of record except as set forth in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and each such Owned Vessel is, as of the date hereof, in good standing with respect to the payment of past and current taxes, fees and other amounts payable under the laws of the jurisdiction where it is registered as would affect its registry with the ship registry of such jurisdiction except for failures to be in good standing which would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(z) <u>No Labor Disputes</u>. No labor disturbance by or dispute with employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is contemplated or threatened, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by, or dispute with, the employees of any of its or its subsidiaries' principal suppliers, contractors or customers, except in each case as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of cancellation or termination with respect to any collective bargaining agreement to which it is a party.

(aa) <u>Certain Environmental Matters</u>. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (i) the Company and its subsidiaries (x) are, and have at all times been, in compliance with all, and have not violated any, applicable federal, state, local and foreign laws (including common law), rules, regulations, requirements, decisions, judgments, decrees, orders and other legally enforceable requirements

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relating to pollution or the protection of human health or safety, the environment, natural resources, hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants, including, without limitation, the International Maritime Organization's International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and Pollution Prevention, the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships and the Maritime Labor Convention (collectively, "Environmental Laws"); (y) have received and are, and have at all times been, in compliance with all, and have not violated any, applicable permits, licenses, certificates or other authorizations or approvals required of them under any Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses; and (z) have not received notice of any actual or potential liability or obligation under or relating to, or any actual or potential violation of, any Environmental Laws, including for the investigation or remediation of any disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants, and have no knowledge of any event or condition that would reasonably be expected to result in any such notice, and (ii) there are no costs or liabilities associated with Environmental Laws, or concerning hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants, of or relating to the Company or its subsidiaries, except in the case of each of (i) and (ii) above, for any such matter as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (iii) except as described in each of the Registration Statement, Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (x) there is no proceeding that is pending, or that is known to be contemplated, against the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any Environmental Laws in which a governmental entity is also a party, other than such proceeding regarding which it is reasonably believed no monetary sanctions of \$100,000 or more will be imposed, (y) the Company and its subsidiaries are not aware of any facts or issues regarding compliance with Environmental Laws, or liabilities or other obligations under Environmental Laws or concerning hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants, that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position of the Company and its subsidiaries, and (z) none of the Company or its subsidiaries anticipates material capital expenditures relating to any Environmental Laws.

(bb) The Company and its subsidiaries do not maintain any "employee benefit plans" (within the meaning of <u>Section 3(3)</u> of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("**ERISA**")) subject to Title I of ERISA.

(cc) <u>Disclosure Controls</u>. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries maintain an effective system of "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act). Such disclosure controls and procedures are designed to comply with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, including controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company and its subsidiaries have carried out evaluations of the effectiveness of their disclosure controls and procedures as required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act.

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(dd) Accounting Controls. The Company and its subsidiaries maintain systems of "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that are designed to comply with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and have been designed by, or under the supervision of, their respective principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP. The Company and its subsidiaries maintain internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. Since the end of the Company's most recent audited fiscal year, there has been (i) no material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (ii) no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

(ee) Insurance. (i) The Company and each of its subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; (ii) all policies of insurance and fidelity or surety bonds insuring the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective businesses, assets (including vessels), employees, officers and directors are in full force and effect; (iii) the Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with the terms of such policies and instruments; (iv) there are no claims by the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any such policy or instrument as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause that are reasonably expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries have been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and (v) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business.

(ff) <u>Cyber Security; Data Protection</u>. The Company and its subsidiaries' information technology assets and equipment, computers, systems, networks, hardware, software, websites, applications, and databases (collectively, "<u>IT Systems</u>") are adequate for, and operate and perform in all material respects as required in connection with, the operation of the business of the Company and the subsidiaries as currently conducted, to the Company's knowledge, free and clear of all material bugs, errors, defects, Trojan horses, time bombs, malware and other corruptants. The Company and its subsidiaries have implemented and maintained commercially reasonable controls, policies, procedures, and safeguards to maintain and protect their material confidential information and the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of all IT Systems and data (including all personal, personally identifiable, sensitive, confidential or regulated data ("<u>Personal Data</u>")) used in connection with their businesses, and there have been no breaches, violations, outages or unauthorized uses of or accesses to same, except for those that have been remedied without material cost or liability or

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the duty to notify any other person, nor any incidents under internal review or investigations relating to the same. The Company and its subsidiaries are presently in compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Personal Data and to the protection of such IT Systems and Personal Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(gg) <u>No Unlawful Payments</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor any director or officer of the Company nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any employee of the Company or any director or officer of its subsidiaries or any agent, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; (ii) made or taken an act in furtherance of an offer, promise or authorization of any direct or indirect unlawful payment or benefit to any foreign or domestic government official or employee, including of any government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for political office; (iii) violated or is in violation of any applicable provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, or any applicable law or regulation implementing the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions, or committed an offence under the Bribery Act 2010 of the United Kingdom or any other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption law; or (iv) made, offered, agreed, requested or taken an act in furtherance of any unlawful bribe or other unlawful benefit, including, without limitation, any rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful or improper payment or benefit. The Company and its subsidiaries have instituted, maintain and enforce policies and procedures designed to promote and ensure compliance with all applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws.

(hh) <u>Compliance with Anti-Money Laundering Laws</u>. The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in material compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the applicable money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions where the Company or any of its subsidiaries conducts business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "<u>Anti-Money Laundering Laws</u>") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(ii) <u>No Conflicts with Sanctions Laws</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries, directors or officers, nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any employee of the Company or any subsidiary or any agent, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently the target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. government, (including, without limitation, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("<u>OFAC</u>") or the U.S. Department of State and including, without limitation, the designation as a "specially designated national" or "blocked

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person"), the United Nations Security Council ("<u>UNSC</u>"), the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury ("<u>HMT</u>") or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "<u>Sanctions</u>"), nor is the Company or any of its subsidiaries located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the target of Sanctions, including Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria and Crimea (each, a "<u>Sanctioned Country</u>"); and the Company will not knowingly directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering of the Shares hereunder, or lend, contribute or otherwise knowingly make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity (i) to knowingly fund or facilitate any activities of or business with any person that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the target of Sanctions or (ii) to knowingly fund or facilitate any activities of or business in any Sanctioned Country. For the past five years, the Company and its subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in and are not now knowingly engaged in any dealings or transactions with any person that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the target of Sanctions or with any Sanctioned Country in violation of applicable Sanctions.

(jj) <u>No Restrictions on Subsidiaries</u>. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, no subsidiary of the Company is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, under any agreement or other instrument to which it is a party or is subject, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such subsidiary's capital stock or similar ownership interest, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such subsidiary's properties or assets to the Company or any other subsidiary of the Company.

(kk) <u>No Broker's Fees</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is a party to any contract, agreement or understanding with any person (other than this Agreement) that would give rise to a valid claim against any of them or the Underwriter for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or like payment in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares.

(ll) <u>No Registration Rights</u>. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, no person has the right to require the Company or any of its subsidiaries to register any securities for sale under the Securities Act by reason of the filing of the Registration Statement with the Commission, the issuance and sale of the Shares by the Company.

(mm) <u>No Stabilization</u>. The Company has not taken, directly or indirectly, without giving effect to activities of the Underwriter, as to which the Company makes no representation, any action designed to or that would reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Shares.

(nn) <u>Forward-Looking Statements</u>. No forward-looking statement (within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act) included in any of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus has been made or reaffirmed without a reasonable basis or has been disclosed other than in good faith.

(oo) <u>Statistical and Market Data</u>. Nothing has come to the attention of the Company that has caused the Company to believe that the statistical and market-related data included in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the

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Prospectus is not based on or derived from sources that are reliable and accurate in all material respects.

(pp) <u>Sarbanes-Oxley Act</u>. There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or, to the knowledge of the Company, any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply in all material respects with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith (the "<u>Sarbanes-Oxley Act</u>"), that are in effect and which are applicable to the Company, including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications.

(qq) <u>Status under the Securities Act</u>. At the time of filing the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the earliest time thereafter that the Company or any offering participant made a bona fide offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) under the Securities Act) of the Shares and at the date hereof, the Company was not and is not an "ineligible issuer," as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

(rr) <u>No Ratings</u>. There are (and prior to the Closing Date, will be) no debt securities or preferred stock issued or guaranteed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries that are rated by a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization", as such term is defined under Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act, other than the Company's 9.875% First Priority Secured Notes due 2022.

(ss) <u>Exchange Listing</u>. The Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company is listed on the Exchange.

