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#### INTRODUCTION

#### 1. Legislative basis and scope of the document

At the European level, the European Commission adopted on December 2004 a Recommendation (2004/913/EC) fostering an appropriate regime for the remuneration of directors of listed companies, on February 2005 a Recommendation (2005/162/EC) on the role of non-executive or supervisory directors of listed companies and on the committees of (supervisory) board, and, on April 2009 a Recommendation (2009/385/EC) complementing Recommendations 2004/913/EC and 2005/162/EC as regards the regime for the remuneration of directors of listed companies.

On 3 March 2010, the Italian Corporate Governance Committee approved new principles about remuneration of directors and key management personnel and released accordingly a revised version of Article 7 (now Article 6) of the Italian Corporate Governance Code of March 2006 as amended on December 2011, encouraging issuers to apply the new principles by the end of the year that begins in 2011.

Since d'Amico International Shipping S.A. (hereinafter, the "Company"), a Luxembourg incorporated company subject to Luxembourg laws and regulations, is listed on the Borsa Italiana's equity market and is admitted to the STAR segment of the Mercato Telematico Azionario of Borsa Italiana's equity market, is further subject and voluntarily applies, to the extent possible, the corporate governance criteria and principles stated by the Corporate Governance Code for the Italian Listed Companies issued by Borsa Italiana on March 2006 and subsequent amendments (hereinafter, the "Corporate Governance Code"), among which the new principles on remuneration, d'Amico International Shipping S.A. to the extent possible complies with the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code regarding remunerations.

In accordance with the Corporate Governance Code this document sets forth the General Remuneration Policy of d'Amico International Shipping S.A. and the Guidelines for the years 2014-2016 on remuneration of executive directors and other directors covering particular offices as well as key management personnel of the Company and its operative fully owned subsidiaries (the Key Management Personnel).

The position used by d'Amico International Shipping S.A. in its General Remuneration Policy is that remuneration of executive directors, other directors covering particular offices and Key Management Personnel is defined in a way to align their interests with pursuing the priority objective of the creation of value for the shareholders in a medium-long term timeframe.

This General Remuneration Policy has been approved by the Board of Director in its meeting held on 27 February 2014, upon proposal submitted by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee, with the involvement of all the relevant internal corporate functions, and is submitted to the resolution of the Annual General Shareholders' Meeting to be held on 2 April 2014.

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#### 2. GOVERNANCE OF REMUNERATION

According to this General Remuneration Policy, the approving process of the remuneration of executive directors, other directors covering particular offices and Key Management Personnel involves more corporate bodies and functions at different levels, each of them on the strength of its duties and responsibilities. In particular:

- Nomination & Remuneration Committee;
- Internal Corporate Functions;
- Board of Directors:
- Shareholders' Meeting.

Special attention is also given to public disclosure of adopted criteria.

#### 2.1. Nomination & Remuneration Committee

In compliance with the recommendations contained in Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Corporate Governance Code of Borsa Italiana, and with the article 2.2.3 of the Rules of the markets organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., the Board of Directors meeting held on 6 May 2008 resolved, inter alia, the setting up of a Nomination and a Remuneration Committee.

On 28 April 2009 the Board of Directors resolved to approve the merger of the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee into one single committee, namely the Nomination & Remuneration Committee in charge with all the functions referred to in the Corporate Governance Code as applicable to the Company.

The setting up of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee has been confirmed by written resolution of the Directors of the Company of 10 December 2012 which attributed him the tasks referred to in the Corporate Governance Code as amended.

#### 2.1.1. Composition

The Nomination & Remuneration Committee is composed of non-executive members of the Board of Directors the majority of which are independent directors and having an adequate experience in accounting and finance as assessed by the Board of Directors. In compliance with the recommendation contained in Article 6 of the Corporate Governance Code, the Chairman of the Committee is an independent director, and in particular the Lead Independent.

