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Heidenreich Marine's Star Tankers panamax pool has roped in two new partners.

Capital Ship Management of Greece and Chemikalien Seatransport GMBH of Germany are entering with one tanker each. Star has taken on Capital's 70,000-dwt newbuilding Miltiades M and Chemikalien's 71,000-dwt Chemtrans Sun (built 2000), formerly Emerald Sun.

Counting the additions, the Star fleet includes 11 partners. With 37 vessels it can now boast the largest market share in the Atlantic Basin.

In addition, Star has taken delivery of Ionia Shipmanagement's 73,000-dwt newbuilding Theo T, delivered from Samsung in August. Ionia and pool partner Liquimar of Greece are also soon to add previously committed newbuildings.

The influx is just the start of a fleet renewal that will see 20 newbuildings enter the pool by 2005, Heidmar boss Per Heidenreich says. Most will replace older vessels.

Meanwhile, in the clean-products segment, Heidmar reached the 20-vessel mark with its Dorado Tankers pool last week when it took on South African-based Unicorn's 47,000-dwt newbuilding Eland from Onomichi.