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Ship Finance International Limited
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached hereto are the unaudited condensed interim financial statements and related Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of Ship Finance International Limited (the "Company") for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

This report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's Registration Statements on Form F-3 (Registration No. 333-191406), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on September 26, 2013.

SHIP FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

REPORT ON FORM 6-K FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2015

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Ship Finance International Limited

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

for the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014

and the year ended December 31, 2014

(in thousands of \$, except per share amounts)

| | Three Months Ended | | Year ended |
|--|--------------------|-----------|--------------|
| | March 31, | 2014 | December 31, |
| | 2015 | | 2014 |
| Operating revenues | | | |
| Direct financing lease interest income - related parties | 9,803 | 11,642 | 45,363 |
| Finance lease service revenues - related parties | 9,945 | 11,700 | 46,488 |
| Profit sharing revenues - related parties | 10,136 | 12,219 | 33,756 |
| Time charter revenues - related parties | 2,783 | 2,362 | 10,039 |
| Time charter revenues - other | 32,192 | 18,422 | 83,013 |
| Bareboat charter revenues - related parties | 3,074 | 4,510 | 16,364 |
| Bareboat charter revenues - other | 14,121 | 10,664 | 53,407 |
| Voyage charter revenues - other | 6,492 | 10,251 | 34,608 |
| Other operating income | 1,542 | 901 | 4,449 |
| Total operating revenues | 90,088 | 82,671 | 327,487 |
| (Loss)/gain on sale of assets and termination of charters, net | (114 |) 10,152 | 23,931 |
| Operating expenses | | | |
| Vessel operating expenses - related parties | 10,640 | 12,353 | 49,170 |
| Vessel operating expenses - other | 16,820 | 16,540 | 70,300 |
| Depreciation | 18,479 | 15,111 | 67,393 |
| Vessel impairment charge | — | — | 11,800 |
| Administrative expenses - related parties | 291 | 251 | 965 |
| Administrative expenses - other | 1,544 | 1,932 | 6,644 |
| Total operating expenses | 47,774 | 46,187 | 206,272 |
| Net operating income | 42,200 | 46,636 | 145,146 |
| Non-operating income / (expense) | | | |
| Interest income - related parties, associated companies | 4,669 | 5,566 | 24,464 |
| Interest income - related parties, other | 2,465 | 944 | 4,029 |
| Interest income - other | 2,074 | 3,196 | 11,958 |
| Interest expense - other | (18,028 |) (20,606 |) (86,081 |
| Gain/(loss) on repurchase of bonds | 438 | (2 |) (21 |
| Gain on sale of investment in associated company | — | — | 6,055 |
| Other financial items, net | (8,586 |) (984 |) (16,232 |
| Net income before equity in earnings of associated companies | 25,232 | 34,750 | 89,318 |
| Equity in earnings of associated companies | 7,878 | 5,983 | 33,497 |
| Net income | 33,110 | 40,733 | 122,815 |
| Per share information: | | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$0.35 | \$0.44 | \$1.32 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$0.32 | \$0.40 | \$1.24 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Ship Finance International Limited

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014
and the year ended December 31, 2014
(in thousands of \$)

| | Three Months Ended | | Year ended |
|--|--------------------|--------|----------------------|
| | March 31, 2015 | 2014 | December 31, 2014 |
| Net income | 33,110 | 40,733 | 122,815 |
| Fair value adjustments to hedging financial instruments | 16,404 | (7,482 |) (351 |
| Fair value adjustments to hedging financial instruments in associated companies | (1,335 |) (130 |) (5 |
| Reclassification into net income of previous fair value adjustments to hedging financial instruments | 173 | 5,187 | (4,504 |
| Fair value adjustments to available for sale securities | (5,403 |) (753 |) (8,355 |
| Other comprehensive (loss)/income | (57 |) 19 | (179 |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax | 9,782 | (3,159 |) (13,394 |
| Comprehensive income | 42,892 | 37,574 | 109,421 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Ship Finance International Limited

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

as at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014

(in thousands of \$, except share data)

| | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 49,730 | 50,818 |
| Available for sale securities | 69,116 | 73,656 |
| Trade accounts receivable | 4,054 | 3,253 |
| Due from related parties | 62,044 | 152,491 |
| Other receivables | 9,227 | 10,488 |
| Inventories | 4,893 | 6,927 |
| Prepaid expenses and accrued income | 2,181 | 5,075 |
| Investment in direct financing leases, current portion | 47,423 | 37,517 |
| Total current assets | 248,668 | 340,225 |
| Vessels and equipment, net | 1,361,138 | 1,377,133 |
| Newbuildings | — | 87,567 |
| Investment in direct financing leases, long-term portion | 690,630 | 709,014 |
| Investment in associated companies | 60,000 | 53,457 |
| Loans to related parties - associated companies, long-term | 356,910 | 346,031 |
| Loans to related parties - others, long-term | 76,988 | 79,294 |
| Other long-term assets | 12,380 | 8,581 |
| Deferred charges | 34,438 | 36,958 |
| Financial instruments (long-term): at fair value | 328 | 3,294 |
| Total assets | 2,841,480 | 3,041,554 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt | 212,361 | 182,415 |
| Trade accounts payable | 1,751 | 2,432 |
| Due to related parties | 1,642 | 1,109 |
| Accrued expenses | 13,636 | 18,190 |
| Financial instruments (short-term): at fair value | — | 517 |
| Other current liabilities | 5,719 | 9,092 |
| Total current liabilities | 235,109 | 213,755 |
| Long-term liabilities | | |
| Long-term debt | 1,330,682 | 1,550,044 |
| Financial instruments (long-term): at fair value | 100,495 | 106,679 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 16,593 | 17,584 |
| Total liabilities | 1,682,879 | 1,888,062 |
| Commitments and contingent liabilities | | |
| Stockholders' equity | | |
| Share capital (\$1 par value; 125,000,000 shares authorized; 93,443,000 and 93,404,000 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively) | 93,443 | 93,404 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 285,627 | 285,248 |

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| | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|---|
| Contributed surplus | 587,115 | 586,089 | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (37,123 |) (48,240 |) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss - associated companies | (3,619 |) (2,284 |) |
| Retained earnings | 233,158 | 239,275 | |
| Total stockholders' equity | 1,158,601 | 1,153,492 | |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | 2,841,480 | 3,041,554 | |

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Ship Finance International Limited