#### 2.1.2. Role

The Nomination & Remuneration Committee internal functioning is governed by a Regulation lastly amended on 6 May 2013. In compliance with the recommendations contained in Articles 5 and 6 of the Corporate Governance Code and according to the above mentionned Regulation, the Nomination & Remuneration Committee is among others entitled to:

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- ➤ submit proposals to the Board of Directors with reference to the establishment and maintenance of a General Remuneration Policy for the executive directors and other directors who cover particular offices and the issuance of the Managing Director's guidelines related to the establishment and maintenance of a General Remuneration Policy for Key Management Personnel, as defined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company or of its operative fully owned subsidiaries. Such Policy addresses all forms of compensation, including in particular the fixed remuneration and performance-related remuneration schemes.
- > submit proposals related to performance-related remuneration schemes accompanied with recommendations on the related objectives and evaluation criteria, with a view to properly aligning the pay of executive or managing directors with the long-term interests of the shareholders and the goals set by the Board of Directors for the Company;
- periodically evaluate and monitor -also on the basis of the information received the adequacy, overall consistency and actual application/implementation of the General Remuneration Policy, in particular verifying the actual achievement of performance objectives;
- ➤ assist the Board of Directors in overseeing the process whereby the Company complies with existing provisions regarding disclosure of remuneration-related items (with particular reference to the application of the General Remuneration Policy and the allotment of the individual remuneration).

In particular, with respect to <u>remuneration of executive directors or other directors who cover</u> particular offices, the Nomination & Remuneration Committee:

- makes proposals to the Board of Directors on the individual remuneration to be attributed ensuring that they are consistent with the General Remuneration Policy adopted by the Company and the evaluation of the performance of the directors concerned. In doing so, the Nomination & Remuneration Committee is properly informed as to the total compensation obtained by the directors from other subsidiaries of the Company;
- > makes proposals to the Board of Directors regarding forms of contract;

With respect to <u>stock options and other share-based remunerations</u> which may be granted to directors, Key Management Personnel, or other employees, the Nomination & Remuneration Committee:

- ➤ debates the General Remuneration Policy regarding the granting of such schemes, in particular stock options, and makes any related proposals to the Board of Directors;
- reviews the information provided on this topic in the Financial Statements report and to the shareholders meeting where relevant;
- makes proposals to the Board of Directors concerning the choice between granting options to subscribe shares or granting options to purchase shares, specifying the reasons for such a choice as well as the respective consequences.

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The Nomination & Remuneration Committee reports to the shareholders on the exercise of the above functions; for this purpose the Chairman of the Committee or another Committee's member attends the Annual General Shareholders' Meeting called to examine and evaluate the General Remuneration Policy and the relevant Report.

#### 2.2. Internal Corporate Functions

Working closely with the Nomination & Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors, the internal Corporate Functions assists in determining the overall remuneration strategy applicable to the Company and its operative fully owned subsidiaries, having regard to the promotion of effective risk management; this include establishing an effective frame work to determine role descriptions.

The involved internal Corporate Functions include Internal Audit and Human Resources:

- ➤ the Internal Audit Dept. may carry out independent audit on the effects of the General Remuneration Policy on the Company's Risk Management Policy;
- > the Human Resources Dept.:
  - examines how the remuneration structure affects compliance (i) with internal policies and (ii) with legislation and regulations in force (with the support of the Legal Dept.);
  - > supports in drawing up the General Remuneration Policy for all categories within the companies to which the remuneration principles apply, taking into account the impact on staff behaviors;
  - coordinates the monitoring of the consistent application of the General Remuneration Policy;
  - > is the custodian of contractual terms.

#### 2.3. Board of Directors

According to the Company's Articles of Association and in compliance with the recommendations contained in Article 6 of the Corporate Governance Code and the applicable law, the Board of Directors, upon shareholders authorization allots the aggregate fixed gross amount of Directors' management fees and may determine the compensation of other directors covering particular offices within the Company upon proposal of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee. Moreover the Board of Directors identifies the Key Management Personnel and, upon proposal of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, gives the Chief Executive Officerguidelines regarding the establishment and maintenance of a remuneration policy for Key Management Personnel, as identified from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Company or of its operative fully owned subsidiaries.

#### 2.4. Shareholders' meeting

According to the Company's Articles of Association, the management fee of the members of the Board of Directors is determined by the Shareholders' meeting and the Board of Directors may determine the compensation of those directors covering particular offices. Nevertheless,

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the Shareholders' Meeting may determine an aggregate gross amount for remuneration of all Directors, including compensation those covering particular offices.

The Company's Shareholders' Meeting settles the maximum total annual gross remuneration for the Board of Directors and empowers and authorizes the Board of Directors to allocate such total amount between all its members (non-executive, executive and, if so resolved, also amongst those covering particular offices). The Board of Directors resolves the allotment amongst the executive directors and those covered with particular offices upon recommendation given by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee.

