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Extension of options for new ships

Further to the position outlined in its second quarter results announcement last week, P&O Princess today confirmed that it has reached agreement with Chantiers d Atlantique to extend the options for the ordering of two additional new ships. P&O Princess now has until a date in late September to declare these options.

The options are for two sister ships to the Coral and Island Princesses which are currently under construction at the French yard, with delivery scheduled for November 2002 and May 2003. The prices for the two ships under option are fixed in Euros and have not changed as a result of this extension. The scheduled delivery dates for the ships, if ordered, remain the same, being in 2005 and 2006.

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P&O Princess Cruises has approximately 20,000 employees worldwide and carried over one million passengers in 2001, generating a revenue of approximately \$2.5 billion (approximately GBP1.7 billion). Headquartered in London, P&O Princess Cruises' ordinary shares are quoted on the London Stock Exchange and as ADSs on the New York Stock Exchange (under the symbol "POC").