

## **Graig in China first**

### **Graig Ship Management has won a breakthrough deal to operate a new Zhong An bulker.**

The UK company will take on full technical management and crewing for the Chinese company's 79,600-dwt **King Peace**, delivered this year from China's Wu Jia Zui Shipyard under the supervision of Graig China.



Ian Morgan, CEO of Graig Ship Management, said: “This is an important new contract, because it is the first for us as a UK ship manager to manage a Chinese-owned, Chinese-built and Chinese-crewed vessel.

“It makes a lot of sense, we know the ship inside out because we helped build it, we know bulk carriers and we know China.

“China is a massive market for maritime expertise and we see this as a first step to a growing business becoming a local ship manager for Chinese owners.”

Graig began building ships for itself in China in 1995 and subsequently developed its newbuilding supervision business.

It then helped Chinese yards with new designs like the Diamond bulker.

Shanghai-headquartered Zhong An also has two capsizes in its fleet.