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

for the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014

and the year ended December 31, 2014

(in thousands of \$)

| | Three Months Ended | | Year ended |
|---|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | March 31, | 2014 | December 31, |
| | 2015 | | 2014 |
| Operating activities | | | |
| Net income | 33,110 | 40,733 | 122,815 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation | 18,479 | 15,111 | 67,393 |
| Vessel impairment charge | — | — | 11,800 |
| Amortization of deferred charges | 2,852 | 2,678 | 11,271 |
| Amortization of seller's credit | (480) |) (479) |) (1,903) |
| Equity in earnings of associated companies | (7,878) |) (5,983) |) (33,497) |
| Loss/(gain) on sale of assets and termination of charters | 114 | (10,152) |) (23,931) |
| Gain on sale of investment in associated company | — | — | (6,055) |
| Adjustment of derivatives to fair value recognized in net income | 6,565 | (1,510) |) 7,699 |
| (Gain)/loss on repurchase of bonds | (438) |) 2 | 21 |
| Interest receivable in form of notes | (863) |) (747) |) (3,197) |
| Other, net | (552) |) (1,077) |) (458) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities | | | |
| Trade accounts receivable | (800) |) 5,852 | 5,109 |
| Due from related parties | 21,521 | (6,259) |) (20,634) |
| Other receivables | 1,244 | 139 | (9,418) |
| Inventories | (2,365) |) (1,283) |) (320) |
| Prepaid expenses and accrued income | 2,894 | 969 | (1,104) |
| Trade accounts payable | 11 | 2,503 | (1,095) |
| Accrued expenses | (4,453) |) (1,288) |) 4,358 |
| Other current liabilities | (3,372) |) (2,148) |) 3,547 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 65,589 | 37,061 | 132,401 |
| Investing activities | | | |
| Repayments from investments in direct financing leases | 9,314 | 10,961 | 43,120 |
| Additions to newbuildings | (85,785) |) (48,167) |) (202,333) |
| Purchase of vessels | (1,650) |) (53,060) |) (192,864) |
| (Payments)/proceeds from sales of vessels and termination of charters | (2,003) |) 59,135 | 199,429 |
| Proceeds from sale of investment in associated company | 111,095 | — | — |
| Net amounts (paid to)/ received from associated companies | (50,673) |) (11,452) |) 88,585 |
| Proceeds from repayment of investment loan | — | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| (Purchase)/redemption of available for sale securities | (4,011) |) 16,200 | (7,877) |
| Net (cash used in)/generated by investing activities | (23,713) |) 23,617 | (21,940) |
| Financing activities | | | |
| Shares issued, net of issuance costs | 418 | 170 | 927 |
| Payments in lieu of issuing shares for exercised share options | — | — | (1,196) |
| Repurchase of bonds | (5,079) |) (671) |) (75,262) |
| Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt | 128,308 | 192,055 | 733,632 |
| Repayments of long-term debt | (126,981) |) (234,762) |) (616,783) |

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| | | | | |
|--|---------|-----------|------------|---|
| Debt fees paid | (403 |) (1,815 |) (7,460 |) |
| Cash dividends paid | (39,227 |) (37,314 |) (152,142 |) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (42,964 |) (82,337 |) (118,284 |) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (1,088 |) (21,659 |) (7,823 |) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at start of the period | 50,818 | 58,641 | 58,641 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period | 49,730 | 36,982 | 50,818 | |

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

| | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Interest paid, net of capitalized interest | 20,860 | 21,022 | 82,524 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|

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Ship Finance International Limited

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
for the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014
and the year ended December 31, 2014
(in thousands of \$, except number of shares)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Year ended December 31, |
|---|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2014 |
| Number of shares outstanding | | | |
| At beginning of period | 93,404,000 | 93,260,000 | 93,260,000 |
| Shares issued | 39,000 | 25,000 | 144,000 |
| At end of period | 93,443,000 | 93,285,000 | 93,404,000 |
| Share capital | | | |
| At beginning of period | 93,404 | 93,260 | 93,260 |
| Shares issued | 39 | 25 | 144 |
| At end of period | 93,443 | 93,285 | 93,404 |
| Additional paid-in capital | | | |
| At beginning of period | 285,248 | 285,632 | 285,632 |
| Amortization of stock based compensation | — | 28 | 29 |
| Payments in lieu of issuing shares | — | — | (1,196) |
| Shares issued | 379 | 145 | 783 |
| At end of period | 285,627 | 285,805 | 285,248 |
| Contributed surplus | | | |
| At beginning of period | 586,089 | 581,569 | 581,569 |
| Amortization of deferred equity contributions | 1,026 | 1,161 | 4,520 |
| At end of period | 587,115 | 582,730 | 586,089 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | | | |
| At beginning of period | (48,240) | (34,851) | (34,851) |
| Loss/(gain) on hedging financial instruments reclassified into earnings | 173 | 5,187 | (4,504) |
| Fair value adjustments to hedging financial instruments | 16,404 | (7,482) | (351) |
| Fair value adjustments to available for sale securities | (5,403) | (753) | (8,355) |
| Other comprehensive (loss)/ income | (57) | 19 | (179) |
| At end of period | (37,123) | (37,880) | (48,240) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss - associated companies | | | |
| At beginning of period | (2,284) | (2,279) | (2,279) |
| Fair value adjustment to hedging financial instruments | (1,335) | (130) | (5) |
| At end of period | (3,619) | (2,409) | (2,284) |
| Retained earnings | | | |
| At beginning of period | 239,275 | 268,602 | 268,602 |
| Net income | 33,110 | 40,733 | 122,815 |
| Dividends declared | (39,227) | (37,314) | (152,142) |
| At end of period | 233,158 | 272,021 | 239,275 |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | 1,158,601 | 1,193,552 | 1,153,492 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

SHIP FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

1. INTERIM FINANCIAL DATA

The unaudited condensed interim financial statements of Ship Finance International Limited ("Ship Finance" or the "Company") have been prepared on the same basis as the Company's audited financial statements and, in the opinion of management, include all material adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments considered necessary in order to make the interim financial statements not misleading, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP"). The accompanying condensed interim unaudited financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements and notes included in the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2014. The results of operations for the interim period ended March 31, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the entire year ending December 31, 2015.

Basis of accounting

The condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with US GAAP. The condensed consolidated financial statements include the assets and liabilities and results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries including variable interest entities in which the Ship Finance is deemed to be the primary beneficiary. All inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated on consolidation.

The condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" in order to ensure that revenue recognition requirements are the same under both US GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). ASU 2014-09 removes inconsistencies and provides a more robust framework for addressing revenue issues. ASU 2014-09 is effective for reporting periods and interim periods beginning on or after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is not permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of ASU 2014-09 on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In November 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-16 "Derivatives and Hedging" in order to standardize the determination of whether the host contract in a hybrid financial instrument issued in the form of a share is more akin to debt or to equity. ASU 2014-16 requires that all terms and features of the hybrid instrument, including the embedded derivative feature itself, must be taken into account when establishing separate accounting for the embedded derivative. ASU 2014-16 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning on or after December 15, 2015. The Company is currently assessing the impact of ASU 2014-16 on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02 "Consolidation: Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis" in order to clarify the basis for consolidation of certain legal entities. ASU 2015-02 changes the analysis that a reporting entity must perform to determine whether it should consolidate certain types of legal entities. Specifically, ASU 2015-02 (i) modifies the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are variable interest entities (VIEs) or voting interest entities, (ii) eliminates the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership, (iii) affects the consolidation analysis of reporting entities that are involved with VIEs, particularly those that have fee arrangements and related party relationships, and (iv) provides a scope exception from consolidation guidance for reporting entities with interests in certain legal entities. ASU 2015-02 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years and interim periods beginning on or after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of ASU 2015-02 on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

2. GAIN ON SALE OF ASSETS AND TERMINATION OF CHARTERS

In January 2015, the indirect limited performance guarantee provided by Ship Finance International Limited in respect of the \$210.0 million secured term loan facility relating to five container vessels became exhausted (see Note 8: Short-Term and Long-Term Debt). In February 2015, the Company signed an agreement with the lenders under the loan facility whereby ownership of the vessels together with associated working capital was transferred to unrelated third parties, and Ship Finance International Limited and its subsidiaries ceased to have any further interest in the vessels or obligations under the loan facility. In the period ended March 31, 2015, an aggregate loss of \$114,000 was recorded on disposal of the vessels. An impairment charge of \$11.8 million had been recorded against the carrying value of these vessels in the fourth quarter of 2014.

