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TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear Sirs

CALLS - CLASS 8 - FREIGHT, DEMURRAGE & DEFENCE

The Committee has recently reviewed the position in relation to open years and reached the following decisions:

- **2001/2002:** The year should be closed without further call and the surplus transferred to the Closed Year Fund.
- **2002/2003:** The Release Call rate should remain at 20%.
- **2003/2004:** The Release Call rate should remain at 20%.
- **2004/2005:** The estimated Deferred Call should remain at 30% with the Release Call uplift remaining at a further 20%, as for all recent years.

The Committee also reached a decision in respect of premium requirements for the forthcoming **2005/2006** Policy Year and did so against the following background:

Despite the steady performance of the Class over recent years, its cost base has risen considerably and the Committee considers it would be prudent to act now with a view to safeguarding the reserves from erosion. The Committee has therefore authorised a general increase in the standard Advance Call of 15% for the 2005/06 Policy Year, bringing it to USD14,375 per ship, subject to the normal 25% deductible. Cover can continue to be offered without this deductible, subject to a corresponding increase in the Advance Call rate.

The estimated Deferred Call rate has been set at 30% with the Release Call uplift being a further 20%, as for all recent years.

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