4. <u>Further Agreements of the Company</u>. The Company covenants and agrees with the Underwriter that:

(a) <u>Required Filings</u>. The Company will file the final Prospectus with the Commission within the time periods specified by Rule 424(b) and Rule 430A under the Securities Act; the Company will file any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to the extent required by Rule 433 under the Securities Act; and the Company will furnish copies of the Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (to the extent not previously delivered) to the Underwriter in New York City prior to 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on the business day next succeeding the date of this Agreement in such quantities as the Underwriter may reasonably request.

(b) <u>Delivery of Copies</u>. The Company will deliver, if requested by the Underwriter, without charge, (i) to the Underwriter, two signed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto, in each case including all exhibits and consents filed therewith and documents incorporated by reference therein; and (ii) to the Underwriter (A) a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto (without exhibits) and (B) during the Prospectus Delivery Period (as defined below), as many copies of the Prospectus (including all amendments and supplements thereto and documents incorporated by reference therein and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus) as the Underwriter may reasonably request. As used herein, the term "<u>Prospectus Delivery Period</u>" means such period of time after the first date of the public offering of the Shares as in the

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opinion of counsel for the Underwriter a prospectus relating to the Shares is required by law to be delivered (or required to be delivered but for Rule 172 under the Securities Act) in connection with sales of the Shares by the Underwriter or dealer.

(c) <u>Amendments or Supplements, Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses</u>. Before using, authorizing, approving, referring to or filing any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and before filing any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, the Company will furnish to the Underwriter and counsel for the Underwriter a copy of the proposed Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, amendment or supplement for review and will not use, authorize, approve, refer to or file any such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which the Underwriter reasonably objects in a timely manner.

Notice to the Underwriter. The Company will advise the Underwriter promptly, and confirm such advice in (d) writing (which may be by electronic mail) (i) when any amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective; (ii) when any supplement to the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or any amendment to the Prospectus has been filed or distributed; (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or the receipt of any comments from the Commission relating to the Registration Statement or any other request by the Commission for any additional information; (iv) of the issuance by the Commission or any other governmental or regulatory authority of any order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus, any of the Pricing Disclosure Package, the Prospectus or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding, if the Company gains knowledge of such proceeding, for that purpose or pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act; (v) of the occurrence of any event or development within the Prospectus Delivery Period as a result of which the Prospectus, any of the Pricing Disclosure Package, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package, or any such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading; and (vi) of the receipt by the Company of any notice with respect to any suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offer and sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose, if the Company gains knowledge of such proceeding; and the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus, any of the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or suspending any such qualification of the Shares and, if any such order is issued, will use its reasonable best efforts to obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal thereof

(e) <u>Ongoing Compliance</u>. (1) If during the Prospectus Delivery Period (i) any event or development shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with applicable law, the Company will promptly notify the Underwriter thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (c)

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above, file with the Commission and furnish to the Underwriter and to such dealers as the Underwriter may designate, such amendments or supplements to the Prospectus (or any document to be filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference therein) as may be necessary so that the statements in the Prospectus (or any document to be filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference therein) as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Prospectus will comply with applicable law and (2) if at any time prior to the Closing Date (i) any event or development shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which the Pricing Disclosure Package as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Pricing Disclosure Package is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Pricing Disclosure Package to comply with applicable law, the Company will promptly notify the Underwriter thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (c) above, file with the Commission (to the extent required) and furnish to the Underwriter and to such dealers as the Underwriter may designate, such amendments or supplements to the Pricing Disclosure Package as may be necessary so that the statements in the Pricing Disclosure Package as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances existing when the tercements in the Pricing Disclosure Package (or any document to be filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference therein) is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Pricing Disclosure Package will comply with applicable law.

(f) <u>Blue Sky Compliance</u>. If required by applicable law, the Company will qualify the Shares for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions as the Underwriter shall reasonably request and will continue such qualifications in effect so long as required for distribution of the Shares; <u>provided</u> that the Company shall not be required to (i) qualify as a foreign corporation or other entity or as a dealer in securities in any such jurisdiction where it would not otherwise be required to so qualify, (ii) file any general consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction or (iii) subject itself to taxation in any such jurisdiction if it is not otherwise so subject.

(g) <u>Earning Statement</u>. The Company will make generally available to its security holders and the Underwriter as soon as practicable an earnings statement that satisfies the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 of the Commission promulgated thereunder covering a period of at least twelve months beginning with the first fiscal quarter of the Company occurring after the "effective date" (as defined in Rule 158) of the Registration Statement

(h) <u>Clear Market</u>. For a period of 90 days after the date of the Prospectus, the Company will not (i) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, or file with the Commission a registration statement under the Securities Act relating to, any shares of Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Stock, or publicly disclose the intention to make any offer, sale, pledge, disposition or filing, or (ii) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Stock or any such other securities, whether any such transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to

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be settled by delivery of Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the Underwriter, other than (1) the Shares to be sold hereunder, (2) any shares of Stock of the Company awarded, issued upon the exercise of options or purchase rights, issued upon vesting of equity awards and/or settlement of other awards granted under the Company's equity incentive plan, (3) the grant of stock options, restricted stock awards, restrictive stock units or any other awards under the Company's equity incentive plan, (4) the filing by the Company of registration statements on Form S-8 with respect to benefit plans described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (5) the issuance of shares of Class A Common Stock upon the exercise of an option or warrant or the conversion of a security outstanding, including the shares of Series C Preferred Stock of the Company as of the date hereof and (6) the filing of a registration statement by the Company in accordance with its obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement to which it is a party, dated October 28, 2019.

(i) <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. The Company intends to apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Shares as described in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the heading "Use of Proceeds".

(j) <u>No Stabilization</u>. The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, without giving effect to activities by the Underwriter, as to which the Company makes no representation, any action designed to or that would reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Stock.

(k) <u>Reports</u>. For a period of one year from the date of this Agreement, so long as the Company is subject to the reporting requirements of either Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the Company will furnish to the Underwriter, as soon as commercially reasonable after they are available, copies of all reports or other communications (financial or other) furnished to holders of the Shares, and copies of any reports and financial statements furnished to or filed with the Commission or any national securities exchange or automatic quotation system; <u>provided</u> the Company will be deemed to have furnished such reports and financial statements to the Underwriter to the extent they are filed on the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval system or any successor system.

(1) <u>Record Retention</u>. The Company will, pursuant to reasonable procedures developed in good faith, retain copies of each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 433 under the Securities Act.

5. <u>Certain Agreements of the Underwriter</u>. The Underwriter hereby represents and agrees that:

(a) It has not and will not use, authorize use of, refer to or participate in the planning for use of, any "free writing prospectus", as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act (which term includes use of any written information furnished to the Commission by the Company and not incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and any press release issued by the Company) other than (i) a free writing prospectus that contains no "issuer information" (as defined in Rule 433(h)(2) under the Securities Act) that was not included (including through incorporation by reference) in the Preliminary Prospectus or a previously

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filed Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, (ii) any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus listed on Annex A or prepared pursuant to Section 3(c) or Section 4(c) above (including any electronic road show approved in advance by the Company), or (iii) any free writing prospectus prepared by such underwriter and approved by the Company in advance in writing (each such free writing prospectus referred to in clauses (i) or (iii), an "<u>Underwriter Free Writing Prospectus</u>").

(b) It has not used, and will not use without the prior written consent of the Company, any free writing prospectus that contains the final terms of the Shares unless such terms have previously been included in a free writing prospectus filed with the Commission.

(c) It is not subject to any pending proceeding under Section 8A of the Securities Act with respect to the offering (and will promptly notify the Company if any such proceeding against it is initiated during the Prospectus Delivery Period).

6. <u>Conditions of Underwriter's Obligations</u>. The obligation of the Underwriter to purchase the Underwritten Shares on the Closing Date or the Option Shares on the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, as provided herein is subject to the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:

(a) <u>Registration Compliance; No Stop Order</u>. No order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall be in effect, and no proceeding for such purpose or pursuant to Section 8A under the Securities Act shall be pending before or threatened by the Commission; the Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall have been timely filed with the Commission under the Securities Act (in the case of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, to the extent required by Rule 433 under the Securities Act) and in accordance with Section 4(a) hereof; and all requests by the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of the Underwriter.

(b) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The representations and warranties of the Company contained herein shall be true and correct on the date hereof and on and as of the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be; and the statements of the Company and its officers made in any certificates delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall be true and correct on and as of the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be.

(c) <u>No Material Adverse Change</u>. No event or condition of a type described in <u>Section 3(h)</u> hereof shall have occurred or shall exist, which event or condition is not described in the Pricing Disclosure Package (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto) and the Prospectus (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto) and the effect of which in the judgment of the Underwriter makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering, sale or delivery of the Shares on the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, on the terms and in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(d) <u>Officer's Certificate</u>. The Underwriter shall have received on and as of the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, a certificate, on behalf of the

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Company, of an executive officer of the Company, (i) confirming that such officers have carefully reviewed the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and, to the knowledge of such officers, the representations of the Company set forth in <u>Sections 3(b)</u> hereof are true and correct, (ii) confirming that the other representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement are true and correct and that the Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, and (iii) to the effect set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) above.