The Shareholders' Meeting is called to examine and evaluate the General Remuneration Policy expressing a non-binding resolution.

#### 2.5. Disclosure

Information regarding the General Remuneration Policy and detailed information regarding the remuneration of executive directors, other directors who cover particular offices and Key Management Personnel are provided in the annually approved Report on Remuneration.

The Report on Remuneration and the General Remuneration Policy are published on the Company's web site at shareholders' disposal.

#### 3. GENERAL REMUNERATION POLICY

#### 3.1. Design, approval and oversight of the General Remuneration Policy

The Board of Directors is responsible for approving and maintaining the General Remuneration Policy, overseeing its implementation and also for approving any exemptions or amendements. Procedures adopted to determine remuneration are clear, well documented and internally transparent.

In the design and oversight of the General Remuneration Policy, the Board of Directors takes into account the inputs provided by all competent Corporate Functions and Committees (i.e. Human Resources Department and Nomination & Remuneration Committee). The above Corporate Function and Committee are properly involved in the design of the General Remuneration Policy.

#### 3.1.1. Review of the Remuneration Policy

The General Remuneration Policy is approved on annual three years' basis but a remedial plan is timely put in place where annual reviews on its implementation reveal that the remuneration system does not operate as prescribed.

Such reviews asses, inter alia, whether the overall remuneration system:

- operates as prescribed (i.e. all agreed programs are covered, remuneration payouts are appropriate, long-term goals of the Company are adequately reflected); and
- is compliant with regulations, principles and standards as applicable from time to time.

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Internal Corporate Functions as well as the Nomination & Remuneration Committee are closely involved in reviewing the General Remuneration Policy.

The periodic reviews of the General Remuneration Policy may be, partially or totally, externally commissioned. Although external consultants may complement and support the Company in carrying out such reviews, the Board of Directors remains responsible for the results of the review.

#### 3.1.2. Shareholders' involvement and general requirement on disclosure

The Company's Annual General Shareholders' Meeting examines and evaluates the General Remuneration Policy. Shareholders are so provided with adequate information. To this end, the Board of Directors submits to the Annual General Shareholders' Meeting a report outlining the General Remuneration Policy for executive directors, other directors who cover particular offices and Key Management Personnel. This report:

- ➤ mainly focus on the General Remuneration Policy planned for the subsequent financial years highlighting in particular any significant changes in the Policy introduced;
- > contains an overview of the manner in which the Remuneration Policy has been implemented in the previous financial year.

The Shareholders' resolution is non-binding.

The Board of Directors remains responsible for the proposal submitted to the Annual General Shareholders' Meeting, as well as for the actual implementation and oversight of the General Remuneration Policy.

#### 3.1.3. Internal disclosure

The General Remuneration Policy is accessible to those of the Company and its operative fully owned subsidiaries that deals with it. The criteria that will be used to determine their variable remuneration are well known in advance.

Confidential quantitative aspects of the remuneration of staff members are not subject to disclosure.

#### 3.2. Guidelines

#### 2.2.1. Scope of the Remuneration Policy

The General Remuneration Policy is consistent with the principles and criteria hereinafter noted and defines the guidelines to be followed in order to consolidate a sustainable (in the medium and long term) remuneration package, strengthening its link to the achievement of economic results.

The Policy, proposed by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, is referred to the compensation of:

executive directors and other directors who cover particular offices;

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> top managers with strategic responsibilities within the Company and its operative fully owned subsidiaries (Key Management Personnel).

The Policy complies with its applicable legal framework and with the provisions of article 6 of the Corporate Governance Code especially where it states that:

- **▶** [...]
- for directors significantly involved in the management of the company and/or charged with strategic responsibilities, a share of the total compensation is linked with the company performance objectives, even not economic ones, set in advance and coherent with the company compensation policy guidelines;
- ➤ the base fee is appropriately balanced with a variable fee, in the light of core business strategic objectives and the issuing company risk management policy;
- > yearly, a "bonus pool" has to be set, in order to fix a maximum total amount of variable components not to be exceeded;
- > performance objectives are supposed to be preconceived, measurable and in a strong connection with the creation of value for shareholders in the medium-long term;
- > a significant part of the bonus shall be postponed with a minimum deferment period.

