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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) -All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

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| 1. Registrant Name Blank Rome LLP | | | |
| 2. Registrant Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported Address 600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW 11th Floor City Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20037 | | | |
| 3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____ | | | |
| 4. Contact Name Rebecca South | Telephone (202)772-5803 | E-mail (optional) south@blankrome.com | 5. Senate ID # 89133-1837 |
| 7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self FastShip Inc. | | | 6. House ID # 31577041 |

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30) **OR** Year End (July 1-Dec)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report >> Termination Date _____

11. No Lobby

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

| 12. Lobbying Firms | 13. Organizations |
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| <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >> \$ <u>\$40,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000 of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p> | <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$2)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 603: the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162: Internal Revenue Code</p> |

Signature _____ Date **2/17/2004**

Printed Name and Title **James B. Ellis II - Partner** _____ Pa

Registrant Name: **Blank Rome LLP**

Client Name: **FastShip Inc.**

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. **Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.**

15. General issue area code **MAR** (one per page)
16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.r. 1588/S. 1050, FY 2004 DOD Authorization, issues related to Title XI funding
H.R. 2658/S. 1382, FY 2004 DOD Appropriations, issues related to Title XI funding
PL 108-199, FY 2004 Consolidated Appropriations Act, issues related to Title XI funding and marine cargo construction
Vessel financing issues
Issues related to Title XI funding

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
Department of the Navy
Department of Transportation
House of Representatives
Maritime Administration
Senate
U.S. Transportation Command

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

| Name | Covered Official Position (if applicable) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Bernstein Mathews, Lara | |
| Bondareff, Joan | Chief Counsel, Maritime Administration |
| Cheplo, Thomas | |
| Drewry, James S. | Democratic General Counsel, Senate Commerce Co |
| Dyer, Thomas M. | |
| Ellis II, James B. | |
| Girard-diCarlo, David | |

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature _____ Date **2/17/2004**

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| Item | Description | Data |
|------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 18a | Lobbyist Name | Heckel Mitchell, Sarah |
| 18b | Covered Official Position | |
| 18c | New Lobbyist | No |
| 18a | Lobbyist Name | Joseph, Michael |
| 18b | Covered Official Position | |
| 18c | New Lobbyist | No |
| 18a | Lobbyist Name | Keup, Wayne A. |
| 18b | Covered Official Position | |
| 18c | New Lobbyist | No |
| 18a | Lobbyist Name | Naftzger, Christopher |
| 18b | Covered Official Position | |
| 18c | New Lobbyist | No |
| 18a | Lobbyist Name | Schachte, William |
| 18b | Covered Official Position | RADM, U.S. Navy |
| 18c | New Lobbyist | No |
| 18a | Lobbyist Name | Shehadeh, Karim |
| 18b | Covered Official Position | |
| 18c | New Lobbyist | No |
| 18a | Lobbyist Name | Smith III, Duncan C. |
| 18b | Covered Official Position | Chief Counsel, Merchant Marine and Fisheries Comm. |
| 18c | New Lobbyist | No |
| 18a | Lobbyist Name | Southwick, Jennifer M. |
| 18b | Covered Official Position | Staff Asst., Transportation & Infrastructure Comm. |
| 18c | New Lobbyist | No |
| 18a | Lobbyist Name | Wyler, Marcus |
| 18b | Covered Official Position | |
| 18c | New Lobbyist | No |

Registrant Name: **Blank Rome LLP**

Client Name: **FastShip Inc.**

Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City

State/Zip (or Country)

22. New general description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is **no longer** expected to act as a lobbyist for the client
Southwick, Jennifer M.

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that **no longer** pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

| Name | Address | Principal Place of Bu (city and state or cou |
|------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| | | |

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is **no longer** affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

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

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that **no longer** owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registra
or affiliated organization

Signature  Date 2/17/2004

Printed Name and Title James B. Ellis II - Partner Pa