(e) <u>Comfort Letters</u>. On the date of this Agreement and on the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. and PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit shall have furnished to the Underwriter, at the request of the Company, letters, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof and addressed to the Underwriter, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriter, containing statements and information of the type customarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; <u>provided</u>, that the letters delivered on the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, shall use a "cut-off" date no more than three business days prior to such Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be.

(f) <u>Opinion and 10b-5 Statement of Counsel for the Company</u>. Seward & Kissel LLP, counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to the Underwriter, at the request of the Company, their written opinion and 10b-5 statement, dated the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, and addressed to the Underwriter, in form and substance to be agreed by the parties.

(g) <u>Opinion of Local Counsel</u>. The Underwriter shall have received on and as of the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, an opinion of Seward & Kissel LLP, Marshall Islands corporate counsel for the Company, with respect to such matters as the Underwriter may reasonably request, in form and substance to be agreed by the parties.

(h) <u>No Legal Impediment to Issuance and/or Sale</u>. No action shall have been taken and no statute, rule, regulation or order shall have been enacted, adopted or issued by any federal, state or foreign governmental or regulatory authority that would, as of the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, prevent the issuance or sale of the Shares by the Company; and no injunction or order of any federal, state or foreign court shall have been issued that would, as of the Closing Date, as the case may be, prevent the issuance that would, as of the Closing Date, as the case may be, prevent the issuance or sale of the Shares by the Company.

(i) <u>Good Standing</u>. The Underwriter shall have received on and as of the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, satisfactory evidence of the good standing of the Company and its subsidiaries in their respective jurisdictions of organization and their good standing in such other jurisdictions as the Underwriter may reasonably request, in each case in writing or any standard form of telecommunication from the appropriate governmental authorities of such jurisdictions.

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(j) <u>Exchange Listing</u>. The Shares to be delivered on the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, shall have been approved for listing on the Exchange, subject to notice of issuance.

(k) <u>Lock-up Agreements</u>. The "lock-up" agreements, each substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, between the Underwriter and certain shareholders, officers and directors of the Company relating to sales and certain other disposition of shares of Stock or certain other securities, shall be delivered to the Underwriter on or before the date hereof and shall be in full force and effect on the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be.

(l) <u>Kelso Letter Agreement</u>. As of the date hereof, the Representative shall have received a fully executed copy of the Letter Agreement by and between the Company, KIA VIII (Newco Marine) Ltd. and KEP VI (Newco Marine) Ltd.

(m) <u>Additional Documents</u>. On or prior to the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, the Company shall have furnished to the Underwriter such further certificates and documents as the Underwriter may reasonably request.

All opinions, letters, certificates and evidence mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions hereof only if they are in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriter.

7. <u>Indemnification and Contribution</u>.

Indemnification of the Underwriter by the Company. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless (a) the Underwriter, its affiliates, directors and officers and each person, if any, who controls the Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, out-of-pocket legal fees and other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any suit, action or proceeding or any claim asserted, as such fees and expenses are incurred), joint or several, that arise out of, or are based upon, (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, not misleading, or (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any "issuer information" filed or required to be filed pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act, any road show as defined in Rule 433(h) under the Securities Act (a "road show") or any Pricing Disclosure Package (including any Pricing Disclosure Package that has subsequently been amended), or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case except insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with any information relating the Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter expressly for use therein,

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it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such in subsection (b) below.

(b) Indemnification of the Company. Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, its officers who signed the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act to the same extent as the indemnity set forth in paragraph (a) above, but only with respect to any losses, claims, damages or liabilities that arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with any information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any road show or any Pricing Disclosure Package (including any Pricing Disclosure Package that has subsequently been amended), it being understood and agreed upon that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the following information in the Prospectus furnished on behalf of the Underwriter: the information contained in the ninth paragraph relating to stabilizing transactions under the caption "Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)" and the information contained in the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth paragraph relating to conflicts of interest under the caption "Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)".

Notice and Procedures. If any suit, action, proceeding (including any governmental or regulatory (c) investigation), claim or demand shall be brought or asserted against any person in respect of which indemnification may be sought pursuant to the preceding paragraphs of this Section 7, such person (the "Indemnified Person") shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnification may be sought (the "Indemnifying Person") in writing; provided that the failure to notify the Indemnifying Person shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have under the preceding paragraphs of this Section 7 except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced (through the forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses) by such failure; and provided further that the failure to notify the Indemnifying Person shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have to an Indemnified Person otherwise than under the preceding paragraphs of this Section 7. If any such proceeding shall be brought or asserted against an Indemnified Person and it shall have notified the Indemnifying Person thereof, the Indemnifying Person shall be entitled to participate therein, and to the extent it wishes, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Person (who shall not, without the consent of the Indemnified Person, be counsel to the Indemnifying Person) to represent the Indemnified Person in such proceeding and shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel related to such proceeding promptly and, after notice from the Indemnifying Person to such Indemnified Person of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the Indemnifying Person shall not be liable to such Indemnified Person under the preceding paragraphs of this Section 7, as the case may be, for any legal expenses of other counsel or any other expenses, in each case subsequently incurred by such Indemnified Person, in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation. In any such proceeding, any Indemnified Person shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the reasonably incurred fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Indemnified Person unless (i) the Indemnifying Person and the Indemnified Person shall have mutually agreed to the contrary; (ii) the Indemnifying Person has

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failed within a reasonable time to retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Person; (iii) the Indemnified Person shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it that are different from or in addition to those available to the Indemnifying Person: or (iv) the named parties in any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the Indemnifying Person and the Indemnified Person and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interest between them. It is understood and agreed that the Indemnifying Person shall not, in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Indemnified Persons, and that all such fees and expenses shall be paid or reimbursed promptly. Any such separate firm for the Underwriter, its affiliates, directors and officers and any control persons of the Underwriter shall be designated in writing by the Underwriter and any such separate firm for the Company, its directors, its officers who signed the Registration Statement and any control persons of the Company shall be designated in writing by the Company. The Indemnifying Person shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the Indemnifying Person agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. No Indemnifying Person shall, without the written consent of the Indemnified Person (which shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), effect any settlement of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which any Indemnified Person is or could have been a party and indemnification could have been sought hereunder by such Indemnified Person, unless such settlement (x) includes an unconditional release of such Indemnified Person, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such Indemnified Person, from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding and (y) does not include any statement as to or any admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any Indemnified Person.

Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in paragraphs (a) and (b) above is unavailable to an (d) Indemnified Person or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to therein, then each Indemnifying Person under such paragraph, in lieu of indemnifying such Indemnified Person thereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Person as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriter, on the other, from the offering of the Shares or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriter, on the other, in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriter, on the other, shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds (after deducting underwriting discounts and commission but before deducting expenses) received by the Company from the sale of the Shares and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriter in connection therewith, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate offering price of the Shares. The relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriter, on the other, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged

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untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or by the Underwriter and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

(e) <u>Limitation on Liability</u>. The Company and the Underwriter agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to paragraph (d) above were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in paragraph (d) above. The amount paid or payable by an Indemnified Person as a result of the losses, claims, damages and liabilities referred to in paragraph (d) above shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Indemnified Person in connection with any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e), in no event shall the Underwriter be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriter with respect to the offering of the Shares exceeds the amount of any damages that the Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(f) <u>Non-Exclusive Remedies</u>. The remedies provided for in this Section 7 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies which may otherwise be available to any Indemnified Person at law or in equity.

8. <u>Effectiveness of Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery hereof by the parties hereto.

9. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated in the absolute discretion of the Underwriter, by notice to the Company, if after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and on or prior to the Closing Date or, in the case of the Option Shares, prior to the Additional Closing Date (i) trading generally shall have been suspended or materially limited on or by any of the New York Stock Exchange or The Nasdaq Stock Market; (ii) trading of any securities issued or guaranteed by the Company shall have been suspended on any exchange or in any over-the-counter market; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities shall have been declared by federal or New York State authorities; or (iv) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities or any change in financial markets or any calamity or crisis, either within or outside the United States, that, in the judgment of the Underwriter, is material and adverse and makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering, sale or delivery of the Shares on the Closing Date or the Additional Closing Date, as the case may be, on the terms and in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

10. <u>Payment of Expenses</u>.

