



# GLOBAL MARITIME INDUSTRIES

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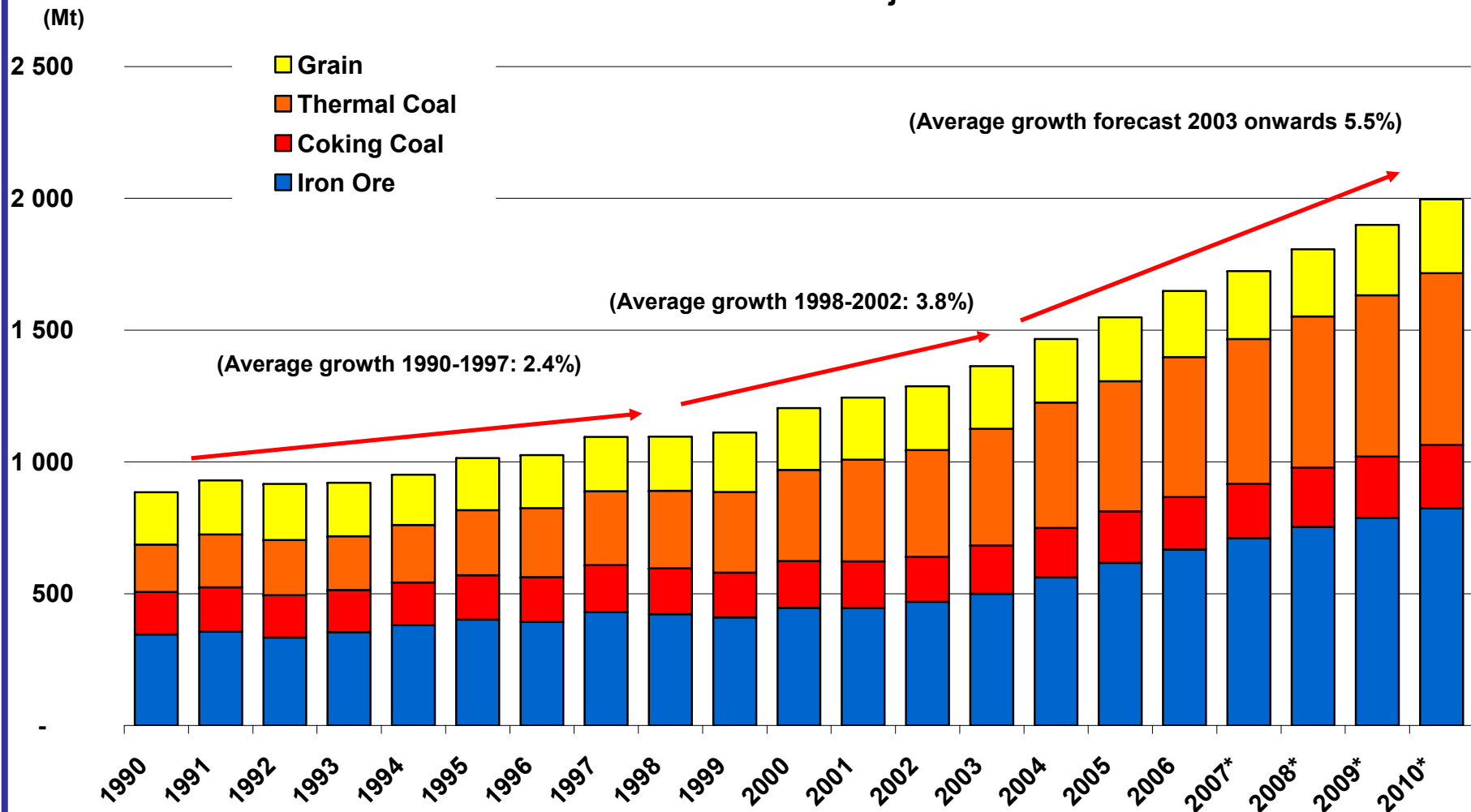
**“WHAT NEXT FOR THE DRY BULK MARKET?”**

Jean-Bernard RAOUST

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# Dry bulk demand trend

## DRY BULK SEABORNE TRADE - Major commodities



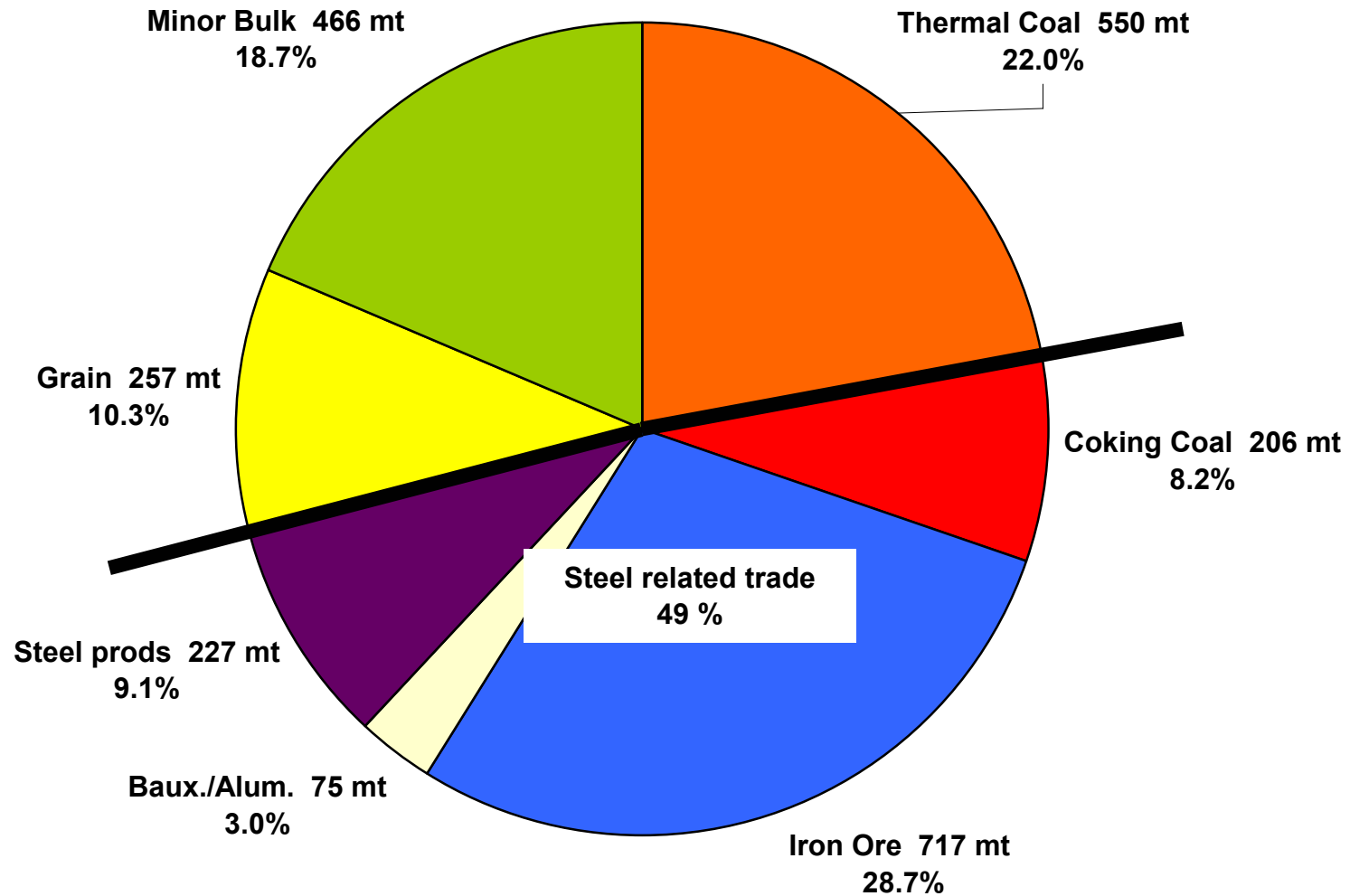
(Source: IGC, IISI-Ramco, World Energy Council)

