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To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, **Diana Shipping Inc.**, 8.875% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on February 13, 2014. Tentative listing date – February 21, 2014.

Sincerely,