(a) Whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, the Company will pay or cause to be paid all

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costs and expenses incident to the performance of its obligations hereunder, including without limitation, (i) the costs incident to the authorization, issuance, sale, preparation and delivery of the Shares and any taxes payable in that connection; (ii) the costs incident to the preparation, printing and filing under the Securities Act of the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (including all exhibits, amendments and supplements thereto) and the distribution thereof; (iii) the fees and expenses of the Company's counsel and independent accountants; (iv) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the registration or qualification and determination of eligibility for investment of the Shares under the laws of such jurisdictions as the Underwriter may reasonably designate and, if required, the preparation, printing and distribution of a Blue Sky Memorandum (including the reasonably incurred fees and expenses of counsel for the Underwriter related thereto); (v) the cost of preparing stock certificates; (vi) the costs and charges of any transfer agent and any registrar; (vii) all expenses and application fees incurred in connection with any filing with, and clearance of the offering by, FINRA; (viii) all expenses and application fees related to the listing of the Shares on the Exchange; (ix) all reasonable out-ofpocket accountable expenses actually incurred by the Underwriter, including, without limitation, legal fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriter, provided that the Company shall not be required to reimburse the legal fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriter in excess of \$85,000 with respect to the offering; (x) all costs of background investigations, and (xi) all of the travel and lodging expenses of the Company or the Underwriter and any of their employees incurred by them in connection with any "road show" presentation to potential investors.

(b) If (i) this Agreement is terminated pursuant to clause (ii) of Section 9, (ii) the Company for any reason fails to tender the Shares required to be tendered by it or on its behalf pursuant to this Agreement for delivery to the Underwriter other than as a result of a termination pursuant to clause (i), (iii) or (iv) of Section 9 or (iii) the Underwriter declines to purchase the Shares for any reason permitted under this Agreement (other than as a result of a termination pursuant to clause (i), (iii) or (iv) of Section 9), the Company agrees to reimburse the Underwriter for all out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of their counsel) reasonably incurred and documented by the Underwriter in connection with this Agreement and the offering contemplated hereby.

11. <u>Persons Entitled to Benefit of Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the officers and directors and any controlling persons referred to herein, and the affiliates of the Underwriter. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any other person any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision contained herein. No purchaser of Shares from the Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor merely by reason of such purchase.

12. <u>Survival</u>. The respective indemnities, rights of contribution, representations, warranties and agreements of the Company and the Underwriter contained in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of the Company or the Underwriter pursuant to this Agreement or any certificate delivered pursuant hereto shall survive the delivery of and payment for the Shares and shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any termination of this Agreement or any investigation made by or on behalf of the Company or the Underwriter.

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13. <u>Certain Defined Terms</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, (a) except where otherwise expressly provided, the term "<u>affiliate</u>" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act; (b) the term "<u>business day</u>" means any day other than a day on which banks are permitted or required to be closed in New York City; and (c) the term "<u>subsidiary</u>" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

14. <u>Compliance with USA Patriot Act</u>. In accordance with the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the Underwriter is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies its clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of its clients, as well as other information that will allow the Underwriter to properly identify its clients.

15. <u>Miscellaneous</u>.

(a) <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted and confirmed by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriter shall be given to B. Riley FBR, Inc., 299 Park Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10171, Attention: General Counsel. Notices to the Company shall be given to Ian J. Webber, Chief Executive Officer, Global Ship Lease, Inc., 25 Wilton Road, London SW1V 1LW, United Kingdom.

(b) <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related to this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be performed in such state.

(c) <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. Each of the parties hereto hereby waives any right to trial by jury in any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

(d) <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts (which may include counterparts delivered by any standard form of telecommunication), each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

(e) <u>Amendments or Waivers</u>. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement, nor any consent or approval to any departure therefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

(f) <u>Headings</u>. The headings herein are included for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be part of, or to affect the meaning or interpretation of, this Agreement.

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If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, please indicate your acceptance of this Agreement by signing in the space provided below.

Very truly yours,

GLOBAL SHIP LEASE, INC.

By: /s/ Ian J. Webber

Name: Ian J. Webber Title: Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page – Underwriting Agreement]

Accepted: As of the date first written above

B. RILEY FBR, INC.

By:	/s/ Patrice McNicoll	
	Name:	Patrice McNicoll
	Title:	Co-Head of Investment Banking

[Signature Page – Underwriting Agreement]

Pricing Information Provided Orally by Underwriter

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Underwritten Shares: 6,620,686, which includes 168,968 Shares sold to management members of the Company ("Management Shares").

Option Shares: 993,102

Public Offering Price per Share: \$7.25

Purchase Price of Management Shares: \$7.25 per Share.

Trade Date: September 27, 2019

Settlement Date: October 1, 2019

_____, 2019

B. Riley & Co. FBR, Inc. As the sole underwriter named In the Underwriting Agreement referred to below 299 Park Avenue, 21st Floor New York, NY 10171

Dear Madam/Sir:

As an inducement to B. Riley FBR, Inc. (the "Underwriter") to execute an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") providing for the public offering (the "Offering") of Class A common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, (the "Common Stock"), of Global Ship Lease, Inc. a Marshall Islands corporation, and any successor (by merger or otherwise) thereto (the "*Company*"), the undersigned hereby agrees that without, in each case, the prior written consent of the Underwriter, during the period commencing on the date of this Lock-Up Agreement and continuing to and including the 90th day after the date of the Underwriting Agreement (the "Lock-Up Period"), the undersigned will not (1) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, make any short sale or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into, exercisable or exchangeable for or that represent the right to receive Common Stock (including without limitation, Common Stock which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the undersigned in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and securities which may be issued upon exercise of a stock option or warrant) whether now owned or hereafter acquired (the "Securities"); (2) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the undersigned's Securities, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise; (3) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any Common Stock or any security convertible into or exercisable for Common Stock; or (4) publicly disclose the intention to do any of the foregoing. The foregoing restrictions are expressly agreed to and preclude the undersigned from engaging in any hedging or other transaction which is designed to or which reasonably could be expected to lead to or result in a sale or disposition of the undersigned's Securities even if such Securities would be disposed of by someone other than the undersigned. Such prohibited hedging or other transactions would include without limitation any short sale or any purchase, sale or grant of any right (including without limitation any put or call option) with respect to any of the undersigned's Securities or with respect to any security that includes, relates to, or derives any significant part of its value from such Securities.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, the undersigned may transfer the undersigned's Securities (i) as a *bona fide* gift or gifts; (ii) by will or intestate succession; (iii) if the undersigned is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust or other business entity and (1) transfers to another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust or other business entity that is a direct or indirect affiliate or (2) distributes shares of Common Stock or any security convertible into or exercisable for Common Stock to limited partners, limited liability company members or stockholders of the undersigned; or (iv) if the undersigned is a trust, transfers to the beneficiary of such trust; *provided*, in each case, that (x) such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value, (y) the transferee agrees in writing with the Underwriter to be bound by the terms of this Lock-Up Agreement and (z) no filing by any party under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("*Exchange Act*") shall be required or shall be made voluntarily in connection with such transfer (other than a filing of a Form 5 made after the expiration of the Lock-Up Period). For purposes of this Lock-Up Agreement, (i) "immediate family" shall mean any relationship by blood, marriage or adoption, not more remote than first cousin and (ii) "affiliate" of the undersigned shall mean any business entity that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the undersigned. The term "control" in this paragraph means beneficial ownership of more than fifty percent (50%) of the issued and outstanding equity interest or share capital of an entity.

In addition, the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to (i) transactions relating to Securities acquired in open market transactions after the completion of the Offering; (ii) the establishment of a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act for the transfer of Securities, provided that such plan does not provide for the transfer of Securities during the Lock-Up Period and no public announcement or filing under the Exchange Act regarding the establishment of such plan shall be required or voluntarily made by or on behalf of the undersigned or the Company; (iii) the exercise or settlement of any equity awards pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plans or the exercise of warrants issued by the Company; provided that such restrictions shall apply to any of the undersigned's Securities issued upon such exercise; and (iv) any transfers of the undersigned's Securities to the Company or any deemed disposition or deemed sale with respect to such Securities in connection with the full or partial payment of exercise of any equity award or warrant granted or issued by the Company.

In furtherance of the foregoing, the Company and its transfer agent and registrar are hereby authorized to decline to make any transfer of shares of Common Stock if such transfer would constitute a violation or breach of this Lock-Up Agreement.

The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that the undersigned has full power and authority to enter into this Lock-Up Agreement. All authority herein conferred or agreed to be conferred and any obligations of the undersigned shall be binding upon the successors, assigns, heirs or personal representatives of the undersigned. The undersigned, during the Lock-up Period, waives any registration rights or similar rights granted to the undersigned by the Company that may otherwise be exercisable as a result of the Offering.