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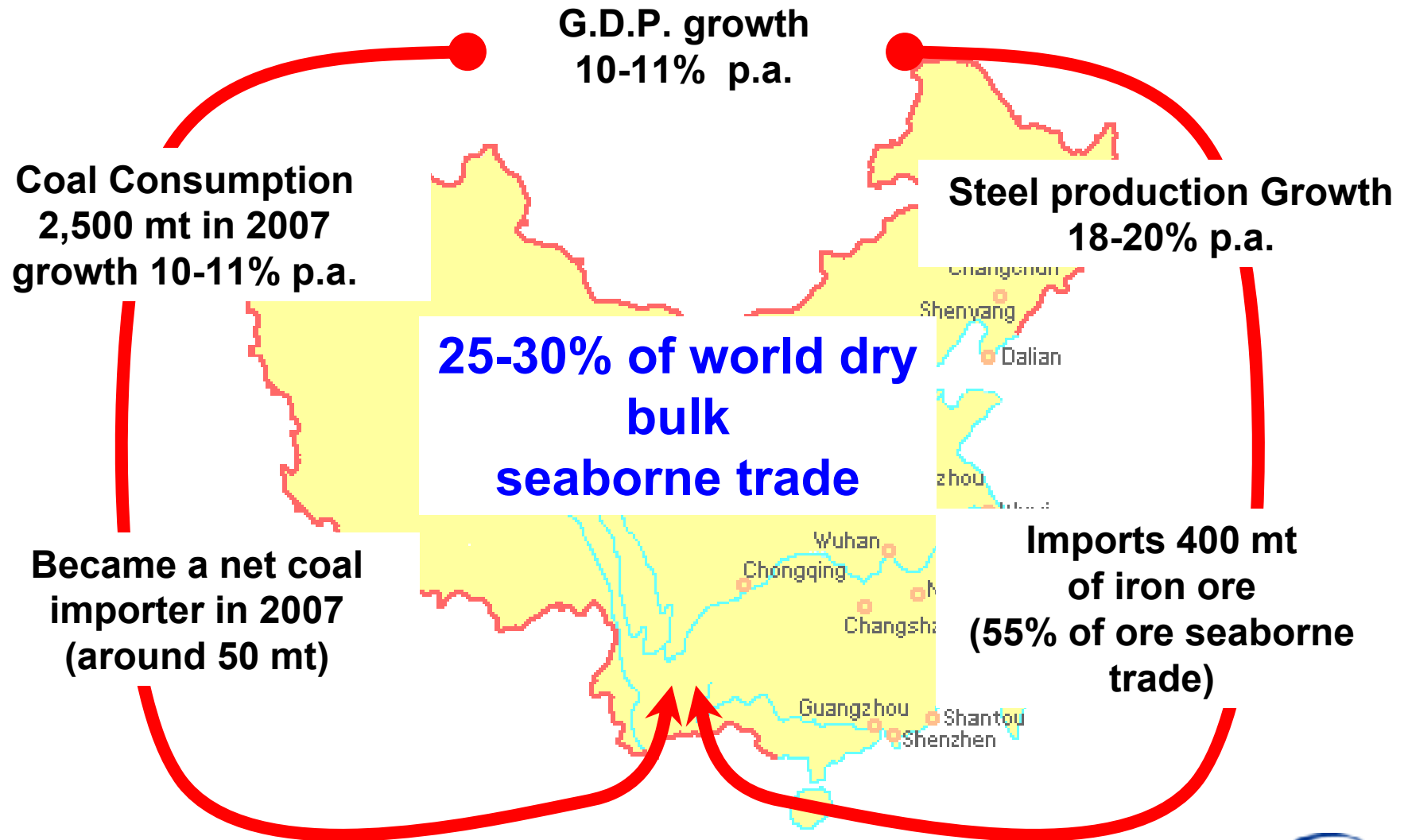