For the purpose of the Company's 2014/2016 General Remuneration Policy:

- > remuneration consists of all forms of payment or benefits made directly by, or indirectly, but on behalf of, d'Amico International Shipping S.A. within scope, in exchange for professional service rendered. The overall remuneration package is divided into fixed (payments or benefits not linked to any performance criteria) and variable (additional payments or benefits depending on performance or, in certain cases, other contractual criteria). Both components of remuneration (fixed and variable) may include monetary payments of benefit (such as cash, shares, options, cancellation of loans, pension contributions, remuneration by third parties) or non (directly) monetary benefits (such as health insurance, discounts, fringe benefits or special allowance for car, mobile phone, etc.);
- ➤ the following categories must be included into the scope of the General Remuneration Policy:
  - > executive directors and other directors covering particular offices, such as the Chairman of the Company;
  - ➤ Key Management Personnel (where not identified as directors) such as the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Operation Manager, the Fleet Manager.

The Key Management Personnel is from time to time identified by the respective involved company whether the Company or its fully owned operative subsidiaries.

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Non-executive directors are not included into the scope of this General Remuneration Policy and its guidelines for what concerns the variable component of the remuneration, since remuneration of non-executive directors is not linked to the economic results achieved by the Company and non-executive directors are not beneficiaries of any share-based compensation plans, unless it is so decided by the Annual General Shareholders' Meeting, which in case shall also explain the relevant reasons.

#### 3.2.2. Fixed and variable remuneration

The d'Amico Group adopts a fully-flexible policy on variable remuneration.

Having a fully-flexible policy on variable remuneration implies not only that variable remuneration should decrease as a result of negative performance but also that it can go down to zero in some cases. For its practical implementation, it also implies that the fixed remuneration should be a sufficiently high proportion of total remuneration, to remunerate the professional services rendered in line with the level of expertise and skill required and the relevant business sector and region and to allow the operation of a fully flexible variable remuneration policy, including the possibility not to pay variable remuneration at all.

These guidelines are not directly concerned with setting numerical levels of fixed remuneration, since the fixed remuneration of Directors is primarily the result of a Shareholders' Meeting resolution and, in case of Key Management Personnel, of negotiations between a staff member and the Company or its operative fully owned subsidiaries.

According to this Policy, the variable portion of remuneration is linked to a target threshold related to the Company's EBITDA as recorded in the Consolidated Financial Statements approved by the Company's Shareholders.

#### 3.2.3. Ratio between fixed and variable remuneration

Meeting a fully flexible variable General Remuneration Policy implies as a prerequisite the accomplishment of several mechanisms, including:

- > the maximum ratio on the variable remuneration compared to the fixed remuneration, and
- proper performance measurement and associated risk adjustment.

On the first point, fixed and variable components of total remuneration are appropriately balanced in order to provide an incentive to pursue the goals and interests of the Company's Shareholders and Stakeholders, and in order to avoid the inducement to assume inappropriate risks; the higher the possible variable remuneration compared to the fixed remuneration is, the stronger the incentive will be to deliver the needed performance, and the bigger the associated risks may become.

The Company sets its ratio between fixed and variable remuneration considering the appropriate balance depending on:

the quality of performance measurement;

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- > the length of the deferral and retention period;
- the legal structure of the Company and its operative fully owned subsidiaries and scope of the activities:
- business and risks involved.

The ratio between fixed and variable remuneration is settled at the moment of initial performance measurement; the variable part of remuneration falls in the range of a minimum of 20% and a maximum of 50% of the singularly allotted fixed remuneration.

#### 3.2.4. Payout process

In case the person is entitled to the variable remuneration, the payment of a significant part (at least half percent) of such remuneration may be delayed of a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve (6-12) months.

#### 3.2.5. Non-monetary benefits

The remuneration of executive directors and other directors who cover particular offices and the compensation of Key Management Personnel may include non-monetary benefits such a car, housing allowance, school fees and health insurance.

#### 3.2.6. Share based remuneration

Share-based remuneration is not included into the General Remuneration Policy and is not part of the remuneration of executive directors, other directors covering particular offices and Key Management Personnel.

#### 3.2.7. Termination payments

Termination payment is not included into the General Remuneration Policy and is not part of remuneration of executive directors, other directors covering particular offices and Key Management Personnel.