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The undersigned understands that the undersigned shall be released from all obligations under this Lock-Up Agreement if the Offering does not close on or before November 30, 2019 or if the Company earlier notifies the Underwriter in writing that it does not intend to proceed with the Offering.

The undersigned understands that the Underwriter is entering into the Underwriting Agreement and proceeding with the Offering in reliance upon this Lock-Up Agreement.

This Lock-Up Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Very truly yours,

Printed Name of Holder

By:

Signature

Printed Name of Person Signing (and indicate capacity of person signing if signing as custodian, trustee, or on behalf of an entity)

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Global Ship Lease, Inc. Announces Underwritten Public Offering of \$40 Million Class A Common Shares

LONDON, September 24, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL) ("Global Ship Lease" or the "Company") today announced that it has commenced a \$40.0 million fully underwritten public offering of its Class A common shares, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Shares"). The Company also intends to grant the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional \$6.0 million of Common Shares. As part of the offering, the Company's executive management has expressed an interest to purchase \$1.225 million in aggregate of Common Shares at the public offering price.

The Company intends to use net proceeds of the offering for general corporate purposes, including the acquisition of containerships or the prepayment of debt.

B. Riley FBR, Inc. is acting as the sole book-running manager in the offering, and we expect that a portion of the equity offering will be sold to an affiliate of B. Riley Financial, Inc. (NASDAQ:RILY) ("B. Riley"). Following the consummation of the offering, B. Riley and its affiliates intend to retain Common Shares with an aggregate purchase amount of no less than \$15.0 million. The Company has agreed to grant B. Riley the right to appoint one member to the Company's Board of Directors, subject to certain conditions, including retaining a certain percentage of voting rights of the Company.

The Company's Common Shares trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "GSL."

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy these securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities, in any state or other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction. A registration statement relating to these securities, including a preliminary prospectus, has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") but has not yet become effective. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. A copy of the preliminary prospectus and final prospectus related to the Offering, when filed with the Commission, will be available on the Commission's website located at www.sec.gov. When available, copies of the prospectus relating to the Offering may be obtained from the offices of B. Riley FBR, Inc. at 1300 North 17th Street, Suite 1400, Arlington, VA 22209, by calling (703) 312-9580 or by emailing prospectuse@brileyfbr.com.

About Global Ship Lease, Inc.

Global Ship Lease is a leading independent owner of containerships with a diversified fleet of mid-sized and smaller containerships. Incorporated in the Marshall Islands, Global Ship Lease commenced operations in December 2007 with a business of owning and chartering out containerships under fixed-rate charters to top tier container liner companies. On November 15, 2018, it completed a strategic combination with Poseidon Containers.

Global Ship Lease owns 40 ships and has contracted to purchase a further ship, ranging from 2,207 to 11,040 TEU, of which nine are fuel efficient new-design wide beam, with a total capacity of 224,162 TEU and an average age, weighted by TEU capacity, of 11.9 years as at June 30, 2019.

The average remaining term of the Company's charters at June 30, 2019, including subsequent new charters, options to extend which are under the Company's control, and assuming the mid-point of the redelivery period, was 2.9 years on a TEU-weighted basis. Contracted future revenue on this basis was \$835.4 million. Contracted future revenue was \$916.4 million, including options to extend which are under charterers' control and assuming the latest redelivery date, over a TEU-weighted average remaining term of 3.3 years.

Forward-Looking Statements

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Global Ship Lease, Inc. Announces Upsizing and Pricing of Public Offering of Class A Common Shares

LONDON, September 26, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL) ("Global Ship Lease" or the "Company") announced today that it has upsized and priced its previously announced fully underwritten public offering (the "Offering") of \$40.0 million Class A common shares, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Shares"). The Company has agreed to sell 6,620,686 Class A common shares, at \$7.25 per share, for gross proceeds to the Company of approximately \$48.0 million. The Company also granted the underwriter a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 993,102 Common Shares at the public offering price. As part of the offering, the Company's executive management has agreed to purchase 168,965 Common Shares at the public offering price, representing an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$1.225 million.

The Offering is expected to close on October 1, 2019, subject to customary closing conditions. The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering for general corporate purposes, including the acquisition of containerships or the prepayment of debt.

B. Riley FBR, Inc. is acting as the sole book-running manager in the offering, and B. Riley Financial, Inc. and its affiliate (NASDAQ:RILY) ("B. Riley") have agreed to purchase and retain approximately \$15.0 million of Common Shares in connection with this offering. The Company has agreed to grant B. Riley the right to appoint one member to the Company's Board of Directors, subject to certain conditions, including retaining a certain percentage of voting rights of the Company.

The Company's Common Shares trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "GSL."

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy these securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities, in any state or other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction. A registration statement relating to these securities was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") and is effective. The offering may be made only by means of a prospectus. A written prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, may be obtained from the offices of B. Riley FBR, Inc. at 1300 North 17th Street, Suite 1400, Arlington, VA 22209, by calling (703) 312-9580 or by emailing prospectuses@brileyfbr.com.

About Global Ship Lease, Inc.

Global Ship Lease is a leading independent owner of containerships with a diversified fleet of mid-sized and smaller containerships. Incorporated in the Marshall Islands, Global Ship Lease commenced operations in December 2007 with a business of owning and chartering out containerships under fixed-rate charters to top tier container liner companies. On November 15, 2018, it completed a strategic combination with Poseidon Containers.

Global Ship Lease owns 40 ships and has contracted to purchase a further ship, ranging from 2,207 to 11,040 TEU, of which nine are fuel efficient new-design wide beam, with a total capacity of 224,162 TEU and an average age, weighted by TEU capacity, of 11.9 years as at June 30, 2019.

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Global Ship Lease, Inc. Announces Closing of its Upsized Public Offering of Class A Common Shares and Full Exercise of the Underwriter's Option to Purchase Additional Shares

LONDON, October 1, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL) ("Global Ship Lease" or the "Company") announced today that it has closed its upsized fully underwritten public offering (the "Offering") of 7,613,788 Class A common shares, at a public offering price of \$7.25 per share, for gross proceeds to the Company of approximately \$55.2 million. This includes the exercise in full by the underwriter of its option to purchase additional shares. As previously announced, the Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering for general corporate purposes, including the acquisition of containerships or the prepayment of debt.

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REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this "**Agreement**"), is entered into and effective as of October 1, 2019, by and between Global Ship Lease, Inc., a Marshall Islands corporation (the "**Company**"), B. Riley Financial, Inc. and BRC Partners Opportunity Fund, LP (the "**Investors**").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company has agreed to issue and sell to B. Riley FBR, Inc. (the "Underwriter"), in a public offering of \$48.0 million of shares of the Company's Class A common shares ("Common Stock"), plus up to an additional \$7.2 million shares of Common Stock pursuant to a 30-day option granted to the Underwriter (together, the "Offering Shares"), upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Underwriting Agreement, dated September 26, 2019, by and between the Company and the Underwriter, (the "Offering").

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Underwriter to enter into the Underwriting Agreement, the Company has agreed to provide the Investors with certain registration rights as provided in this Agreement with respect to any Offering Shares purchased by the Investors in the Offering to the extent such Offering Shares held by the Investors may constitute "restricted securities" or "control securities" under applicable U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") rules and regulations (the "Shares").

NOW, **THEREFORE**, in consideration of the representations, covenants and agreements contained herein, and certain other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. **Definitions**. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Advice" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 6(b)</u>.

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any person, any other person that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, such person. For purposes of this definition "control" (including the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with") means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a person, whether through the ownership of securities or partnership or other ownership interests, as trustee or executor, by contract or otherwise.

"Agreement" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble above.

"**Business Day**" means any day, except a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday on which the banking institutions in the City of New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

"Commission" shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"Common Stock" shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"Company" shall have the meaning given in the preamble.

"Effectiveness Period" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 2(a)</u>.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"**Holder**" or "**Holders**" means the Investors and any permitted transferees or assignees under <u>Section 6(f)</u> of this Agreement that is an Affiliate of the Investors.

"**Merger Registration Rights Agreement**" shall mean that certain Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated October 29, 2018, by and among the Company, KEP VI (Newco Marine) Ltd., KIA VIII (Newco Marine), Ltd., CMA CGM S.A., Management Investor Co., Annani Consulting Inc., Marathon Founders, LLC, Michael S. Gross and Maas Capital Investments B.V., as may be further amended from time to time.

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"**Investors**" shall have the meanings set forth in the preamble.

"Losses" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 5(a)</u>.

"Offering" shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"Offering Shares" shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"**Piggyback Registration**" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2(b).

"Plan of Distribution" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 2(a)</u>.