# What are we talking about?

## WORLD DRY BULK SEABORNE TRADE IN 2007

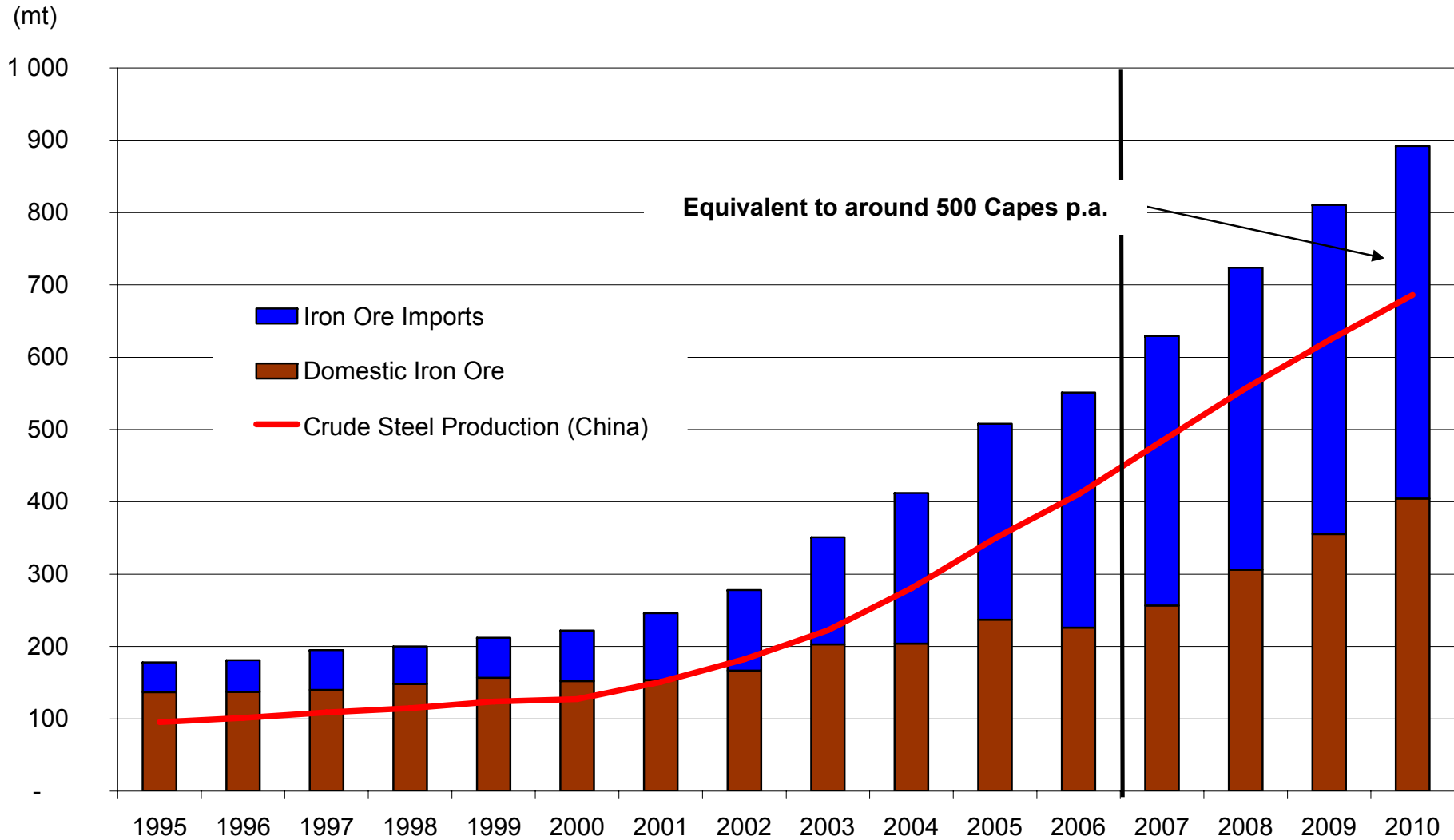


# THE BEATING HEART OF THE INDUSTRY - CHINA



# China's Steel Industry

## CHINESE IRON ORE CONSUMPTION BY SOURCE

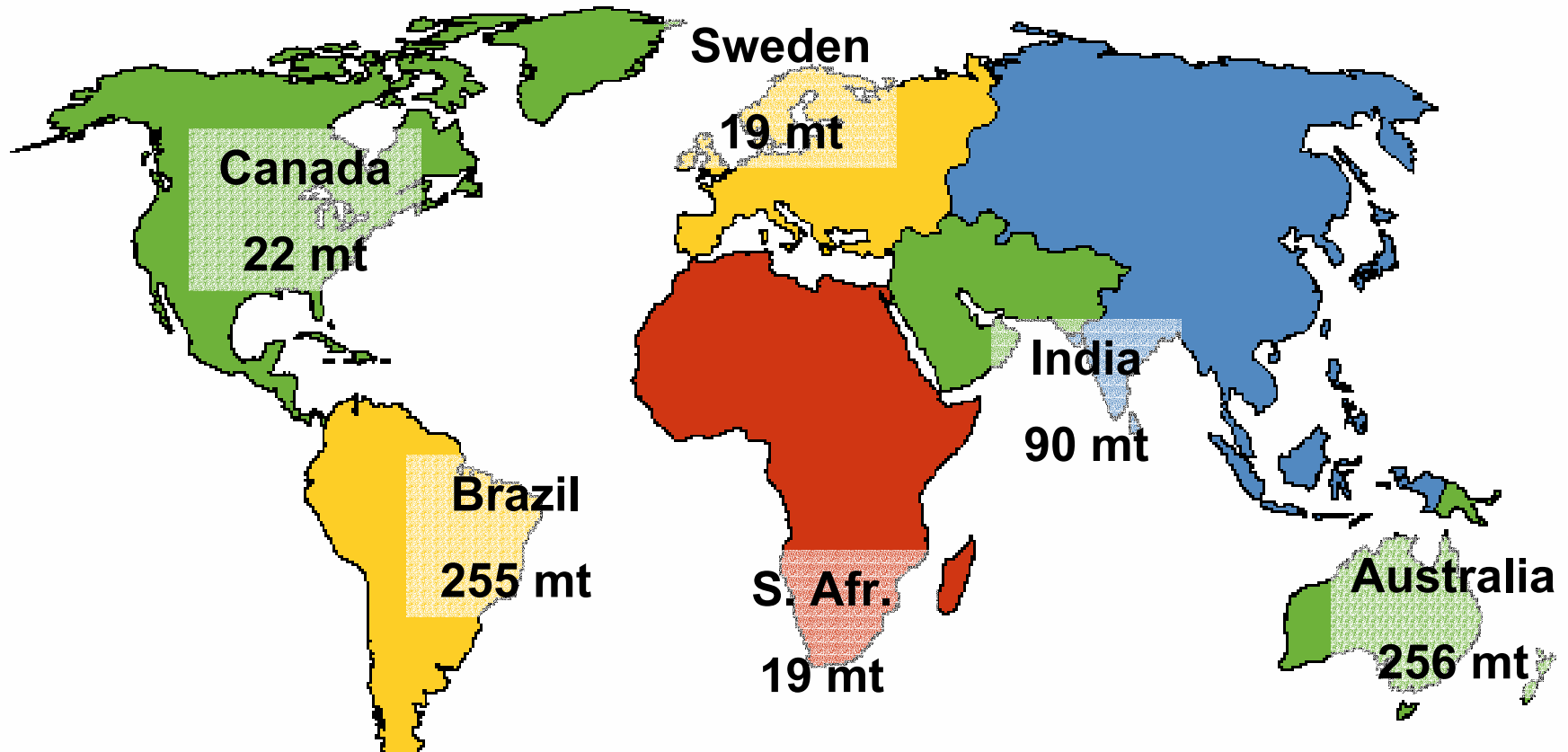


