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Shipping Australia appoints new Chairman for 2012

“The Directors of Shipping Australia Limited are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Ken Fitzpatrick, Managing Director of Asiaworld Shipping Services Pty Ltd to step into the big shoes left by Mr Michael Phillips who has been Chairman of Shipping Australia for the last six years”, Mr Llew Russell, CEO of Shipping Australia said today.

“Mr Fitzpatrick said he was delighted to accept this position dependant on Directors being elected at the Annual General Meeting of Shipping Australia to be held on 30 November and he looked forward to working with all members to not only promote the interests of Shipping Australia in particular, but the industry in general.”

“I am determined to continue the good work of my predecessor in building the profile and strengthening the perception in the Australian community of the very significant role played by shipping in the economic development of this country.”

“We face very significant challenges in terms of our industrial relations, lack of productivity in some of our major container ports, infrastructure deficiencies particularly affecting the important break bulk trade in Australia and working with all stakeholders to make Australia more internationally competitive.” Mr Fitzpatrick said.

Mr Michael Phillips expressed his appreciation to his fellow Directors and all the members of Shipping Australia that have contributed to it’s growth and success over the last six years.

“I am particularly pleased for what we have been able to achieve in the interests of our membership, in particular the greater electronic transmission of documents between the shipping industry and regulatory agencies in Australia, the achievement of a win-win situation in relation to the introduction of the Maritime Crew Visa and emphasising the importance of upgraded infrastructure, particularly improving connections to and from our major ports” he said.

Mr Fitzpatrick added that while the future holds many challenges, there are indeed extensive opportunities which will be exploited by Shipping Australia in the interests of its membership.

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