

# D'Amico International fixes out third LR1 newbuilding

Trafigura continues to show taste for Vinashin-built ships with latest charter.

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D'Amico International Shipping has locked up employment for the third in a series of six LR1 newbuildings from Hyundai Vinashin Shipyard in Vietnam.



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Milan-listed DIS has fixed the 74,000-dwt Cielo di Rotterdam into a potential one-year deal with Trafigura, market sources say.

A rate of \$13,750 per day is being suggested for the initial six month period, however, people close to the business suggest that the figure secured is higher.

An optional six months is being pegged at an increased level of \$14,750 per day or more.

The same trader has previously chartered the first tanker in the HVS series, fixing the Cielo Bianco (built 2017) fresh from the yard

last November.

A second ship in the series, the Cielo Rosso, also has a time charter in place with an oil major.

Brokers tell TradeWinds that the Cielo di Rotterdam fixture, which may have been concluded in January, comes to light at a time that market for LR1s is firming slightly.

The HVS series marked d'Amico's debut in the LR1 market.



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Chairman Paolo d'Amico told TradeWinds in an interview on board the Cielo Bianco at the naming ceremony that there was demand for the tankers and a contract was just a matter of the rate.

Trafigura has experience with Vinahin, having placed a contract for 12 MRs at the yard earlier this year as part of a wider order for crude and products tonnage.

The construction of those ships is understood to be under the supervision of d'Amico-linked company Ishima.

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