China produces 40% of World Crude Steel – Growth rate is 20% p.a.



# THE POWER OF THE MINES

(est. tons of **IRON ORE** shipped in 2007)

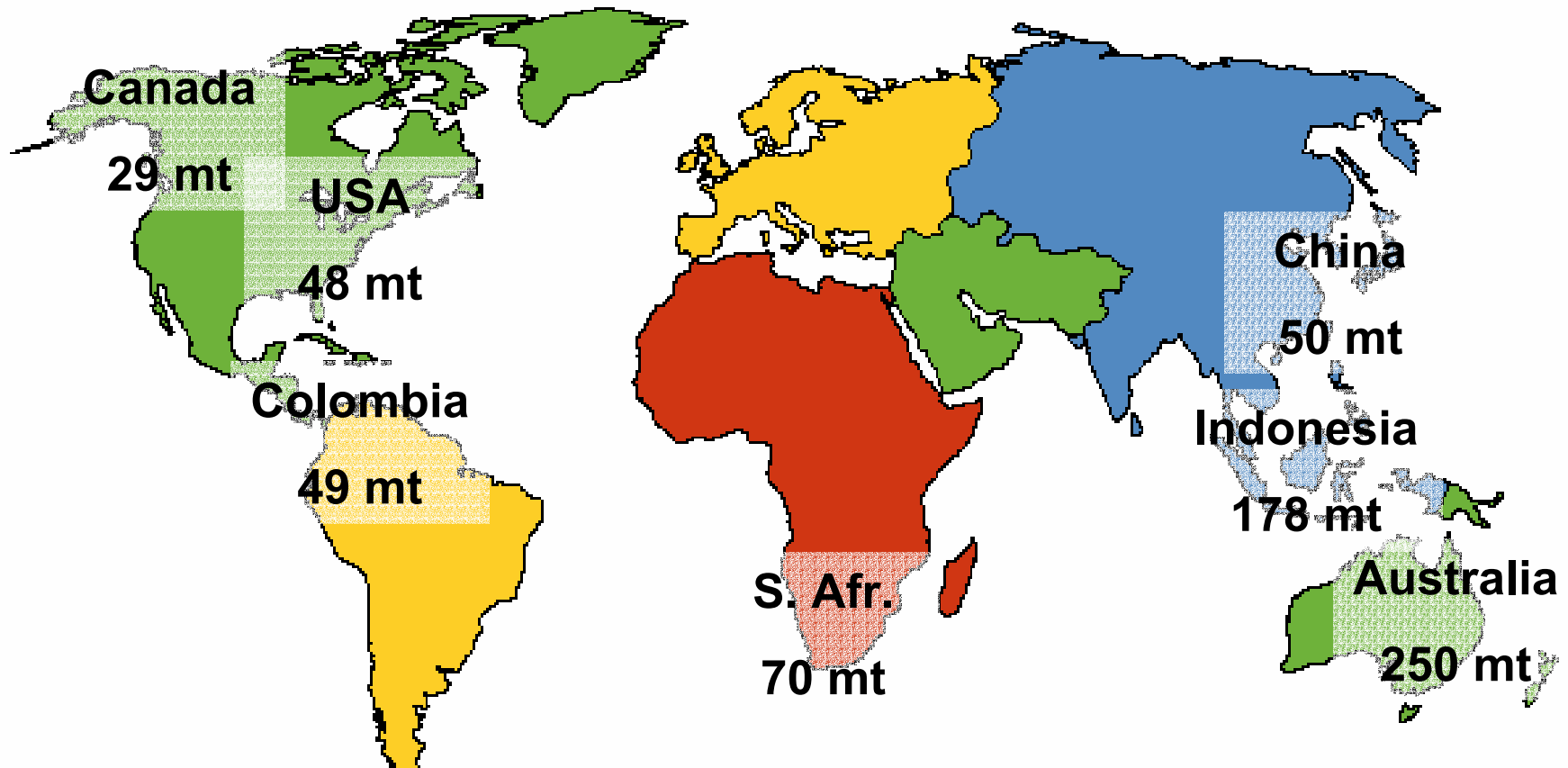


**The 3 largest mining groups control  
70% of iron ore shipments**



# COAL: ASIA/PACIFIC DOMINATION

(est. tons of **COAL** shipped in 2007)