"**Proceeding**" means an action, claim, suit, investigation or proceeding (including, without limitation, an investigation or partial proceeding, such as a deposition), whether commenced or threatened.

"Prospectus" means the prospectus included in the Registration Statement (including, without limitation, a prospectus that includes any information previously omitted from a prospectus filed as part of an effective registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A promulgated under the Securities Act), as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement, with respect to the terms of the offering of any portion of the Registrable Securities covered by the Registration Statement, and all other amendments and supplements to the Prospectus, including post-effective amendments, and all material incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such Prospectus.

"**Registrable Securities**" means the Shares together with any securities issued or issuable upon any exchange, stock split, dividend or other distribution, recapitalization or similar event

with respect to the foregoing; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any such Registrable Securities shall cease to be Registrable Securities (and deemed no longer outstanding for purposes of Section 6(1) to the extent (i) a Registration Statement with respect to the sale of such Registrable Securities has been declared effective under the Securities Act and such Registrable Securities have been sold, transferred, disposed of or exchanged in accordance with the plan of distribution set forth in such Registration Statement, (ii) such Registrable Securities are sold pursuant to Rule 144 or another available safe-harbor or exemption from registration, (iii) such Registrable Securities may be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act without volume or manner-of-sale restrictions or the current public information requirement of Rule 144 or (iv) such Registrable Securities are otherwise transferred, assigned, sold, conveyed or otherwise disposed of and thereafter such securities may be resold without subsequent Registration under the Securities Act.

"**Registration Statement**" means each registration statement required to be filed hereunder, including the Prospectus, amendments and supplements to the registration statement or Prospectus, including pre- and post-effective amendments, all exhibits thereto, and all material incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

"**Rule 415**" means Rule 415 promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same effect as such Rule.

"**Rule 424**" means Rule 424 promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same effect as such Rule.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Shares" shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"Suspension Certificate" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 6(d)</u>.

"**Trading Market**" means the New York Stock Exchange, the NASDAQ Global Market or the NASDAQ Capital Market; and, with respect to any particular date, shall mean the Trading Market on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted for trading on such date.

2. **Demand Registration**. (a) Within ten (10) business days of the written request of the Holders of at least a majority in interest of the then outstanding number of Registrable Securities, the Company shall prepare and file with the Commission a Registration Statement (and/or a Prospectus as applicable) covering the offering and resale of all of the Registrable Securities pursuant to Rule 415, or if Rule 415 is not available for offers or sales of the Registrable Securities, for such other means of distribution of Registrable Securities as the Holder may reasonably request. The Registration Statement required hereunder shall be on Form F-3 (except if the Company is not then eligible to register for resale the Registrable Securities on Form F-3, in which case the Registration shall be on Form F-1 or another appropriate form as shall be selected by the Company upon advice of its counsel). The Registration Statement required hereunder shall contain a "**Plan of Distribution**" reasonably acceptable to the Holder

and the Company. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Registration Statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act as promptly as possible after the filing thereof (the "**Effectiveness Date**"), and shall use its reasonable best efforts to keep such Registration Statement continuously effective under the Securities Act (including the filing of any necessary amendments, post-effective amendments and supplements) with respect to such Holder until such Holder no longer owns Registrable Securities (the "**Effectiveness Period**").

Right to Piggyback. To the extent the Company does not maintain an effective registration statement for (b)any portion of the Registrable Securities at any time during the period commencing on the 60th day after the filing of the Registration Statement and ending on the last day of the Effectiveness Period, if the Company proposes to register any of its common equity securities under the Securities Act (other than a registration statement on Form S-8 or on Form F-4 or any similar successor forms thereto or in connection with (A) an employee stock option, stock purchase or compensation plan or securities issued or issuable pursuant to any such plan, (B) a dividend reinvestment plan or (C) a merger or the acquisition of the securities or substantially all the assets of another entity), whether for its own account or for the account of one or more shareholders of the Company, and the registration form to be used may be used for any registration of Registrable Securities (a "Piggyback **Registration**"), the Company shall give prompt written notice to all Holders of its intention to effect such a registration and shall, subject to Sections 2(d), 2(e) and 4(d), include in such registration all such Registrable Securities with respect to which the Company has received written requests for inclusion therein within fifteen (15) Business Days after the delivery of the Company's notice. The Company may postpone or withdraw the filing or the effectiveness of a Piggyback Registration at any time in its sole discretion. All Holders proposing to distribute their Registrable Securities through an Underwritten Offering under this Section shall enter into an underwriting agreement in customary form with the Underwriter(s) selected for such Underwritten Offering by the Company.

(c) <u>Priority on Initial Registrations</u>. If, (i) as a result of applicable law or based upon comments received by the Commission, all of the securities to be included in the Registration Statement for any registration initiated on behalf of the Holder pursuant to Section 2(b) cannot be so included, or (ii) the Registration Statement for any registration initiated on behalf of the Holder pursuant to Section 2(b) relates to the offering of Registrable Securities in an underwritten offering, and the managing underwriters advise the Company in writing that in their opinion the number of securities requested to be included in such registration exceeds the number which can be sold in such offering without having an adverse effect on such offering, then the Company shall include in such registration (x) first, such number of securities requested to be included therein (allocated pro rata among the Holders based on the relative number of such Registrable Securities then held by each such Holder or in such manner as they may otherwise agree); (y) second, the securities that the Company desires to sell; and (z) third, the securities proposed to be sold in such registration by holders of securities other than the Registrable Securities.

(d) <u>Priority on Primary Piggyback Registrations</u>. If, (i) as a result of applicable law or based upon comments received by the Commission, all of the securities to be included in the Registration Statement for any Piggyback Registration initiated as a primary registration on behalf of the Company, cannot be so included, or (ii) a Piggyback Registration is

an underwritten primary registration on behalf of the Company, and the managing underwriters advise the Company in writing that in their opinion the number of securities requested to be included in such registration exceeds the number which can be sold in such offering without having an adverse effect on such offering, then the Company shall include in such registration statement (x) first, the securities the Company proposes to sell, (y) second, the securities as to which registration has been requested pursuant to the Merger Registration Rights Agreement, in the manner provided therein, (z) third, the Registrable Securities and other securities requested to be included therein by the Holders and the holders of such other securities (the "**Other Holders**"), if any, pro rata among the Holders and the Other Holders on the basis of the number of shares requested to be registered by the Holders and the Other Holders.

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(g) <u>Other Registrations</u>. If the Company has previously filed a Registration Statement with respect to Registrable Securities, and if such previous registration has not been withdrawn or abandoned, the Company shall not be obligated to cause to become effective any other registration of any of its securities under the Securities Act, whether on its own behalf or at the request of any holder or holders of such securities, until a period of at least 90 days has elapsed from the termination of the offering under the previous registration.

(h) <u>Requirements for Participation in Underwritten Offerings</u>. No Holder may participate in any underwritten offering for equity securities of the Company pursuant to a Registration initiated by the Company hereunder unless such person (i) agrees to sell such person's securities on the basis provided in any underwriting arrangements approved by the Company and (ii) completes and executes all customary questionnaires, powers of attorney, indemnities, lock-up agreements, underwriting arrangements and other customary documents as may be reasonably required under the terms of such underwriting arrangements.

3. **<u>Registration Procedures</u>**.

In connection with the Company's registration obligations hereunder, the Company shall:

(a) Not less than two (2) Business Days prior to the filing of the Registration Statement or any related Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, (i) furnish to the Holders copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (including documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference to the extent requested by such person and not already filed by the Company with the Commission) which documents will be subject to the review of such Holders, and (ii) cause its officers and directors, counsel and independent certified public accountants to respond to such inquiries as shall be necessary, in the reasonable opinion of respective legal counsel to conduct a reasonable investigation within the meaning of the Securities Act. The Company shall not file the Registration Statement or any such Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto to which the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities shall reasonably object in good faith.

(b) (i) Prepare and file with the Commission such amendments, including post-effective amendments, to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus used in connection therewith as may be necessary to keep the Registration Statement continuously effective as to the Registrable Securities for the Effectiveness Period; (ii) cause the related Prospectus to be amended or supplemented by any required Prospectus supplement, and as so supplemented or amended to be filed pursuant to Rule 424; (iii) respond as promptly as reasonably possible to any comments received from the Commission with respect to the Registration Statement or any amendment thereto; and (iv) comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act with respect to the disposition of all Registrable Securities covered by the Registration Statement in accordance with the intended methods of disposition by the Holders thereof set forth in the Registration Statement as so amended or in such Prospectus as so supplemented.

