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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal to Issue a Block Exemption Order (BEO)
in respect of Liner Shipping Agreements
Case Reference Number BE/0004

We refer to the letter dated 14 September 2016 inviting representative to provide their views to the Competition Commission on the proposed BEO.

We, the undersigned, are the learned society registered in Hong Kong with the main objective for promoting the development of Marine Technology including Naval Architecture, Marine Engineering, Nautical Science, Marine Safety Management and subjects related to maritime activities. Our members comprised of naval architects, master mariners, marine engineers, lecturers, marine technologist and managers engaging in different sectors of the maritime industry. We have been promoting the Sea-going Training Incentive Scheme and organizing technical seminars, career talks to attract youngsters to join the industry, including sea-going career.

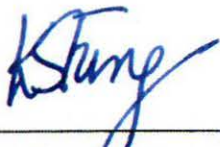
In connection with the proposed block exemption order, we would like to submit our views and observation for consideration by the Competition Commissioner for the prosperity of the maritime industry in Hong Kong:

Shipping is a global industry, bearing a huge investment and facing both internal competition as well as challenges from the surrounding ports. As a large percentage of the Hong Kong cargo are trans-shipment, there is a fierce competition from the neighbouring ports especially that they have granted the block exemption order. We believe that if VSAs and VDAs are not granted in Hong Kong, it will have an impact to the competitiveness of Hong Kong's Shipping Industry and adversely affected Hong Kong as being an international maritime centre, its economy and employment of local practitioners in all the related sectors of the industry.

We support granting the block exemption order for both VSAs and VDAs as it can maintain a closer cooperation and efficiency of the shipping industry in Hong Kong as well as maintaining Hong Kong as the shipping hub in the region and an international maritime centre.

Please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned at the above address or tel. no. / email at if you need any further information.

Yours faithfully,



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Hon. Secretary,

for and on behalf of

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