3. AVAILABLE FOR SALE SECURITIES

Marketable securities held by the Company are debt securities considered to be available-for-sale securities.

| (in thousands of \$) | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Amortized cost | 81,606 | 80,743 |
| Accumulated net unrealized loss | (12,490 |) (7,087 |
| Carrying value | 69,116 | 73,656 |

The Company's investment in marketable securities consists of investments in secured notes which mature between 2016 and 2019. The net unrealized accumulated loss on available-for-sale securities included in other comprehensive income as at March 31, 2015 was \$12.5 million (December 31, 2014: net unrealized accumulated loss of \$7.1 million).

The above available for sale securities consist of listed and unlisted corporate bonds with a total carrying value of \$44.5 million (December 31, 2014: \$49.9 million) and unlisted second lien interest-bearing loan notes with carrying value \$24.6 million (December 31, 2014: \$23.7 million). The second lien loan notes include accumulated interest receivable, have a total face value of \$61.5 million (December 31, 2014: \$59.4 million), and were issued by Horizon Lines, LLC as part of compensation received on termination of charters in April 2012. These second lien loan notes were disposed of subsequent to quarter end (see Note 16: Subsequent Events).

4. VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT, NET

| (in thousands of \$) | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Cost | 1,625,077 | 1,715,510 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (263,939 |) (338,377 |
| Vessels and equipment, net | 1,361,138 | 1,377,133 |

During the period, the Company took delivery of two newbuilding container vessels at an aggregate cost of \$173.4 million, and disposed of five container vessels with carrying values totaling \$172.5 million.

5. NEWBUILDINGS AND VESSEL PURCHASE DEPOSITS

During the period, the Company paid total installments of \$85.8 million in relation to two 8,700 twenty-foot equivalent units ("TEU") newbuilding container vessels, which were delivered in January 2015. Following delivery of these two vessels, the Company has no outstanding newbuilding contracts.

6. INVESTMENTS IN DIRECT FINANCING AND SALES-TYPE LEASES

As at March 31, 2015, 17 of the Company's VLCCs and Suezmax tankers were chartered to Frontline Shipping Limited ("Frontline Shipping") and Frontline Shipping II Limited ("Frontline Shipping II") on long-term, fixed rate time charters which extend for various periods depending on the age of the vessels, ranging from approximately three to 12

years. Frontline Shipping and Frontline Shipping II are subsidiaries of Frontline Ltd. (“Frontline”), a related party, and the terms of the charters do not provide them with an option to terminate the charters before the end of their terms. There were amendments to these charter agreements with Frontline Shipping and Frontline Shipping II subsequent to quarter end. (see Note 16: Subsequent Events).

One of the Company's offshore supply vessels is chartered on a long-term bareboat charter to DESS Cyprus Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deep Sea Supply Plc., a related party. Another one of the Company's offshore supply vessels is chartered on a long term bareboat charter to Deep Sea Supply Shipowning II B.V., a wholly owned subsidiary of Deep Sea Supply BTG B.V., which is a joint venture owned 50% by Deep Sea Supply Plc. and 50% by BTG Pactual Oil & Gas Empreendimentos e Participacoes S.A., or BTG Pactual. We refer to Deep Sea Supply Plc. and Deep Sea Supply BTG B.V. together as "Deep Sea". The terms of the charters provide the charterer with various call options to acquire the vessels at certain dates throughout the charters, which expire in 2020.

The above assets (19 vessels) of the Company are accounted for as direct financing leases, all of which are leased to related parties. The following lists the components of the investments in direct financing leases as at March 31, 2015.

| (in thousands of \$) | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Total minimum lease payments to be received | 1,144,704 | 1,174,327 |
| Less: amounts representing estimated executory costs including profit thereon, included in total minimum lease payments | (320,110) | (330,056) |
| Net minimum lease payments receivable | 824,594 | 844,271 |
| Estimated residual values of leased property (un-guaranteed) | 239,002 | 239,002 |
| Less: unearned income | (233,342) | (243,419) |
| | 830,254 | 839,854 |
| Less: deferred deemed equity contribution | (85,559) | (86,585) |
| Less: unamortized gains | (6,642) | (6,738) |
| Total investment in direct financing and sales-type leases | 738,053 | 746,531 |
| Current portion | 47,423 | 37,517 |
| Long-term portion | 690,630 | 709,014 |
| | 738,053 | 746,531 |

7. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

The Company has certain wholly-owned subsidiaries which are accounted for using the equity method, as it has been determined under ASC 810 that they are variable interest entities in which Ship Finance is not the primary beneficiary. At March 31, 2015, March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2014, the Company has the following participation in investments that are recorded using the equity method:

| | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2014 | December 31, 2014 |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| SFL West Polaris Limited ("SFL West Polaris") | — | % 100.00 | % — |
| SFL Deepwater Ltd ("SFL Deepwater") | 100.00 | % 100.00 | % 100.00 |
| Bluelot Shipping Company Limited ("Bluelot") | — | — | % — |
| SFL Corte Real Limited ("Corte Real") | — | — | % — |
| SFL Hercules Ltd ("SFL Hercules") | 100.00 | % 100.00 | % 100.00 |
| SFL Linus Ltd ("SFL Linus") | 100.00 | % 100.00 | % 100.00 |

Summarized balance sheet information of the Company's equity method investees is as follows:

As of March 31, 2015

| (in thousands of \$) | TOTAL | Bluelot | Corte Real | SFL West Polaris | SFL Deepwater | SFL Hercules | SFL Linus |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Current assets | 121,229 | — | — | — | 31,938 | 37,323 | 51,968 |
| Non-current assets | 1,297,562 | — | — | — | 389,919 | 388,735 | 518,908 |
| Total assets | 1,418,791 | — | — | — | 421,857 | 426,058 | 570,876 |
| Current liabilities | 145,292 | — | — | — | 25,338 | 28,670 | 91,284 |
| Non-current liabilities | 1,213,499 | — | — | — | 362,678 | 384,050 | 466,771 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,358,791 | — | — | — | 388,016 | 412,720 | 558,055 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 60,000 | — | — | — | 33,841 | 13,338 | 12,821 |

As of December 31, 2014

| (in thousands of \$) | TOTAL | Bluelot | Corte Real | SFL West Polaris | SFL Deepwater | SFL Hercules | SFL Linus |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Current assets | 127,268 | — | — | — | 44,297 | 38,619 | 44,352 |
| Non-current assets | 1,324,765 | — | — | — | 397,191 | 397,226 | 530,348 |
| Total assets | 1,452,033 | — | — | — | 441,488 | 435,845 | 574,700 |
| Current liabilities | 122,861 | — | — | — | 38,376 | 32,945 | 51,540 |
| Non-current liabilities | 1,275,715 | — | — | — | 371,147 | 391,500 | 513,068 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,398,576 | — | — | — | 409,523 | 424,445 | 564,608 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 53,457 | — | — | — | 31,965 | 11,400 | 10,092 |

Summarized statement of operations information of the Company's equity method investees is as follows:

Three Months Ended March 31, 2015

| (in thousands of \$) | TOTAL | Bluelot | Corte Real | SFL West Polaris | SFL Deepwater | SFL Hercules | SFL Linus |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Operating revenues | 21,099 | — | — | — | 5,682 | 5,913 | 9,504 |
| Net operating revenues | 21,099 | — | — | — | 5,682 | 5,913 | 9,504 |
| Net income | 7,878 | — | — | — | 1,876 | 1,938 | 4,064 |

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014

| (in thousands of \$) | TOTAL | Bluelot | Corte Real | SFL West Polaris | SFL Deepwater | SFL Hercules | SFL Linus |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Operating revenues | 25,898 | 1,171 | 2,492 | 5,632 | 6,590 | 6,439 | 3,574 |
| Net operating revenues | 22,806 | 232 | 431 | 5,567 | 6,578 | 6,435 | 3,563 |
| Net income | 5,983 | 232 | 431 | 721 | 2,225 | 2,073 | 301 |

Year ended December 31, 2014

| (in thousands of \$) | TOTAL | Bluelot | Corte Real | SFL West Polaris | SFL Deepwater | SFL Hercules | SFL Linus |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Operating revenues | 108,632 | 1,171 | 2,492 | 22,251 | 24,917 | 24,565 | 33,236 |
| Net operating revenues | 105,567 | 232 | 431 | 22,234 | 24,905 | 24,544 | 33,221 |
| Net income | 33,497 | 232 | 431 | 4,643 | 8,023 | 7,755 | 12,413 |

SFL West Polaris was a 100% owned subsidiary of Ship Finance, incorporated in 2008 for the purpose of holding an ultra deepwater drillship and leasing that vessel to Seadrill Polaris Ltd. ("Seadrill Polaris"), fully guaranteed by its parent company Seadrill Limited ("Seadrill"), a related party. The vessel was chartered on a bareboat basis and the terms of the charter provided the charterer with various call options to acquire the vessel at certain dates throughout the charter. In addition, SFL West Polaris had a put option to sell the vessel to Seadrill Polaris at a fixed price at the end of the charter, which expired in 2023. Because the main asset of SFL West Polaris was the subject of a lease which includes both fixed price call options and a fixed price put option, it was determined that this subsidiary of Ship Finance was a variable interest entity in which Ship Finance was not the primary beneficiary. In December 2014, the parent company of the charterer advised the Company of its intention to exercise a purchase option, and the transaction was effected on December 30, 2014 as a sale of SFL West Polaris. The Company recorded a gain of \$6.1 million on the sale, which was recorded as "Gain on sale of investment in associated company". In December 2012, SFL West Polaris entered into a \$420 million five year term loan and revolving credit facility, which was used in January 2013 to refinance the previous facility established in 2008. Although SFL West Polaris is no longer one of its subsidiaries, the Company continues to guarantee \$88.0 million of this debt at March 31, 2015, for which it receives a guarantee commission (see Note 14: Commitments and Contingent Liabilities).

SFL Deepwater is a 100% owned subsidiary of Ship Finance, incorporated in 2008 for the purpose of holding two ultra-deepwater drilling rigs and leasing those rigs to Seadrill Deepwater Charterer Ltd. ("Seadrill Deepwater") and Seadrill Offshore AS ("Seadrill Offshore"), two wholly-owned subsidiaries of Seadrill whose performances under the leasing arrangements are fully guaranteed by Seadrill. In June 2013, one of the rigs, West Hercules, was transferred from SFL Deepwater to SFL Hercules, also a 100% owned subsidiary of Ship Finance, at the carrying value of the investment in finance lease. The remaining rig, West Taurus, is chartered on a bareboat basis and the terms of the charter provide Seadrill Deepwater with various call options to acquire the rig at certain dates throughout the charter. In addition, there is an obligation for the charterer to purchase the rig at a fixed price at the end of the charter, which expires in 2023. Because the main asset of SFL Deepwater is the subject of a lease which includes both fixed price call options and a fixed price purchase obligation, it has been determined that this subsidiary of Ship Finance is a variable interest entity in which Ship Finance is not the primary beneficiary. In October 2013, SFL Deepwater entered into a \$390.0 million five year term loan and revolving credit facility, which was used in November 2013 to refinance the outstanding balance under the previous facility entered into in September 2008, and for general corporate purposes. At March 31, 2015, the balance outstanding under the new facility was \$288.1 million. The Company guaranteed \$85.0 million of this debt at March 31, 2015.

SFL Hercules is a 100% owned subsidiary of Ship Finance which was incorporated in January 2012 for the purpose of holding the ultra-deepwater drilling rig West Hercules and leasing that rig to Seadrill Offshore, fully guaranteed by its parent company Seadrill. The rig was transferred, together with the corresponding lease, to SFL Hercules from SFL Deepwater in June 2013. The terms of the charter provide the charterer with various call options to acquire the vessel at certain dates throughout the charter. In addition, there is an obligation for the charterer to purchase the rig at a fixed price at the end of the charter, which expires in 2023. Because the main asset of SFL Hercules is the subject of a lease which includes both fixed price call options and a fixed price purchase obligation, it has been determined that this subsidiary of Ship Finance is a variable interest entity in which Ship Finance is not the primary beneficiary. In May 2013, SFL Hercules entered into a \$375 million secured term loan and revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks to partly fund its acquisition of the rig from SFL Deepwater. The facility was drawn in June 2013 and at March 31, 2015, the balance outstanding under this facility was \$276.9 million. In addition, \$50.0 million was available under the revolving part of the facility at March 31, 2015. The Company guaranteed \$85.0 million of this debt at March 31, 2015.

SFL Linus is a 100% owned subsidiary of Ship Finance, acquired from North Atlantic Drilling Ltd ("NADL"), a related party, in 2013. SFL Linus held a newbuilding harsh environment jack-up drilling rig which upon delivery in February 2014 was leased to North Atlantic Linus Charterer Ltd. ("North Atlantic Charterer"), fully guaranteed by its parent company NADL. The vessel is chartered on a bareboat basis and the terms of the charter provide the charterer with various call options to acquire the vessel at certain dates throughout the charter. In addition, SFL Linus has a put option to sell the vessel to North Atlantic Charterer at a fixed price at the end of the charter, which expires in 2029. Because the main asset of SFL Linus is the subject of a lease which includes both fixed price call options and a fixed price put option, it has been determined that this subsidiary of Ship Finance is a variable interest entity in which Ship Finance is not the primary beneficiary. In October 2013, SFL Linus entered into a \$475 million five year term loan and revolving credit facility to partly finance the acquisition of the rig. The facility was drawn when the rig was delivered to SFL Linus and the charter commenced in February 2014. At March 31, 2015, the balance outstanding under this facility was \$389.4 million, and in addition \$50.0 million was available to draw under the revolving part of the facility. The Company guaranteed \$90.0 million of the debt at March 31, 2015. In February 2015, amendments were made to the lease, whereby Seadrill replaced NADL as lease guarantor.

Bluelot and Corte Real are 100% owned subsidiaries of Ship Finance, each incorporated in 2010 for the purpose of leasing in a 13,800 TEU container vessel on a bareboat charter basis, and leasing out the vessel on a time-charter basis to CMA CGM S.A. ("CMA CGM"). In November and December 2013, CMA CGM exercised its options to acquire the two vessel-owning entities, and the charter agreements were terminated in January and March 2014, respectively. The business activities of Bluelot and Corte Real were discontinued upon the re-delivery of their respective vessels to CMA CGM, since when they have been fully consolidated.

