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LOBBYING REGISTRATION

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

Check if this is an Amended Registration 1. Effective Date of Registration 1/1/2003
2. House Identification Number _____ Senate Identification Number _____

REGISTRANT

3. Registrant Name **Blank Rome LLP**
Address **600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW** **11th Floor**
City **Washington** State **DC** Zip **20037**
4. Principal place of business (if different from line 3)
City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____
5. Telephone number and contact name Contact E-Mail (optional)
202-944-3000 **Jennifer M. Southwick** **Southwick@BlankRome.com**
6. General description of registrant's business or activities
Law firm

CLIENT *A lobbying firm is required to file a separate registration for each client. Organizations employing in-house lobbyists should labeled "Self" and proceed to line 10.* Self

7. Client Name **Vane Line Bunkering, Inc.**
Address **Pier 11** **4209 Newgate Avenue**
City **Baltimore** State **MD** Zip **21224**
8. Principal place of business (if different from line 7)
City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____
9. General description of client's business or activities
Maritime transportation

LOBBYISTS

10. Name of each individual who has acted or is expected to act as a lobbyist for the client identified on line 7. If any person listed in this section has served as a "covered executive branch official" or "covered legislative branch official" within two years of first acting as a lobbyist for this client, state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Thomas Cheplo	
James B. Ellis II	
Brett M. Esber	

Registrant Name: Blank Rome LLPClient Name: Vane Line Bunkering, Inc.

Item	Description	Data
10a	Lobbyist Name	Michael Joseph
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	Christopher Naftzger
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	R. Anthony Salgado
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	Karim Shehadeh
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	Marcus Wyler
10b	Covered Official Postion	

Registrant Name: **Blank Rome LLP**Client Name: **Vane Line Bunkering, Inc.****LOBBYING ISSUES**

11. General lobbying issue areas. Select all applicable codes listed in instructions and on the reverse side of Form LD-1, page 1.

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12. Specific lobbying issues (current and anticipated)

Vessel financing issues**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than \$10,000 to the lobbying activities of the registrant in a semiannual period and in whole or major part plans, supervises, or controls the registrant's lobbying activities?

 No. Go to line 14. Yes. Complete the rest of this section for each entity matching the criteria above, then proceed to line 14.

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)

FOREIGN ENTITIES

14. Is there any foreign entity that:

- a) holds at least 20% equitable ownership in the client or any organization identified on line 13; or
- b) directly or indirectly, in whole or in major part, plans, supervises, controls, directs, finances, or subsidizes activities of the client or any organization identified on line 13; or
- c) is an affiliate of the client or any organization identified on line 13 and has a direct interest in the outcome of the lobbying activity?

 No. Sign and date the registration. Yes. Complete the rest of this section for each entity matching the criteria above, the sign and date the registration.

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities

Signature


Date **8/12/2003**

Printed Name and Title

Jane Barrett - Partner

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