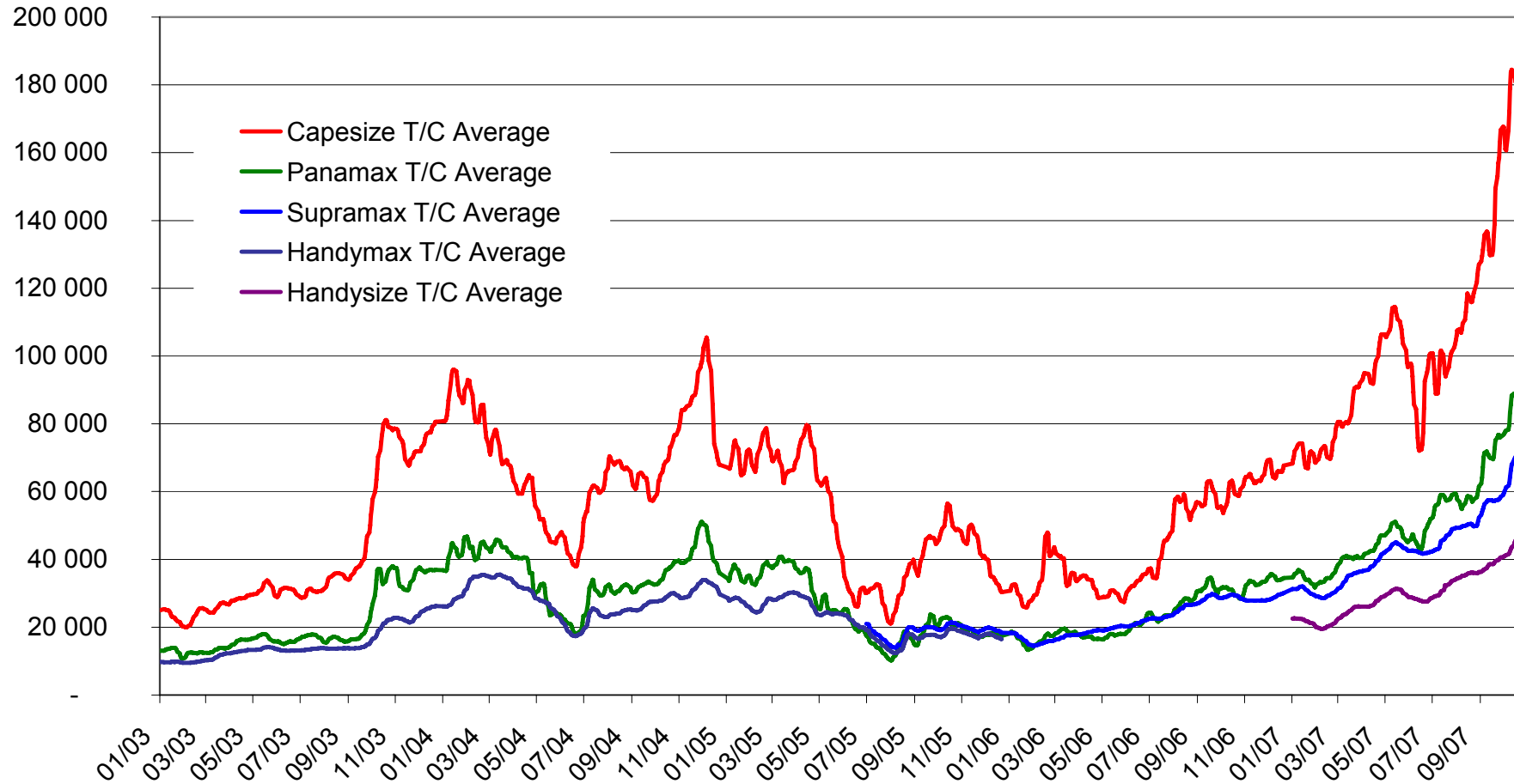
**Asia/Pacific area represents 65% of the coal market**

# Dry Bulk Freight Rates

## DRY BULK CARRIERS - SHORT T/C AVERAGE

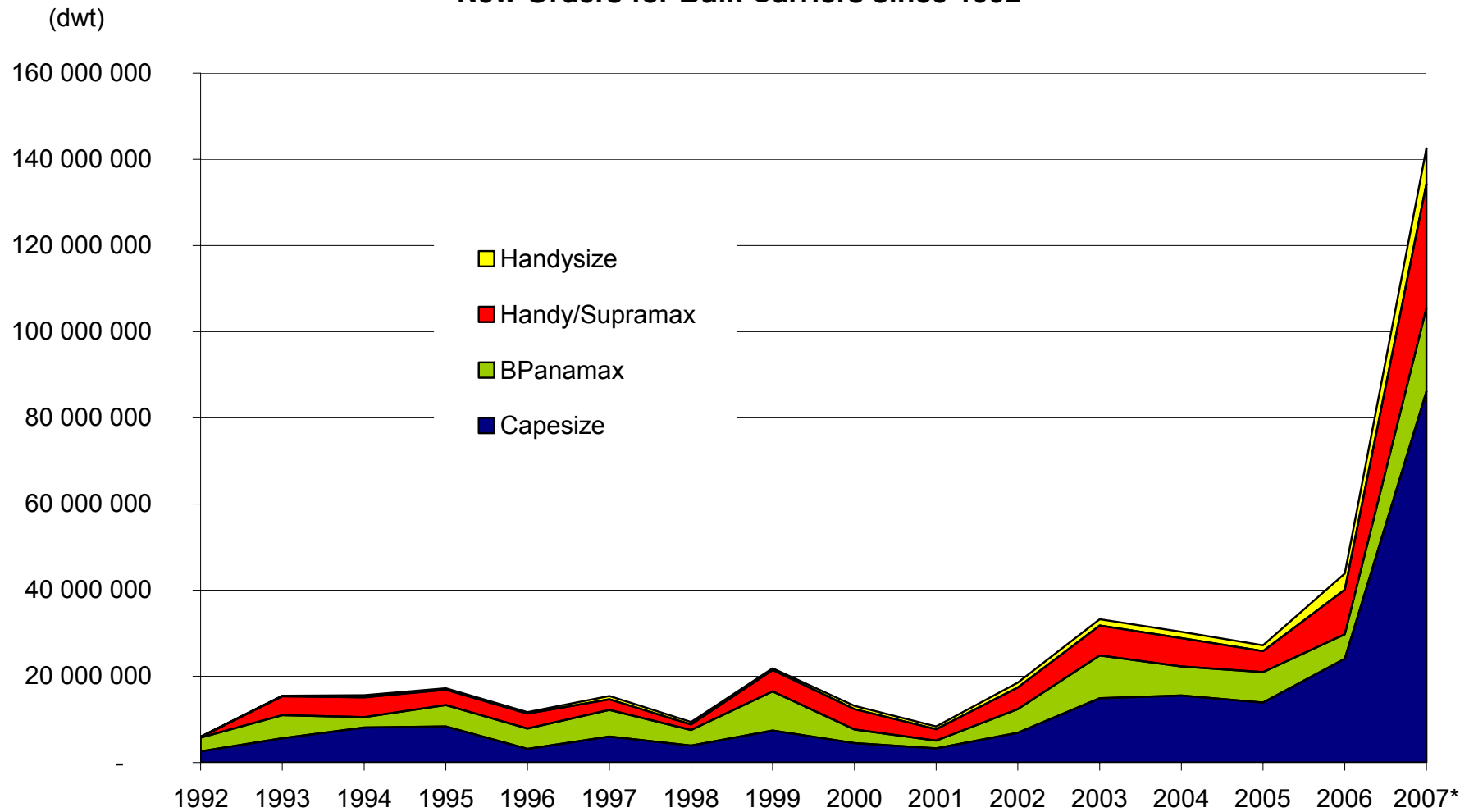
(Average Baltic Exchange T/C routes)