SFL West Polaris, SFL Deepwater, SFL Hercules and SFL Linus have loan facilities for which Ship Finance provides limited guarantees, as indicated above. These loan facilities contain financial covenants, with which both Ship Finance and Seadrill must comply. As at March 31, 2015, Ship Finance and Seadrill were in compliance with all of the covenants under these long-term debt facilities.

8. SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DEBT

| (in thousands of \$) | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Long-term debt: | | |
| 3.75% senior unsecured convertible bonds due 2016 | 125,000 | 125,000 |
| NOK600 million senior unsecured floating rate bonds due 2017 | 70,160 | 76,487 |
| 3.25% senior unsecured convertible bonds due 2018 | 350,000 | 350,000 |
| NOK900 million senior unsecured floating rate bonds due 2019 | 106,296 | 119,277 |
| U.S. dollar denominated floating rate debt (LIBOR plus margin) due through 2023 | 891,587 | 1,061,695 |
| | 1,543,043 | 1,732,459 |
| Less: Current portion of long-term debt | (212,361) | (182,415) |
| | 1,330,682 | 1,550,044 |

The outstanding debt as of March 31, 2015 is repayable as follows:

(in thousands of \$)

Year ending December 31

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 2015 (remaining nine months) | 65,741 |
| 2016 | 211,696 |
| 2017 | 188,058 |

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|------------|-----------|
| 2018 | 481,782 |
| 2019 | 326,659 |
| Thereafter | 269,107 |
| Total debt | 1,543,043 |

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The weighted average interest rate for floating rate debt denominated in U.S. dollars and Norwegian kroner ("NOK") was 4.38% per annum at March 31, 2015 (December 31, 2014: 4.98%). This rate takes into consideration the effect of related interest rate swaps. At March 31, 2015, the three month US Dollar London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, was 0.271% (December 31, 2014: 0.256%) and the Norwegian Interbank Offered Rate, or NIBOR, was 1.47% (December 31, 2014: 1.48%).

3.75% senior unsecured convertible bonds due 2016

On February 10, 2011, the Company issued a senior unsecured convertible bond loan totaling \$125.0 million. Interest on the bonds is fixed at 3.75% per annum and is payable in cash semi-annually in arrears on February 10 and August 10. The bonds are convertible into Ship Finance International Limited common shares at any time up to 10 banking days prior to February 10, 2016. The conversion price at the time of issue was \$27.05 per share, representing a 35% premium to the share price at the time. Since then, dividend distributions have reduced the conversion price to \$17.53. The Company has the right to call the bonds after March 3, 2014, if the value of the shares underlying each bond exceeds, for a specified period of time, 130% of the principal amount of the bond.

NOK600 million senior unsecured bonds due 2017

On October 19, 2012, the Company issued a senior unsecured bond loan totaling NOK600 million in the Norwegian credit market. The bonds bear quarterly interest at NIBOR plus a margin and are redeemable in full on October 19, 2017. The bonds may, in their entirety, be redeemed at the Company's option from April 19, 2017, upon giving bondholders at least 30 business days notice and paying 100.5% of par value plus accrued interest. Since their issue, the Company has purchased bonds with principal amounts totaling NOK43.0 million, of which NOK8.0 million have subsequently been sold. The Company holds bonds purchased as treasury bonds. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was NOK565.0 million, equivalent to \$70.2 million (December 31, 2014: NOK572 million, equivalent to \$76.5 million).

3.25% senior unsecured convertible bonds due 2018

On January 30, 2013, the Company issued a senior unsecured convertible bond loan totaling \$350.0 million. Interest on the bonds is fixed at 3.25% per annum and is payable in cash quarterly in arrears on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. The bonds are convertible into Ship Finance International Limited common shares at any time up to 10 banking days prior to February 1, 2018. The conversion price at the time of issue was \$21.945 per share, representing a 33% premium to the share price at the time. Since then, dividend distributions have reduced the conversion price to \$17.7043. In conjunction with the bond issue, the Company loaned up to 6,060,606 of its common shares to an affiliate of one of the underwriters of the issue, in order to assist investors in the bonds to hedge their position. The shares that were lent by the Company were borrowed from Hemen Holding Ltd., the largest shareholder of the Company, for a one-time loan fee of \$1.0 million.

As required by ASC 470-20 "Debt with conversion and other options", the Company calculated the equity component of the convertible bond taking into account both the fair value of the conversion option and the fair value of the share lending arrangement. The equity component was valued at \$20.7 million in 2013 and this amount was recorded as "Additional paid-in capital", with a corresponding adjustment to "Deferred charges" which are amortized to "Interest expense" over the appropriate period. The amortization of this item amounted to \$1.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

NOK900 million senior unsecured bonds due 2019

On March 19, 2014, the Company issued a senior unsecured bond loan totaling NOK900 million in the Norwegian credit market. The bonds bear quarterly interest at NIBOR plus a margin and are redeemable in full on March 19, 2019. The bonds may, in their entirety, be redeemed at the Company's option from September 19, 2018, upon giving bondholders at least 30 business days notice and paying 100.5% of par value plus accrued interest. Subsequent to their issue, the Company has purchased bonds with principal amounts totaling NOK44.0 million, which are being held as treasury bonds. The amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was NOK856 million, equivalent to \$106.3 million (December 31, 2014: NOK892 million, equivalent to \$119.3 million).

\$210 million secured term loan facility

In April 2006, five wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$210.0 million secured term loan facility with a syndicate of banks to partly fund the acquisition of five new container vessels. The terms of the loan were initially linked to long-term charters of the vessels, and the Company did not provide a corporate guarantee for the facility. In April 2012, the long-term charters were terminated and the terms of the loan agreement were amended. Although the facility continued without recourse to the Company, as part of the amended agreement the Company guaranteed that revenues received by the vessel-owning subsidiaries would achieve certain minimum levels for each vessel. In January 2015, this indirect limited performance guarantee became exhausted and in February 2015 the Company signed an agreement with the lenders under the facility whereby ownership of the vessels together with associated working capital was transferred to unrelated third parties, and Ship Finance International Limited and its subsidiaries have no future interest in the vessels or obligations under the loan facility. Accordingly, the amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$nil (December 31, 2014: \$171.4 million).

\$30 million secured revolving credit facility

In February 2008, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into a \$30.0 million secured revolving credit facility with a bank. The proceeds of the facility were used to partly fund the acquisition of a 1,700 TEU container vessel, which also served as security for this facility. The facility, which was fully prepaid and canceled in January 2015, bore interest at LIBOR plus a margin and had a term of seven years. The amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$nil (December 31, 2014: \$3.0 million).

\$49 million secured term loan and revolving credit facility

In March 2008, two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$49.0 million secured term loan and revolving credit facility with a bank. The proceeds of the facility were used to partly fund the acquisition of two newbuilding chemical tankers, which also serve as security for this facility. The Company has provided a limited corporate guarantee for this facility, which bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of ten years. At March 31, 2015, the available amount under the revolving part of the facility was \$7.1 million. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$19.4 million (December 31, 2014: \$28.0 million).

\$43 million secured term loan facility

In February 2010, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into a \$42.6 million secured term loan facility with a bank, bearing interest at LIBOR plus a margin and with a term of approximately five years. The facility is secured against a Suezmax tanker. In November 2014, the terms of the loan were amended and restated, and the facility now matures in November 2019. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$28.4 million (December 31, 2014: \$29.1 million).