(c) Notify the Holders of Registrable Securities to be sold as promptly as reasonably possible (and, in the case of (i)(A) below, not less than two (2) Business Days prior to such filing) and (if requested by any such person) confirm such notice in writing promptly following the day (i) (A) when a Prospectus or any Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement is proposed to be filed; (B) when the Commission notifies the Company whether there will be a "review" of the Registration Statement and whenever the Commission comments in writing on the Registration Statement (the Company shall upon request provide true and complete copies thereof and all written responses thereto as promptly as reasonably possible to each of the Holders who so requests provided such requesting Holders agree to keep such information confidential until it is publicly disclosed); and (C) with respect to the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment, when the same has become effective; (ii) of any request by the Commission or any other Federal or state governmental authority during the period of effectiveness of the Registration Statement for amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or Prospectus or for additional information; (iii) of the issuance by the Commission or any other federal or state governmental authority of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement covering any or all of the Registrable Securities or the initiation of any Proceedings for that purpose; (iv) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the

qualification or exemption from qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction, or the initiation or threatening of any Proceeding for such purpose, and (v) of the occurrence of any event or passage of time that makes the financial statements included in the Registration Statement ineligible for inclusion therein or any statement made in the Registration Statement or Prospectus or any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference untrue in any material respect or that requires any revisions to the Registration Statement, Prospectus or other documents so that, in the case of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as the case may be, it will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading (provided that such Holder of Registrable Securities agrees to keep such information confidential until it is publicly disclosed).

(d) Use its best efforts to avoid the issuance of, or, if issued, obtain the withdrawal of (i) any order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, or (ii) any suspension of the qualification (or exemption from qualification) of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction, at the earliest practicable moment.

(e) To the extent requested by such Holders, furnish to each Holder, without charge, at least one conformed copy of the Registration Statement and each amendment thereto, including financial statements and schedules promptly after the filing of such documents with the Commission.

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(g) Use its commercially reasonable best efforts to register or qualify or cooperate with the selling Holders in connection with the registration or qualification (or exemption from the Registration or qualification) of such Registrable Securities for the resale by the Holder under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions within the United States as any Holder reasonably requests in writing, to keep each of the registration or qualification (or exemption therefrom) effective during the Effectiveness Period and to do any and all other acts or things reasonably necessary to enable the disposition in such jurisdictions of the Registrable Securities covered by the Registration Statement; provided, that the Company shall not be required to qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified, subject the Company to any material tax in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject or file a general consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction.

(h) If requested by the Holders, cooperate with the Holders to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing Registrable Securities to be delivered to a transferee that were validly sold pursuant to an effective Registration Statement, which

certificates shall be free, of all restrictive legends, and to enable such Registrable Securities to be in such denominations and registered in such names as any such Holders may request.

(i) Upon the occurrence of any event contemplated by Section 3(c)(v), as promptly as reasonably possible, prepare a supplement or amendment, including a post-effective amendment, to the Registration Statement or a supplement to the related Prospectus or any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference, and file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered, neither the Registration Statement nor such Prospectus will contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

The Company may require each selling Holder to furnish to the Company a certified statement as to the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by such Holder and the person thereof that has voting and dispositive control over the Shares, for purposes of disclosure in the "Selling Stockholder" table in the Registration Statement.

4. **Registration Expenses.** All fees and expenses incident to the performance of or compliance with this Agreement by the Company shall be borne by the Company whether or not any Registrable Securities are sold pursuant to the Registration Statement. The fees and expenses referred to in the foregoing sentence shall include, without limitation, (i) all registration and filing fees (including, without limitation, fees and expenses, including any filing fees for FINRA to the extent such filing is required (A) with respect to filings required to be made with the Trading Market on which the Common Stock is then listed for trading, and (B) for compliance with applicable state securities or Blue Sky laws), (ii) printing expenses (including, without limitation, expenses of printing certificates for Registrable Securities and of printing prospectuses if the printing of prospectuses is reasonably requested by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities included in the Registration Statement), (iii) messenger, telephone and delivery expenses and (iv) fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, (v) Securities Act liability insurance, if the Company so desires such insurance, fees and expenses of all other persons retained by the Company in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In addition, the Company shall be responsible for all of its internal and accounting expenses incurred in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including, without limitation, all salaries and expenses of its officers and employees performing legal or accounting duties and all fees and expenses of the Company's certified public accountants), the expense of the preparation of all financial statements and any audit or review thereof by the Company's accountants, including in connection with their rendering a "cold comfort" letter to the underwriters, if requested. In no event shall the Company be responsible for any broker, underwriter or similar commissions or any taxes, legal fees or other costs of the Holders.

5. <u>Indemnification</u>.

(a) <u>Indemnification by the Company</u>. The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Holder, and its respective officers, directors, agents and employees, each person who controls any such Holder (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act), and the officers, directors, agents and employees of each such

controlling person, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) and expenses (collectively, "Losses"), as incurred, to the extent arising out of or relating to any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement under which Registrable Securities were registered under the Securities Act (including any Prospectus or any form of prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any preliminary prospectus), or arising out of or relating to any omission or alleged omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of any Prospectus or form of prospectus or supplement thereto, in light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading, or any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, Exchange Act or any state securities law, or any rule or regulation thereunder in connection with such registration, gualification, compliance or sale of Registrable Securities, except to the extent, but only to the extent, that (1) such untrue statements or omissions are based upon information regarding such Holder furnished in writing to the Company by such Holder expressly for use therein, or to the extent that such information relates to such Holder or such Holder's proposed method of distribution of Registrable Securities as set forth in the Plan of Distribution approved by such Holder expressly for use in the Registration Statement, such Prospectus or such form of Prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto, or (2) such Holder used an outdated or defective Prospectus after the Company has notified such Holder in writing that the Prospectus is outdated or defective including after receipt by such Holder of the Advice contemplated in Section 6(b) or the Suspension Certificate contemplated in Section 6(d).

(b) Indemnification by Holders. Each Holder shall, jointly and severally, indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its officers, directors, agents and employees, each person who controls the Company (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act), and the officers, directors, agents and employees of each such controlling person, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all Losses, as incurred, to the extent arising out of or based upon: (1) any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, any Prospectus or any form of prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any preliminary prospectus, or arising out of or relating to any omission or alleged omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of any Prospectus or form of prospectus or supplement thereto, in light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or omission is contained in any information so furnished in writing by such Holder to the Company specifically for inclusion in the Registration Statement or such Prospectus expressly for use therein, or (2) the use by such Holder of an outdated or defective Prospectus; provided that such use by the Holder is after the Company has notified such Holder in writing that the Prospectus is outdated or defective including after receipt by such Holder of the Advice contemplated in Section 6(b) or the Suspension Certificate contemplated in Section 6(d).

(c) <u>Conduct of Indemnification Proceedings</u>. If any Proceeding shall be brought or asserted against any person entitled to indemnity hereunder (an "**Indemnified Party**"), such Indemnified Party shall promptly notify the person from whom indemnity is sought (the "**Indemnifying Party**") in writing, and the Indemnifying Party shall have the right to assume the defense thereof, including the employment of counsel reasonably satisfactory to

the Indemnified Party and the payment of all fees and expenses incurred in connection with defense thereof; provided, that the failure of any Indemnified Party to give such notice shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of its obligations or liabilities pursuant to this Agreement, except (and only) to the extent that it shall be finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction (which determination is not subject to appeal or further review) that such failure shall have prejudiced the Indemnifying Party.

An Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ separate counsel in any such Proceeding and to participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Indemnified Party or Parties unless: (1) the Indemnifying Party has agreed in writing to pay such fees and expenses; (2) the Indemnifying Party shall have failed promptly to assume the defense of such Proceeding and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such Indemnified Party in any such Proceeding; or (3) the named parties to any such Proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both such Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party, and such Indemnified Party shall have been advised by counsel that a conflict of interest is reasonably likely to exist if the same counsel were to represent such Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party (in which case, if such Indemnified Party notifies the Indemnifying Party in writing that it elects to employ separate counsel at the expense of the Indemnifying Party, the Indemnifying Party shall not have the right to assume the defense thereof and the reasonable fees and expenses of no more than one separate counsel (the Indemnifying Party's counsel who first notifies the Company of such obligation) shall be at the expense of the Indemnifying Party). The Indemnifying Party shall not be liable for any settlement of any such Proceeding effected without its written consent. No Indemnifying Party shall, without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party, effect any settlement of any pending Proceeding in respect of which any Indemnified Party is a party, unless such settlement includes an unconditional release of such Indemnified Party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such Proceeding.

All reasonable fees and expenses of the Indemnified Party (including reasonable fees and expenses to the extent incurred in connection with investigating or preparing to defend such Proceeding in a manner not inconsistent with this Section) shall be paid to the Indemnified Party, as incurred, within ten (10) Business Days of written notice thereof to the Indemnifying Party; provided, that the Indemnified Party shall promptly reimburse the Indemnifying Party for that portion of such fees and expenses applicable to such actions for which such Indemnified Party is not entitled to indemnification hereunder, determined based upon the relative faults of the parties.

