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## **CHINA OCEAN SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY GROUP LIMITED**

**中海船舶重工集團有限公司**

*(Incorporated in the Bermuda with limited liability)*

**(Stock code: 00651)**

### **DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION**

### **PROVISION OF COUNTER-GUARANTEE TO XIAMEN ITG**

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The Shipbuilding Agreements were entered into on 16 November 2013 among the PRC Subsidiary and the Guarantor as vendor and a shipowner as purchaser, pursuant to which the PRC Subsidiary and the Guarantor agreed to sell and the purchaser thereunder agreed to purchase the Vessels. The Import and Export Agreements were also entered on 16 November 2013 between the PRC Subsidiary and the Guarantor under which, among other matters, the PRC Subsidiary appointed the Guarantor as the exclusive import and export agent for the import of facilities and materials required for construction of the Vessels and the export of the Vessels.

As one or more of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the amount of the Counter Guarantee is/are more than 5% but less than 25%, the provision of Counter Guarantee constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company and is subject to the notification and announcement requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

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Pursuant to the terms of the Shipbuilding Agreements and the Import and Export Agreements, the Guarantor has arranged the relevant bank to provide: (i) the refund guarantee in an aggregate amount of US\$11,070,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$85,792,500) in favour of the purchaser under the Shipbuilding Agreements, (ii) the performance guarantee with an aggregate amount of US\$600,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$4,650,000) in favour of the purchaser under the Shipbuilding Agreements guaranteeing the due performance of obligations of the PRC Subsidiary under the Shipbuilding Agreements, and (iii) financing to the PRC Subsidiary in an aggregate amount of US\$18,450,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$142,987,500), being part of the contract price for the Vessels, as advancement on behalf of the PRC Subsidiary for the sole purpose of purchasing facilities, materials, parts and payment of construction price for the Vessels.

Set out below are the major terms of the Letter of Counter Guarantee executed by the Company in favour of the Guarantor. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, the Guarantor and its ultimate beneficial owners are independent of the Company and its connected persons:

Date: 31 March 2015

Obligations under the Counter Guarantee The Company shall indemnify the Guarantor for all liabilities and expenses which may be incurred by the Guarantor under the Guarantee (i.e. up to an aggregate of US\$30,120,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$233,430,000)) together with any interests, penalty, compensation and related fees and expenses which may be payable by the Guarantor under the Guarantee.

Counter Guarantee period From the date of the Letter of Counter Guarantee to two years after the date on which the Guarantee has been discharged.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT THE GUARANTOR**

The Guarantor is a state-owned company established under the laws of the PRC and is principally engaging in trading of vessels, the provision of financing support to shipyards and shipbuilding project management.

## **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE PROVISION OF THE COUNTER GUARANTEE**

The Group, including the PRC Subsidiary, is principally engaging in shipbuilding related business.

As disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 22 December 2014, the PRC Subsidiary has entered into a strategic cooperation agreement with the Guarantor and another multi-purpose vessels operator in relation to the development and production of multi-purpose vessels in the PRC. In view of the further cooperation with the Guarantor contemplated under the said strategic cooperation agreement, the Group agreed to give the Guarantor a back-to-back guarantee to indemnify the Guarantor for all liabilities and expenses which may be incurred under the Guarantee, the purpose of which is to guarantee the due performance of the PRC Subsidiary's obligations under and in connection with the Shipbuilding Agreements and the Import and Export Agreements. As such, the obligations of the Company borne towards the Guarantor do not exceed the accumulated liabilities of the PRC Subsidiary under the Shipbuilding Agreements and the Import and Export Agreements. Further, the Counter Guarantee is not secured by the assets of the Group. The Directors consider that the Counter Guarantee is on normal commercial terms which are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

## **IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE LISTING RULES**

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## **DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context otherwise required, the following terms shall have the meaning set opposite to them in this announcement:

“Board”	Board of Directors
“Company”	China Ocean Shipbuilding Industry Group Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange (Stock code: 651)
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Counter Guarantee”	the counter guarantee provided by the Company to the Guarantor pursuant to the Letter of Counter Guarantee
“Director(s)”	director(s) of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Guarantee”	(i) the refund guarantee issued by the relevant bank in an aggregate amount of US\$11,070,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$85,792,500) in favour of the purchaser under the Shipbuilding Agreements, (ii) the letter of performance guarantee with an aggregate amount of US\$600,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$4,650,000) in favour of the purchaser under the Shipbuilding Agreements in respect of the performance obligations of the PRC Subsidiary under the Shipbuilding Agreements, and (iii) financing obtained from the relevant bank in an aggregate amount of US\$18,450,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$142,987,500), being part of the contract price for the Vessels, as advancement on behalf of the PRC Subsidiary for the sole purpose of purchasing facilities, materials, parts and payment of construction price for the Vessels provided by the Guarantor under the Shipbuilding Agreements and the Import and Export Agreements

“Guarantor” or “Xiamen ITG”	Xiamen ITG Shipbuilding Imp. & Exp. Co. Ltd.* (廈門國貿船舶進出口有限公司), a state-owned company established under the laws of the PRC
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Import and Export Agreements”	two import and export agency agreements both dated 16 November 2013 entered into between the PRC Subsidiary and the Guarantor pursuant to which the PRC Subsidiary appointed the Guarantor as the exclusive import and export agent for the import of facilities and materials required in construction of the Vessels and the export of the Vessels
“Letter of Counter Guarantee”	the letter of counter guarantee dated 31 March 2015 issued by the Company in favour of the Guarantor in respect of the Counter Guarantee
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China excluding Hong Kong, Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan for the purpose of this announcement
“PRC Subsidiary”	Jiangzhou Union Shipbuilding Co., Ltd.* (江州聯合造船有限公司), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary the Company established under the laws of the PRC
“Shipbuilding Agreements”	two shipbuilding agreements both dated 16 November 2013 entered into among the PRC Subsidiary and the Guarantor as vendor on one part, and a shipowner as purchaser on the other part, pursuant to which the purchaser thereunder agreed to purchase the Vessels contracted to be built by the PRC Subsidiary

“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“US\$”	US dollar, the lawful currency of the United States of America
“Vessels”	two 12,500 tonnes multi-purpose cargo ships respectively contracted to be built by the PRC Subsidiary under Shipbuilding Agreements
“%”	Percent

By order of the Board  
**China Ocean Shipbuilding Industry Group Limited**  
**CHAU On Ta Yuen**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 1 April 2015

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*As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Company comprises four executive directors, namely, Mr. Chau On Ta Yuen, Mr. Li Ming, Mr. Zhang Shi Hong and Mr. Wang San Long; and three independent non-executive directors, namely, Ms. Xiang Siying, Mr. Hu Bai He and Xiang Ying.*