\$725 million secured term loan and revolving credit facility

In March 2010, the Company entered into a \$725.0 million secured term loan and revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks, secured by 26 vessels chartered to Frontline. Twelve of these vessels have since been sold, and at December 31, 2014, the facility was secured against the remaining 14 vessels. The facility, which was fully prepaid and canceled in February 2015, bore interest at LIBOR plus a margin and was repayable over a term of five years. The amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$nil (December 31, 2014: \$71.5 million).

\$43 million secured term loan facility

In March 2010, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into a \$42.6 million secured term loan facility with a bank, bearing interest at LIBOR plus a margin and with a term of five years. The facility is secured against a Suezmax tanker. In March 2015, the terms of the loan were amended and restated, and the facility now matures in March 2020. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$28.4 million (December 31, 2014: \$29.1 million).

\$54 million secured term loan facility

In November 2010, two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$53.7 million secured term loan facility with a bank, secured by two Supramax drybulk carriers. The Company has provided a limited corporate guarantee for this facility, which bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of eight years. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$37.1 million (December 31, 2014: \$38.0 million).

\$95 million secured term loan and revolving credit facility

In February 2011, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into a \$95.0 million secured term loan and revolving credit facility with a bank, secured by a jack-up drilling rig. The facility bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of seven years. At March 31, 2015, the available amount under the revolving part of the facility was \$25.0 million. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$30.0 million (December 31, 2014: \$57.5 million).

\$75 million secured term loan facility

In March 2011, three wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$75.4 million secured term loan facility with a bank, secured by three Supramax drybulk carriers. The Company has provided a limited corporate guarantee for this facility, which bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of approximately eight years. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$55.2 million (December 31, 2014: \$56.6 million).

\$171 million secured term loan facility

In May 2011, eight wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$171.0 million secured loan facility with a syndicate of banks. The facility is supported by China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation, or SINOSURE, which provides an insurance policy in favor of the banks for part of the outstanding loan. The facility is secured by a 1,700 TEU container vessel, and seven Handysize drybulk carriers. The facility bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of approximately ten years from delivery of each vessel. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$131.2 million (December 31, 2014: \$134.2 million).

\$55 million secured securities financing agreement

In June 2011, the Company entered into a \$55.0 million securities financing agreement with a bank. The facility could be used to fund up to 50% of the acquisition cost of securities we acquire, subject to certain conditions. The facility bore interest at Libor plus a margin and would have been secured against the relevant securities. The facility was terminated as at March 31, 2015 and had not been utilized as at December 31, 2014.

\$167 million secured term loan and revolving credit facility

In July 2011, five wholly-owned subsidiaries entered into a \$166.8 million secured term loan and revolving credit facility agreement with a syndicate of banks, secured against five VLCCs chartered to Frontline. The facility bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of six years from drawdown. Two of the VLCCs were sold in 2013 and the facility is now secured against the three remaining VLCCs. At March 31, 2015, the available amount under the revolving part of the facility was fully drawn, and the net amount outstanding was \$69.3 million (December 31, 2014: \$72.2 million).

\$53 million secured term loan facility

In November 2012, two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$53.2 million secured term loan facility with a bank, secured against two car carriers. The facility bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of approximately five years. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015 was \$43.2 million (December 31, 2014: \$44.3 million).

\$45 million secured term loan facility and revolving credit facility

In June 2014, seven wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$45.0 million secured term loan and revolving credit facility with a bank, secured against seven 4,100 TEU container vessels acquired in the year ended December 31, 2014. The facility bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of five years. At March 31, 2015, the available amount under the revolving part of the facility was fully drawn. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$45.0 million (December 31, 2014: \$45.0 million).

\$101 million secured term loan facility

In August 2014, six wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$101.4 million secured term loan facility with a syndicate of banks, secured against six offshore supply vessels. The Company has provided a limited corporate guarantee for this facility, which bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of five years. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$96.0 million (December 31, 2014: \$98.7 million).

\$20 million secured term loan facility

In September 2014, two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$20.0 million secured term loan facility with a bank, secured against two 5,800 TEU container vessels acquired in the year ended December 31, 2014. The facility bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of five years. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$20.0 million (December 31, 2014: \$20.0 million).

\$128 million secured term loan facility

In September 2014, two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$127.5 million secured term loan facility with a bank, for the post-delivery financing of two 8,700 TEU newbuilding container vessels. The vessels were delivered from the shipyard in the year ended December 31, 2014. The Company has provided a limited corporate guarantee for this facility, which bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of seven years. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$124.3 million (December 31, 2014: \$126.4 million).

\$128 million secured term loan facility

In November 2014, two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$127.5 million secured term loan facility with a bank, for the post-delivery financing of two newbuilding 8,700 TEU container vessels. The vessels were delivered from the shipyard in January 2015. The Company has provided a limited corporate guarantee for this facility, which bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of seven years. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$127.5 million (December 31, 2014: \$nil).

\$39 million secured term loan facility

In December 2014, two wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company entered into a \$39.0 million secured term loan facility with a bank, secured against two Kamsarmax drybulk carriers acquired in the year ended December 31, 2014. The facility bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin and has a term of approximately eight years. The net amount outstanding at March 31, 2015, was \$35.8 million (December 31, 2014: \$36.4 million).

The aggregate book value of assets pledged as security against borrowings at March 31, 2015, was \$1,457 million (December 31, 2014: \$2,062 million).

Agreements related to long-term debt provide limitations on the amount of total borrowings and secured debt, and acceleration of payment under certain circumstances, including failure to satisfy certain financial covenants. As of March 31, 2015, the Company is in compliance with all of the covenants under its long-term debt facilities. The \$101.4 million secured term loan facility entered into in August 2014 contains certain financial covenants on Deep Sea Supply Plc. and Deep Sea Supply BTG B.V. As at March 31, 2015, Deep Sea Supply Plc. and Deep Sea Supply BTG B.V. were in compliance with all covenants under the loan agreement.

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In certain situations, the Company may enter into financial instruments to reduce the risk associated with fluctuations in interest rates and exchange rates. The Company has a portfolio of swaps which swap floating rate interest to fixed rate, and which also fix the Norwegian kroner to US dollar exchange rate applicable to the interest payable and principal repayment on the NOK denominated bonds due 2017 and 2019. From a financial perspective, these swaps hedge interest rate and exchange rate exposure. The counterparties to such contracts are DNB Bank, Nordea Bank Finland Plc, ABN AMRO Bank N.V., NIBC Bank N.V., Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), ING Bank N.V., Danske Bank A/S and Swedbank AB (publ). Credit risk exists to the extent that the counterparties are unable to perform under the contracts, but this risk is considered remote as the counterparties are all banks which have provided the Company with loans to which the swaps relate.

