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LOBBYING REPORT

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

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 Jennifer M. Southwick	Telephone 202-944-3000	E-mail (optional) Southwick@BlankRome.com	5. Senate ID #
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self FastShip Inc.			6. House ID #

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

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
<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>\$120,000.00</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 defini</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 **8/11/2003**

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 108-11, Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2003, issues related to Title XI fundin

PL 108-7, FY 2003 Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, issues related to Title XI funding

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 **8/11/2003**

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Item	Description	Data
18a	Lobbyist Name	Graykowski, John
18b	Covered Official Position	Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration
18c	New Lobbyist	No
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

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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
Graykowski, John

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

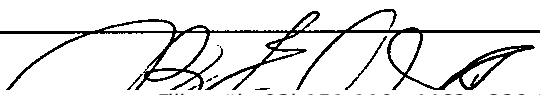
26. Name of each previously reported organization that is **no longer** affiliated with the registrant or client


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 8/11/2003

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