

# Pangaea declaring two ice-class options in China

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Rhode Island-based niche specialist Pangaea Logistic Solutions has decided to declare two options for ice-class bulkers at China State Shipbuilding's Guangzhou Shipyard International, market sources tell TradeWinds.

Like the two original post-panamax units ordered earlier this year, the 95,000-dwt option vessels are expected to cost about \$76m en bloc.

Market sources tell TradeWinds that declaring the options became possible after Pangaea was able to expand an existing 10-year contract to haul iron ore from Baffinland Iron Mines in northern Canada.

An attempt to reach Pangaea officials for comment was not immediately successful.



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Delivery on the first two ships has been set for April and May of 2021. It is believed the option vessels will follow in late 2021.

All four bulkers are built to ice class 1A specifications and serve the export of iron ore from remote Baffin Island, where the mining outfit has been laying out plans to expand production.

Sources familiar with the orders said that while Pangaea maintains outright ownership of the first two vessels, the second pair could involve a sale-leaseback arrangement with a Chinese entity and may involve an additional investor.

Details of the financing are expected to emerge imminently.

New York-listed Pangaea, led by chief executive Ed Coll, currently operates 21 bulkers and one barge in its owned fleet.

The Newport-based owner was trading at \$3.23 this afternoon on the Nasdaq exchange, up less than 1% on the day.