The following table presents the fair values of the Company's derivative instruments that were designated as cash flow hedges and qualified as part of a hedging relationship, and those that were not designated:

| (in thousands of \$) | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Designated derivative instruments - long-term assets: | | |
| Interest rate swaps | 302 | 710 |
| Non-designated derivative instruments - long-term assets: | | |
| Interest rate swaps | 26 | 2,584 |
| Total derivative instruments - long-term assets | 328 | 3,294 |

| (in thousands of \$) | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Designated derivative instruments -short-term liabilities: | | |
| Interest rate swaps | — | 292 |
| Non-designated derivative instruments -short-term liabilities: | | |
| Interest rate swaps | — | 225 |
| Total derivative instruments - short-term liabilities | — | 517 |

| (in thousands of \$) | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Designated derivative instruments - long-term liabilities: | | |
| Interest rate swaps | 14,105 | 40,058 |
| Cross currency interest rate swaps | 78,596 | 63,083 |
| Non-designated derivative instruments - long-term liabilities: | | |
| Interest rate swaps | 3,370 | 1,565 |
| Cross currency interest rate swaps | 4,424 | 1,973 |
| Total derivative instruments - long-term liabilities | 100,495 | 106,679 |

Interest rate risk management

The Company manages its debt portfolio with interest rate swap agreements denominated in U.S. dollars and Norwegian kroner to achieve an overall desired position of fixed and floating interest rates. At March 31, 2015, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries had entered into interest rate swap transactions, involving the payment of fixed rates in exchange for LIBOR or NIBOR, as summarized below. The summary includes all swap transactions, most of which are hedges against specific loans.

| Notional Principal (in thousands of \$) | Inception date | Maturity date | Fixed interest rate |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| \$33,694 (reducing to \$24,794) | March 2008 | August 2018 | 4.05% - 4.15% |
| \$37,071 (reducing to \$23,394) | April 2011 | December 2018 | 2.13% - 2.80% |
| \$55,173 (reducing to \$34,044) | May 2011 | January 2019 | 0.80% - 2.58% |
| \$100,000 (remaining at \$100,000) | August 2011 | August 2021 | 2.50% - 2.93% |
| \$167,133 (reducing to \$79,733) | May 2012 | August 2022 | 1.76% - 1.85% |
| \$105,436 (equivalent to NOK600 million) | October 2012 | October 2017 | 5.92% - 6.23% * |
| \$43,225 (reducing to \$32,142) | February 2013 | December 2017 | 0.81% - 0.82% |
| \$100,000 (remaining at \$100,000) | March 2013 | April 2023 | 1.85% - 1.97% |
| \$151,008 (equivalent to NOK900 million) | March 2014 | March 2019 | 6.03% * |
| \$108,375 (reducing to \$70,125) | December 2016 | December 2021 | 1.86% - 3.33% |
| \$110,500 (reducing to \$70,125) | January 2017 | January 2022 | 1.56% - 3.09% |

* These swaps relate to the NOK600 million and NOK900 million senior unsecured bonds due 2017 and 2019 respectively, and the fixed interest rates paid are exchanged for the NIBOR plus the margin on the bonds. For the remaining swaps the fixed interest rate paid is exchanged for LIBOR, excluding margin on the underlying loans.

The interest rate swaps with a notional principal of \$108.4 million have an inception date of December 2016, and the interest rate swaps with a notional principal of \$110.5 million have an inception date of January 2017. The total notional principal amount subject to swap agreements as at March 31, 2015, excluding those with inception dates in the future, was \$792.7 million (December 31, 2014: \$1,094.1 million).

Foreign currency risk management

The Company has entered into currency swap transactions, involving the payment of U.S. dollars in exchange for Norwegian kroner, which are designated as hedges against the NOK600 million senior unsecured bonds due 2017 and NOK900 million senior unsecured bonds due 2019.

| Principal Receivable | Principal Payable | Inception date | Maturity date |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| NOK600 million | \$ 105.4 | million October 2012 | October 2017 |
| NOK900 million | \$ 151.0 | million March 2014 | March 2019 |

Apart from the NOK600 million and NOK900 million senior unsecured bonds due 2017 and 2019, respectively, the majority of the Company's transactions, assets and liabilities are denominated in U.S. dollars, the functional currency of the Company. Other than the corresponding currency swap transactions summarized above, the Company has not entered into forward contracts for either transaction or translation risk. Accordingly, there is a risk that currency fluctuations could have an adverse effect on the Company's cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

Fair Values

The carrying value and estimated fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are as follows:

| | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 | December 31, 2014 |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| (in thousands of \$) | Carrying value | Fair value | Carrying value | Fair value |
| Non-derivatives: | | | | |
| Available for sale securities | 69,116 | 69,116 | 73,656 | 73,656 |
| Floating rate NOK bonds due 2017 | 70,160 | 68,970 | 76,487 | 75,210 |
| Floating rate NOK bonds due 2019 | 106,296 | 98,510 | 119,277 | 108,542 |
| 3.75% unsecured convertible bonds due 2016 | 125,000 | 124,884 | 125,000 | 124,375 |
| 3.25% unsecured convertible bonds due 2018 | 350,000 | 349,605 | 350,000 | 335,563 |
| Derivatives: | | | | |
| Interest rate/ currency swap contracts - long-term receivables | 328 | 328 | 3,294 | 3,294 |
| Interest rate/ currency swap contracts - short-term payables | — | — | 517 | 517 |
| Interest rate/ currency swap contracts - long-term payables | 100,495 | 100,495 | 106,679 | 106,679 |

The above long-term receivables relating to interest rate/ currency swap contracts at March 31, 2015, include \$26,000 which relates to non-designated swap contracts (December 31, 2014: \$2.6 million), with the balance relating to designated hedges. The above short-term payables relating to interest rate/ currency swap contracts at March 31, 2015, include \$nil which relates to non-designated swap contracts (December 31, 2014: \$0.2 million), with the balance relating to designated hedges. The above long-term payables relating to interest rate/ currency swap contracts at March 31, 2015, include \$7.8 million which relates to non-designated swap contracts (December 31, 2014: \$3.5 million), with the balance relating to designated hedges.

In accordance with the accounting policy relating to interest rate and currency swaps described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2014, where the Company has designated the swap as a hedge, and to the extent that the hedge is effective, changes in the fair values of interest rate swaps are recognized in other comprehensive income. Changes in the fair value of other swaps and the ineffective portion of swaps designated as hedges are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

The above fair values of financial assets and liabilities as at March 31, 2015, were measured as follows:

| (in thousands of \$) | March 31, 2015 | Fair value measurements using | | |
|--|----------------|--|---|---|
| | | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets/Liabilities (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Available for sale securities | 69,116 | 44,510 | | 24,606 |
| Interest rate/ currency swap contracts - long-term receivables | 328 | | 328 | |
| Total assets | 69,444 | 44,510 | 328 | 24,606 |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Floating rate NOK bonds due 2017 | 68,970 | 68,970 | | |
| Floating rate NOK bonds due 2019 | 98,510 | 98,510 | | |
| 3.75% unsecured convertible bonds due 2016 | 124,884 | 124,884 | | |
| 3.25% unsecured convertible bonds due 2018 | 349,605 | 349,605 | | |
| Interest rate/ currency swap contracts - long-term payables | 100,495 | | 100,495 | |
| Total liabilities | 742,464 | 641,969 | 100,495 | — |

Fair value is measured in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 820 "Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures". ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Observable market based inputs other than quoted prices or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs for assets or liabilities that are not corroborated by market data.

Listed available-for-sale securities are recorded at fair value, being their market value as at the balance sheet date. The fair value of unlisted available for sale securities, which at March 31, 2015, comprise unlisted corporate bonds, is a Level 3 input and is determined from an analysis of projected cash flows, based on factors including the terms, provisions and other characteristics of the bonds, credit ratings and default risk of the issuing entity, the fundamental financial and other characteristics of that entity, and the current economic environment and trading activity in the debt market.