(d) <u>Contribution</u>. If a claim for indemnification under <u>Section 5(a) or 5(b)</u> is unavailable to an Indemnified Party (by reason of public policy or otherwise), then each Indemnifying Party, in lieu of indemnifying such Indemnified Party, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Party as a result of such Losses, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the Indemnifying Party and Indemnified Party in connection with the actions, statements or omissions that resulted in such Losses as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of such Indemnifying Party and Indemnified Party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any action in question, including any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission of a material fact, has been taken or made by, or relates to information supplied

by, such Indemnifying Party or Indemnified Party, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such action, statement or omission. The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of any Losses shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth in <u>Section 5(c)</u>, any reasonable attorneys' or other reasonable fees or expenses incurred by such party in connection with any Proceeding to the extent such party would have been indemnified for such fees or expenses if the indemnification provided for in this Section was available to such party in accordance with its terms.

The parties hereto agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this <u>Section 5(d)</u> were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take into account the equitable considerations referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph. Notwithstanding the provisions of this <u>Section 5(d)</u>, no Holder shall be required to contribute, in the aggregate, any amount in excess of the amount by which the proceeds actually received by such Holder from the sale of the Registrable Securities subject to the Proceeding exceeds the amount of any damages that such Holder has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission, except in the case of fraud by such Holder. The indemnity and contribution agreements contained in this Section are in addition to any liability that the Indemnifying Parties may have to the Indemnified Parties.

6. <u>Miscellaneous</u>.

(a) <u>Compliance</u>. Each Holder covenants and agrees that it will comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement.

(b) Discontinued Disposition. Each Holder agrees by its acquisition of such Registrable Securities that, upon receipt of a notice from the Company of the occurrence of any event of the kind described in <u>Section 3(c)</u>, such Holder will forthwith discontinue disposition of such Registrable Securities under the Registration Statement until such Holder's receipt of the copies of the supplemented Prospectus and/or amended Registration Statement or until it is advised in writing (the "Advice") by the Company that the use of the applicable Prospectus may be resumed, and, in either case, has received copies of any additional or supplemental filings that are incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such Prospectus or Registration Statement. In the event of a discontinued disposition under this <u>Section 6(b)</u>, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to ensure that the use of the Prospectus may be resumed as promptly as is practicable and to provide copies of the supplemented Prospectus and/or amended Registration Statement or the Advice as soon as possible in order to enable each Holder to resume dispositions of the Registrable Securities. The Company may provide appropriate stop orders to enforce the provisions of this paragraph.

(c) <u>Amendments in Writing</u>. No amendment, modification, waiver, termination or discharge of any provision of this Agreement, or any consent to any departure by the Company and any Holder of the then outstanding Registrable Securities from any provision hereof, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Company and each Holder party to this Agreement, and each such amendment, modification, waiver, termination or discharge shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the

specific purpose for which given. No provision of this Agreement shall be varied, contradicted or explained by any oral agreement, course of dealing or performance or any other matter not set forth in an agreement in writing and signed by the Company and each Holder party to this Agreement

(d) <u>Suspension of Trading</u>. At any time after the Registrable Securities are covered by an effective Registration Statement, the Company may deliver to the Holders of such Registrable Securities a certificate (the "**Suspension Certificate**") approved by the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer or Chief Operating Officer of the Company and signed by an officer of the Company stating that the effectiveness of and sales of Registrable Securities under the Registration Statement would:

(i) materially interfere with any transaction that would require the Company to prepare financial statements under the Securities Act that the Company would otherwise not be required to prepare in order to comply with its obligations under the Exchange Act, or

(ii) require public disclosure of any transaction of the type discussed in <u>Section 6(d)(i)</u> prior to the time such disclosure might otherwise be required.

After the delivery of a Suspension Certificate by Holders of Registrable Securities, the Company may, in its discretion, require such Holders of Registrable Securities to refrain from selling or otherwise transferring or disposing of any Registrable Securities or other Company securities then held by such Holders for a specified period of time that is customary under the circumstances (not to exceed thirty (30) days. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the Company shall be permitted to cause Holders of Registrable Securities to so refrain from selling or otherwise transferring or disposing of any Registrable Securities or other securities of the Company on only three occasions during each twelve (12) consecutive month period that the Registration Statement remains effective. The Company may impose stop transfer instructions to enforce any required agreement of the Holders under this <u>Section 6(d)</u>.

(e) <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered (i) on the date of transmission when delivered via facsimile prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on a Business Day, (ii) one Business Day after transmission when delivered via facsimile later than 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on any date and earlier than 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on such date, (iii) upon delivery when delivered personally, (iv) three (3) days after being sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or (v) one (1) Business Day after being sent via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service guaranteeing next business day delivery, in each case to the intended recipient as set forth below:

If to the Company:

Global Ship Lease, Inc. c/o Global Ship Lease Services Ltd. 25 Wilton Road London SW1V 1LW

Attn: Ian J. Webber, Chief Executive Officer E-mail: ian.webber@globalshiplease.com

With a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Seward & Kissel LLP One Battery Park Plaza New York, New York 10004 Attn: Gary J. Wolfe, Esq. E-mail: wolfe@sewkis.com

If to the Investors, to:

B. Riley Financial, Inc. 21255 Burbank Blvd., Suite 400 Woodland Hills, CA 91367 Attn: Phillip Ahn

and

BRC Partners Opportunity Fund, LP 11100 Santa Monica Blvd. Suite 800 Los Angeles, CA 90025

With a copy to:

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP 1400 Page Mill Road Palo Alto, CA 94304 Attn: Albert Lung, Esq. E-mail: albert.lung@morganlewis.com

Any party may change the address to which notices, requests, consents or other communications hereunder are to be delivered by giving the other parties notice in the manner set forth in this Section.

(f) <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon, shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. The Company may not assign its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of all of the Holders of the then-outstanding Registrable Securities, provided a sale of the Company shall not be deemed an assignment. The Investors may assign their rights hereunder to a purchaser or transferee of Registrable Securities; provided, that (i) the Company is furnished a written notice of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the Registrable Securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned; (ii) such purchaser or transferee shall, as a condition to the effectiveness of such assignment, be required to execute a counterpart to this Agreement agreeing to be treated as a Holder whereupon such purchaser or transferee shall have the benefits of, and shall be subject to the restrictions contained in, this Agreement as if such purchaser or transferee was originally included in the

definition of an Holder herein and had originally been a party hereto; and (iii) the transferee is an Affiliate of the Investors at the time of transfer.

(g) <u>Execution in Counterparts; Facsimile Signatures</u>. This Agreement and any amendment, waiver or consent hereto may be executed by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which, when so executed and delivered, shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. All such counterparts may be delivered among the parties hereto by facsimile or other electronic transmission, which shall not affect the validity thereof.

(h) <u>Governing Law; Jurisdiction</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of New York without regard to conflicts of laws principles. Any action or proceeding seeking to enforce any provision of, or based on any right arising out of, this Agreement shall be brought against the parties hereto or thereto in the courts of the State of New York, County of New York, or, if it has or can acquire jurisdiction, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and each of the parties consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts (and of the appropriate appellate courts) in any such action or proceeding and waives any objection to venue laid therein. The parties hereby expressly waive all rights to trial by jury in any suit, action or proceeding arising under this Agreement.

(i) <u>Cumulative Remedies</u>. All remedies, either under this Agreement or by law, afforded to the parties hereto, shall be cumulative and not alternative.

(j) <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

(k) <u>Section Headings and References</u>. The section headings are for the convenience of the parties and in no way alter, modify, amend, limit or restrict the contractual obligations of the parties. Any reference in this Agreement to a particular section or subsection shall refer to a section or subsection of this Agreement, unless specified otherwise.

(l) <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement shall terminate upon the earlier of (i) the fifth anniversary of the date of this Agreement or (ii) the date when there shall no longer be any Registrable Securities outstanding.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Registration Rights Agreement as of the date first written above.

THE COMPANY: GLOBAL SHIP LEASE, INC.

By

/s/ Ian J. Webber Name: Ian J. Webber Title: Chief Executive Officer

[Investor Signature page follows]

THE INVESTORS: B. RILEY FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Bryant Riley Name: Bryant Riley Title: Co-CEO

BRC PARTNERS OPPORTUNITY FUND, LP BY: B. RILEY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, ITS GENERAL PARTNER

- By: /s/ Bryant Riley
 - Name: Bryant Riley Title: Managing Member