Dear Editor and Reviewers,

We would like to express our gratitude for the great efforts that you and the anonymous referees have put in this paper. We have changed the highlights in the way recommended by the editor.

We hope our revision meets your satisfaction, and we look forward to your favorable response shortly.

Regards,

Ning Wang

Bo Jin

Zizhen Zhang

Andrew Lim

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Editor

Please change the highlights so that the following rules hold:  
1) Abbreviations are not permitted in the title and in the highlights.  
Response: We have substituted “CPMP” with “container pre-marshalling problem”.

2) In the abstract and in the main text their use should be preceded by an explanation (separate explanations in the abstract and in the main text).

Response: The use of “CPMP” is preceded by “container pre-marshalling problem” in the first sentence of the abstract. In the main text, the use of “CPMP”, “LNS”, “GRASP”, “FBH” and “STAP” are preceded by their explanations.

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Reviewer#1

I consider that the paper should be published in this current version after the changes carried out.

Response: Thank you very much for your efforts in reviewing this paper.

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