AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING – UK TAX STRATEGY

In accordance with Schedule 19 FA 2016, American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) hereby publishes its tax strategy as it pertains to the United Kingdom:

<u>American Bureau of Shipping's approach to risk management and governance arrangements in relation to UK taxation</u>

Responsibility for tax affairs is clearly defined within the organisation. Tax risk management is handled by a team of subject matter experts that reports directly to the Chief Financial Officer based at ABS's global headquarters, and who exercise professional care and judgement in the handling of ABS's tax affairs. They have access to the necessary resource and external advice required to comply fully with ABS's UK taxation obligations and dealing with points of uncertainty.

<u>American Bureau of Shipping's attitude towards tax planning so far as affecting UK taxation,</u>

ABS will use reasonable care and judgement to claim reliefs and incentives available to it in the normal course of its operations in order to minimise its UK tax liabilities. ABS, however, will not engage in any structuring or tax planning that artificially lowers its tax obligations or that does not reasonably reflect the way in which the organization operates, either in the UK or globally.

<u>The level of risk in relation to UK taxation that American Bureau of Shipping is prepared to accept</u>

ABS seeks to be a low risk taxpayer in the UK. It aims to do this by:

- Ensuring that it has sufficient in house expertise and resource , supported by external advisors to actively manage tax risk and deal with new legislation and points of uncertainty as they arise;
- Meeting its tax compliance obligations in full and on time; and
- Not engaging in tax motivated transactions with the sole aim to reduce its UK tax obligations.

<u>American Bureau of Shipping's approach towards its dealings with HMRC.</u>

ABS deals with HMRC in an open and honest manner and seeks to work proactively with them to ensure that its UK tax compliance obligations are met in full.