



BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

9th May 2000

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company announces that Mr Tim Harris is resigning today from the Board and also as Chief Executive Officer of P&O Nedlloyd Container Line Limited.

Mr Harris was appointed to the Board in 1986. Mr Harris became an Assistant Managing Director of P&O in 1995 and Chief Executive Officer of P&O Nedlloyd Container Line Limited in 1996.

Paying tribute to Tim Harris, the P&O Chairman Lord Sterling said: "Tim is an extremely able colleague. He has made a major contribution to the Group both in cruises and latterly as Chief Executive Officer of our joint venture company, P&O Nedlloyd. There was a divergence of views between Tim and the rest of the Board on issues relating to the future management of the Group and he has therefore decided to pursue his career elsewhere. We wish him every success"

Mr Robert Woods, a Director of P&O, has been appointed by P&O Nedlloyd as Group Managing Director.

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