US\$/day



# NEW ORDERS BOOMING...

New Orders for Bulk Carriers since 1992



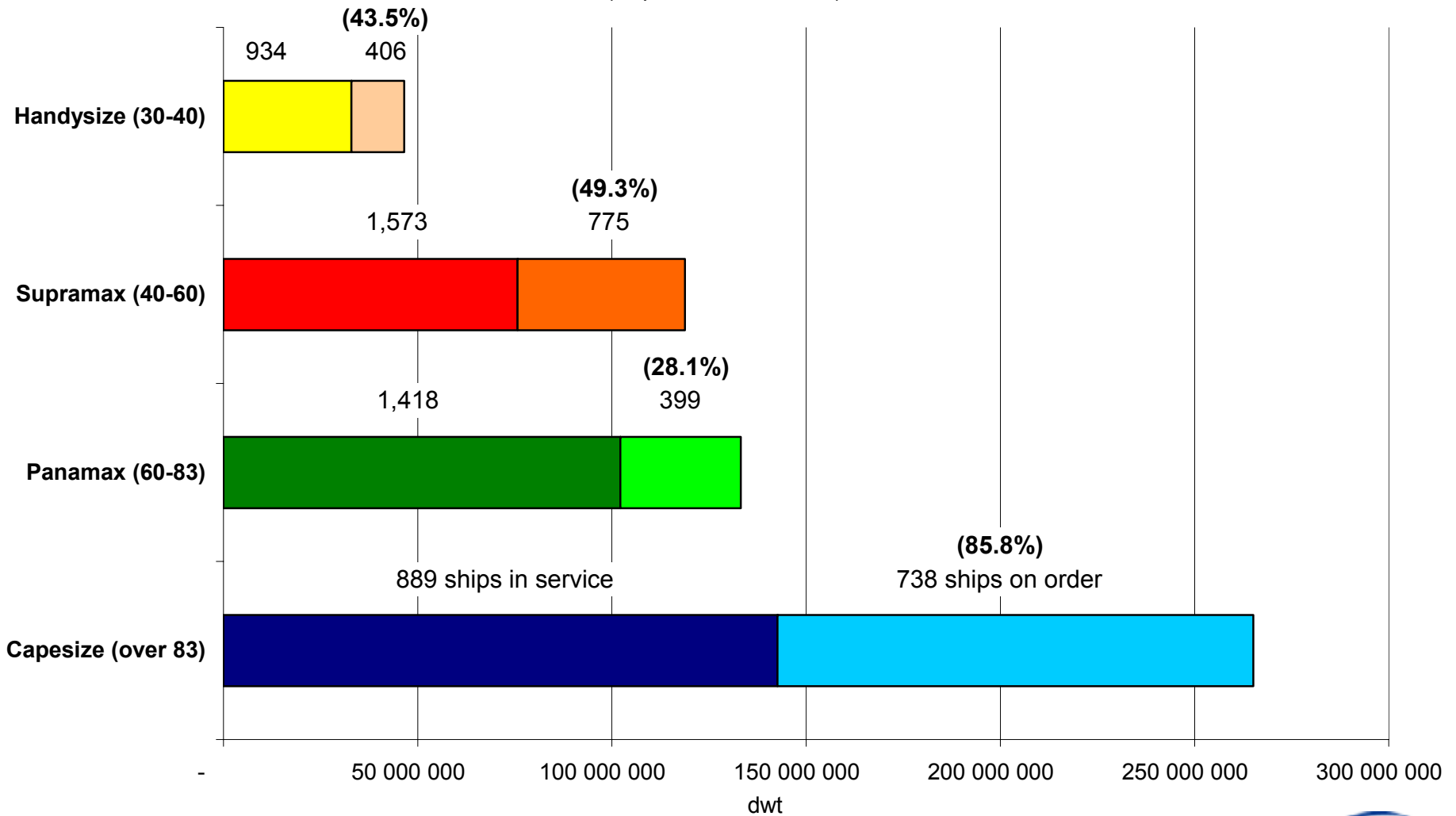
(\* 10 months)