3.3. Remuneration of executive directors and other directors covering particular offices

According to the above stated principles, total compensation for the executive directors and other directors who cover particular offices is composed of two different parts:

- An individual base fee, namely a fixed amount identified;
- ➤ an individual and variable bonus to be allotted depending on the Company's Group performance, set as a share of the individually allotted base fee.

For each director, the individual bonus is set as a share of the individual base fee. Such share is among a minimum of 20% and a maximum of 50% of the base fee, in order to reach an adequate trade off of fixed and variable fee, in the light of core business, strategic objectives and risk management policy.

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As far as the individual bonus is concerned, based on the proposal of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee, the Board of Directors provides for an "ability to pay" condition defined in terms of Company EBITDA Results, as recorded in the Consolidated Financial Statements approved by the Company's Shareholders.

The payment of at least half (50%) of the variable part of remuneration may be delayed of a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve (6-12) months.

#### Moreover:

- members of the Board of Directors shall in addition be reimbursed for all other expenses whatsoever incurred in relation with the management of the Company or the pursuit of the Company's corporate object;
- > the remuneration may also include non-monetary benefits such as car, housing allowance, school fees and health insurance.

Members of the Board of Directors involved in Company's Internal Committees are not entitled to further compensation apart the base management one.

#### 3.4. Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel is involved in the Company managerial incentive system and includes (where not members of the Board of Directors):

- Chief Executive Officer;
- Chief Financial Officer;
- Chief Operating Officer;
- Operation Manager;
- > Fleet Manager.

The Key Management Personnel remuneration (compensation package) consists of a fixed component (base salary) and a variable component (bonus) being calculated as a percentage of the singularly allotted fixed remuneration that may falls in the range of a minimum of 20% and a maximum of 50%, whose payment is subject to the achievement of the target thresholds. The target thresholds are related to the EBITDA as recorded in the Consolidated Financial Statements approved by the Company's Shareholders.

The payment of a significant part (at least half percent) of the individual bonus may be delayed of a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve (6-12) months.

The compensation package may include non-monetary benefits such car, housing allowance, school fees and health insurance.

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3.5. Remuneration of the Chief Control and Risk Officer, the Person in charge of Internal Controls and the Manager entrusted for the preparation of the Company's Financial Reports.

Since the Chief Control and Risk Officer (Executive Director in charge of the Internal Control and Risk Management System) is identified in the President of the Company, there are no further relevant provisions for his remuneration and no further remuneration is settled for this role.

Since the Manager entrusted for the preparation of the Company's Financial Reports coincides with the Chief Financial Officer, there are no further provisions for his remuneration and no further remuneration is settled for this role.

The Internal Audit Manager is a person external to the Company, employed by its indirect controlling shareholder The Internal Audit Manager remuneration consists of a base salary plus a bonus.

#### Annex 1 – REMUNERATION FOR THE 2013 FISCAL YEAR

Remuneration of executive directors and other directors covering particular offices for the 2013 fiscal year.

By means of a resolution adopted by the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company held on 3 April 2013, the aggregate fixed gross amount of Directors' management fees for the 2013 financial year were set at Euro 780.000,00 and the Board of Directors was empowered and authorized to allocate such amount between all the Directors and to eventually determine the compensation to be paid to those directors vested with additional offices.

As regards the executive directors, the Board of Directors, upon proposal of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee, resolved to allocate Euro 505.000,00 plus an additional 2013 variable compensation being as follows:

- > Percentage of the variable component of the Executive Directors' Remuneration: 30% of the 2013 directors management fixed fees as yearly singularly allotted;
- > Target Threshold: EBITDA as recorded in the 2013 Consolidated Financial Statements approved by the Company's Shareholders, to be 10% higher than the budgeted consolidated one (US\$ 20 million);
- > Deferred period of payment: twelve (12) months for half (50%) of the variable part.

Further information on the compensation paid to the directors and the Key Management Personnel can be found in the relevant tables in the Report on Remuneration submitted to the Annual General Shareholders' Meeting to be held on 2 April 2014.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel for the 2013 fiscal year.

As regard the Key Management Personnel the Board of Directors resolved i) to acknowledge the identification of the Key Management Personnel being as follows:

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and ii) to entrust the Company's Chief Executive Officer to ensure that remuneration package of the Key Management Personnel be implemented in accordance with the Guidelines set forth in the approved 2013 General Remuneration Policy.

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