



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Four new vessels for AET as fleet rejuvenation continues**

Singapore - In two separate ceremonies at South Korean shipyards this week, leading tanker owner – AET – has named and welcomed four newbuild tankers into its fleet.

At Samsung Heavy Industries, Geoje, South Korea on Wednesday, 24 January, AET named two 113,400 dwt Aframax tankers “*Eagle Barcelona*” and “*Eagle Brisbane*”.

Two 157,512 dwt Suezmax twins, “*Eagle San Francisco*” and “*Eagle San Jose*”, were named two days later on Friday, 26 January, at the Hyundai Heavy Industries shipyard in Ulsan, South Korea.

All four vessels will join the AET fleet as part of an ongoing fleet rejuvenation programme and take up charter agreements with leading oil companies.

Guest-of-honour at the Aframax ceremony was Dato’ Ab. Halim bin Mohyiddin, Chairman of AET’s parent company, MISC Berhad; and Godmother to both vessels was Datin Nor Habibah Binti Abdul Wahab, the Chairman’s wife. Also present were some key customers of the Group, finance sector, manning and class partners.

MISC President/Group CEO, Mr Yee Yang Chien, was the principal guest for the naming of the two Suezmax ships, accompanied by his wife, Mrs Belinda Yee, who also participated as Lady Sponsor to both ships. They were joined by representatives from a global energy major as well as the finance sector, manning and class partners.

AET President & CEO, Captain Rajalingam Subramaniam said:

*“It is always a significant milestone in the journey of a shipping company to accept new vessels into the fleet. The four new ships to join AET will replace older tonnage and provide more flexibility for our customers. At AET, we have made a significant investment in a new building programme that allows us to continue offering a young, advanced and flexible fleet to our customers.”*



*The new ships benefit from the latest eco-friendly and energy efficient technology and world-class innovations that is not only positive for us, but also equally positive for our customers, environment and the communities in which we operate.”*

As newbuild vessels, all four ships benefit from state-of-the-art environmental innovations to deliver modern energy related maritime solutions and efficient tonnage to customers. The vessels are fully compliant with incoming regulations, including ballast water management, sulphur emission control and the requirement for carbon monitoring, reporting and verification. Each will qualify for the Green Passport notation and benefit from optimised hull design and the inclusion of modern, energy efficient engines and machinery. The optimum propeller design and innovation as well as the use of high specification hull coatings will help reduce fuel consumption further.

The four new ships named this week are part of a programme that has already seen two newbuild LR2s delivered last year, which serve the needs of our global charterers reliably and safely. In addition to these, AET will take delivery of two further Aframax tankers later this year and two DP/II shuttle tankers in 2019.

The vessels due for delivery later this year will be two of the world’s first LNG dual-fuelled Aframax tankers. The company has been working on a Green Sustainability Agenda to control the emission of “particulate matters” (PM), sulphur oxides (SOx), nitrogen oxides (NOx) and carbon (CO2). AET is confident that these LNG dual-fuelled ships are the sustainable solution, both in the mid and long term. The two DP/II shuttle tankers scheduled to join AET in 2019 will also be LNG dual-fuel. When in operation from 2019, these two ships are expected to be the world’s first LNG dual-fuelled DPSTs and the most energy efficient.

AET’s pursuit of its Green Sustainability Agenda is also consistent with the MISC Group’s Vision and Mission, which calls for the Group “to consistently provide better energy related maritime solutions and services, care for the environment and operate responsibly.”

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#### **Notes to editors**

AET specialises in the global ocean transport of petroleum and owns a fleet comprising 14 VLCCs, 6 Suezmaxes, 1 Panamax, 47 Aframax, 4 DP shuttle tankers, 13 chemical carriers, 5 LR2s, 3 MR2s and 1 LPG tanker. Its current orderbook includes 2 Aframax and 2 DP/II Offshore Loading Shuttle Tankers.



The company is headquartered in Singapore, with commercial centres in Houston, Kuala Lumpur, London, Montevideo, Panama and Rio de Janeiro with a specialist offshore lightering unit in Galveston, Texas.

AET is the petroleum logistics unit of Malaysian energy logistics group, MISC Berhad.

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