# Supramax & Capes first!

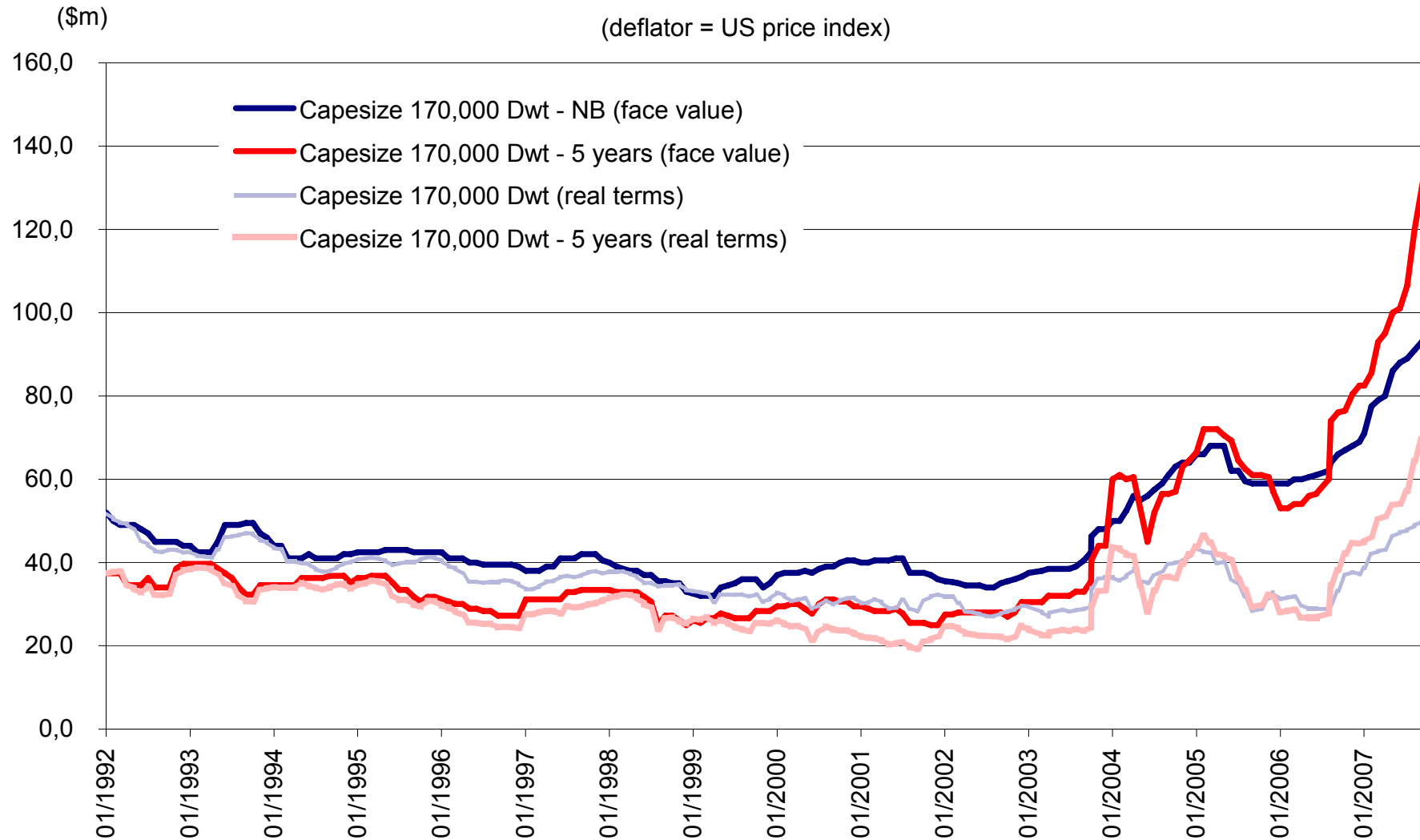
## Bulk Carriers Active Fleet vs Orderbook - Oct. 2007

(ships over 30,000 dwt)



# Asset Prices

## Current vs Real Terms Newbuilding Prices & Second-Hand Values

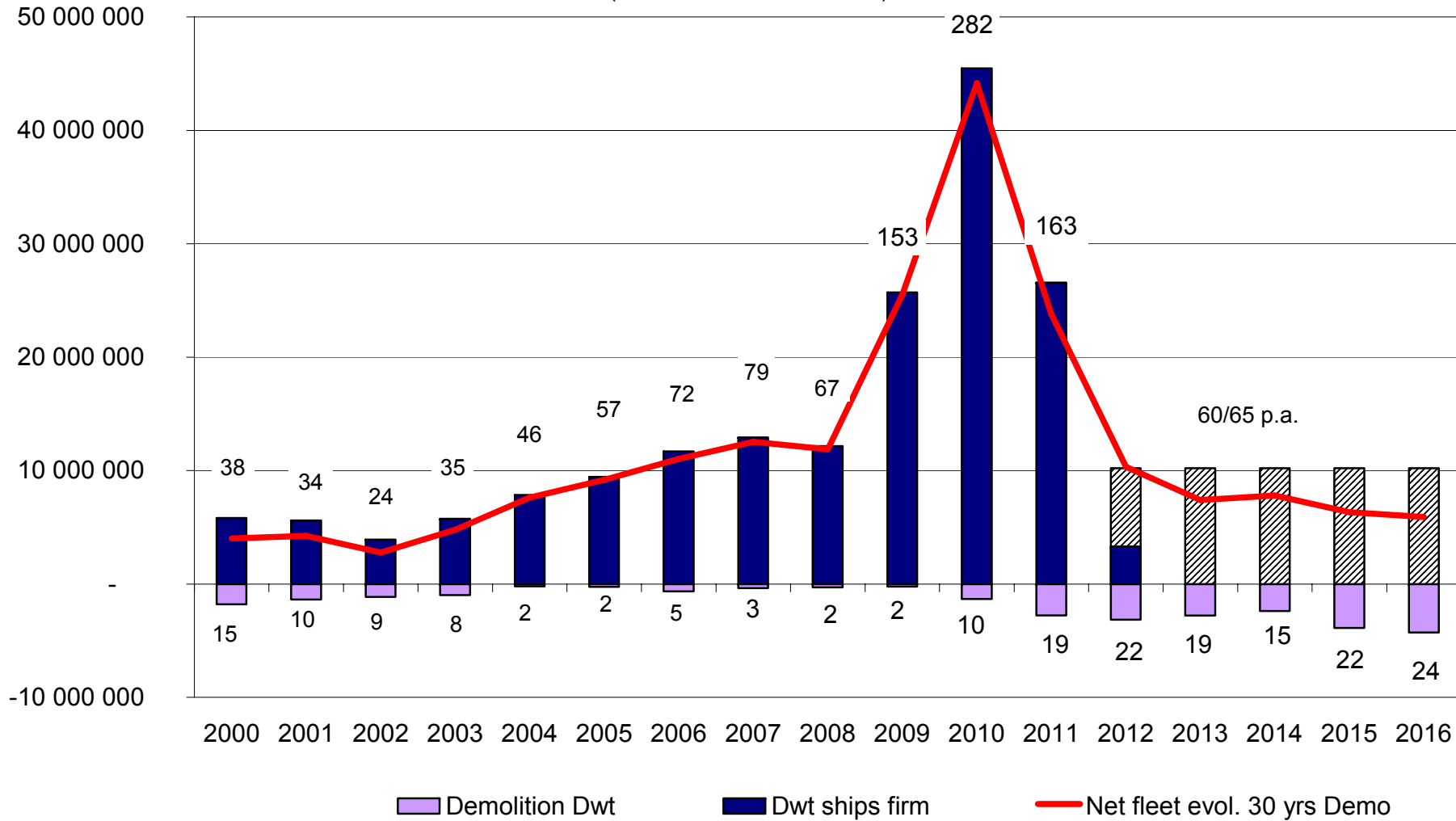


# Scrapyard blues...

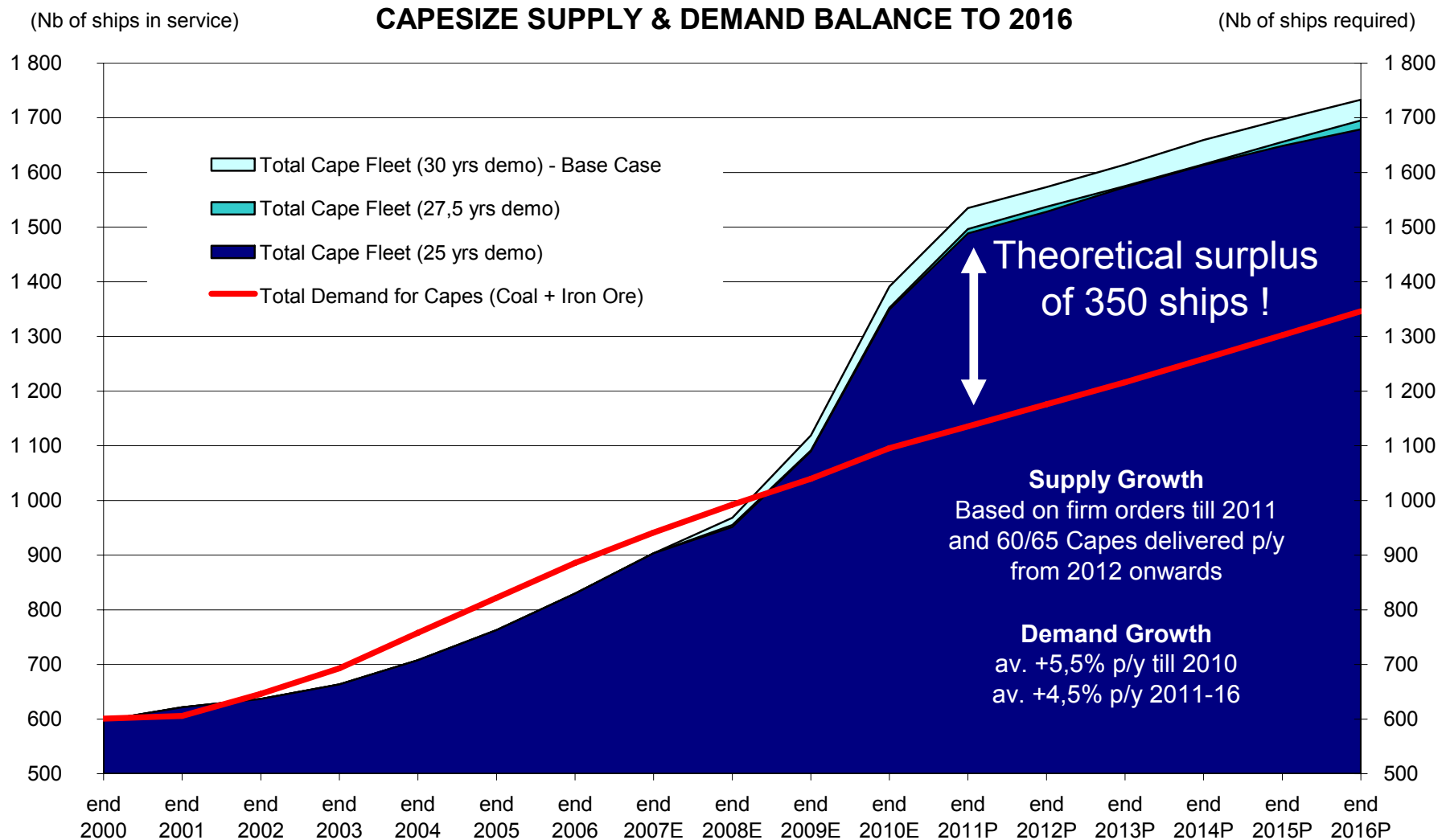
## Capesize Fleet Evolution - 30 yrs Av. Demo. Age

(>32,2 beam - >83,000 dwt)

(dwt Deliv. / Demo)



# Oversupply?



# The Bullish view...

- With today's predicted deliveries the market in 2008 could remain very tight and **port congestion** in Australia will not be completely solved before new loading capacity comes fully on-stream in 2009.
- Bulk shipping demand will rise over 5.5% p.a. to reach 6% or 7%, with other countries such as **India, Brazil** or **Vietnam** etc. adding to China.
- Current dry bulk tonnage on order is **overestimated**: delays, refund guarantees not in place, lack of skilled management, greenfield yards never starting production, could affect 30% of the ships on order.

**A manageable oversupply of tonnage**

**Market fundamentals remain excellent**

**No panic**

# The Bearish view...

- Demand growth cannot reasonably double to 12% p.a. (production and port capacity expansion take time) to absorb new ships.
- Delivery of new tonnage + tanker **conversions** will drive rates down sharply as from next year.
- China's steel sector will **consolidate**, leading to a rationalization of iron ore supply.
- China to take stronger measures to **control overheating** after the Olympics in 2008.
- A Japan-like **integration** of China's shipping requirements by domestic interests will reduce market opportunities.
- Existing yard capacity will produce shipping overcapacity for a long time. (**the 1980s syndrome**)
- Long term charterers might **re-negotiate** their contracts, threatening sustainability of high priced shipping investments

# Our view...

## ... rough seas ahead

- Current rate levels are far from “break-even” and **can drop** significantly without hurting owners.
- Traditional owners are **cash-rich** and not heavily indebted: they can sustain a period of lower returns.
- Numerous vessels are tied up on **long term contracts**.
- Positions taken on derivative markets might increase nervousness on the physical and increase **volatility**.
- 2008 should come back to more **reasonable levels**, both for freight rates and number of orders.
- 2009/2010 will be very tough years for late players having invested at today’s levels.

**BUT**

**The fundamentals of the world economy remain excellent and will need the support of sea transportation.**



**“The future belongs to that which has the longest memory. ”**

(Friedrich Nietzsche)

**Thank you.**