The estimated fair values for the floating rate NOK denominated bonds due 2017 and 2019, and the unsecured 3.75% and 3.25% convertible bonds due 2016 and 2018 respectively, are all based on their quoted market prices as at the balance sheet date.

The fair value of interest rate and currency swap contracts is calculated using a well-established independent valuation technique applied to contracted cash flows and LIBOR/NIBOR interest rates as at March 31, 2015.

Concentrations of risk

There is a concentration of credit risk with respect to cash and cash equivalents to the extent that most of the amounts are carried with Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, ABN AMRO, Nordea, DNB and Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank. However, the Company believes this risk is remote.

Since the Company was spun-off from Frontline in 2004, Frontline has accounted for a significant proportion of our operating revenues. In the three months ended March 31, 2015, Frontline accounted for approximately 32% of our consolidated operating revenues (three months ended March 31, 2014: 41%; year ended December 31, 2014: 37%). There is thus a concentration of revenue risk with Frontline.

10. SHARE CAPITAL ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS

Authorized share capital is as follows:

| (in thousands of \$, except share data) | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| 125,000,000 common shares of \$1.00 par value each | 125,000 | 125,000 |

Issued and fully paid share capital is as follows:

| (in thousands of \$, except share data) | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| 93,443,000 common shares of \$1.00 par value each (December 31, 2014: 93,404,000 shares) | 93,443 | 93,404 |

The Company's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company issued a total of 39,000 shares in order to satisfy options exercised by two employees and two officers. The weighted average exercise price of the options was \$10.71 per share, resulting in a premium on issue of \$0.4 million.

The Company has accounted for the acquisition of vessels from Frontline at Frontline's historical carrying value. The difference between the historical carrying values and the net investment in the leases has been recorded as a deferred deemed equity contribution, which is presented as a reduction in net investment in direct financing leases in the balance sheet. This accounting treatment arises from the related party nature of both the initial transfer of the vessels and the subsequent leases. The deferred deemed equity contribution is amortized to contributed surplus over the life of the lease arrangements, as lease payments are applied to the principal balance of the lease receivable. In the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company has credited contributed surplus with \$1.0 million of such deemed equity contributions (year ended December 31, 2014: \$4.5 million).

11. SHARE OPTION PLAN

No options were granted in the three months ended March 31, 2015.

As of March 31, 2015, the unrecognized compensation cost relating to non-vested options granted under the Company's Option Scheme was \$nil (December 31, 2014: \$nil).

12. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The computation of basic earnings per share ("EPS") is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS includes the effect of the assumed conversion of potentially dilutive instruments.

The components of the numerator for the calculation of basic and diluted EPS are as follows:

| (in thousands of \$) | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Year ended |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|----------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | December 31, 2014 |
| Basic: | | | |
| Net income available to stockholders | 33,110 | 40,733 | 122,815 |
| Diluted: | | | |
| Net income available to stockholders | 33,110 | 40,733 | 122,815 |
| Interest expense on convertible bonds | 5,545 | 5,545 | 22,431 |
| | 38,655 | 46,278 | 145,246 |

The components of the denominator for the calculation of basic and diluted EPS are as follows:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Year ended |
|--|------------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | December 31, 2014 |
| Basic earnings per share: | | | |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding | 93,413 | 93,267 | 93,331 |
| Diluted earnings per share: | | | |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding | 93,413 | 93,267 | 93,331 |
| Effect of dilutive share options | 16 | 43 | 84 |
| Effect of dilutive convertible debt | 25,535 | 23,333 | 23,332 |
| | 118,964 | 116,643 | 116,747 |

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company, which was formed in 2003 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Frontline, was partially spun-off in 2004 and its shares commenced trading on the New York Stock Exchange in June 2004. A significant proportion of the Company's business continues to be transacted with related parties.

The Company has transactions with the following related parties, being companies in which our principal shareholders Hemen Holding Ltd. and Farahead Investment Inc. (hereafter jointly referred to as "Hemen") and companies associated with Hemen have a significant direct or indirect interest:

- Frontline
- Frontline Shipping and Frontline Shipping II (collectively Frontline Charterers)
- Frontline 2012 Limited ("Frontline 2012")
- Seadrill
- NADL
- Golden Ocean Group Limited ("Golden Ocean")
- Deep Sea
- Golar LNG Limited ("Golar")
- United Freight Carriers LLC ("UFC")
- Arcadia Petroleum Limited ("Arcadia")

From September 2014, Golar ceased to be a related party to the Company following disassociation through the sale of shares held by a company associated with Hemen.

The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets include the following amounts due from and to related parties and associated companies, excluding direct financing lease balances (Note 6):

| (in thousands of \$) | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Amounts due from: | | |
| Frontline Charterers | 7,996 | 30,714 |
| Frontline | 10,583 | 9,012 |
| Frontline 2012 | 919 | — |
| UFC | 423 | 232 |
| Deep Sea | 2,101 | 1,338 |
| Seadrill | 228 | 111,195 |
| SFL Linus | 39,794 | — |
| Total amount due from related parties | 62,044 | 152,491 |
| Loans to related parties - associated companies, long-term | | |
| SFL Deepwater | 97,234 | 100,036 |
| SFL Hercules | 134,676 | 135,250 |
| SFL Linus | 125,000 | 110,745 |
| Total loans to related parties - associated companies, long-term | 356,910 | 346,031 |
| Loans to related parties - others, long-term | | |
| Frontline | 76,988 | 79,294 |
| Total loans to related parties - others, long-term | 76,988 | 79,294 |
| Amounts due to: | | |
| Frontline Charterers | 196 | 196 |
| Frontline Management | 525 | 848 |
| Frontline 2012 | 691 | 65 |
| Golden Ocean | 206 | — |
| Other related parties | 24 | — |
| Total amount due to related parties | 1,642 | 1,109 |

SFL Deepwater, SFL Hercules and SFL Linus are wholly-owned subsidiaries which are not fully consolidated but are accounted for under the equity method as at March 31, 2015 within the financial statements (see Note 7). As described below in "Related party loans", at March 31, 2015 the long-term loans from Ship Finance to SFL Deepwater, SFL Hercules and SFL Linus, are presented net of their respective current accounts to the extent that it is an amount due to the associates.

Related party leasing and service contracts

As at March 31, 2015, 17 of the Company's vessels which were leased to the Frontline Charterers (December 31, 2014: 17) and two of its offshore supply vessels which were leased to subsidiaries of Deep Sea (December 31, 2014: two) have been recorded as direct financing leases. In addition, included under operating leases at March 31, 2015, there were four offshore supply vessels leased to subsidiaries of Deep Sea (December 31, 2014: four) and five drybulk carriers leased to UFC (December 31, 2014: four). At March 31, 2015, the combined balance of net investments in direct financing leases with the Frontline Charterers and Deep Sea was \$830.3 million (December 31, 2014: \$839.9 million), of which \$47.4 million (December 31, 2014: \$37.5 million) represents short-term maturities. At March 31, 2015, the net book value of assets leased under operating leases to Deep Sea and UFC was \$223.1 million (December 31, 2014: \$198.9 million).

A summary of leasing revenues earned from the Frontline Charterers, UFC and Deep Sea is as follows:

| Payments (in millions of \$) | Three Months Ended | | Year ended |
|--|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2014 | December 31, 2014 |
| Operating lease income | 5.9 | 6.9 | 26.4 |
| Direct financing lease interest income | 9.8 | 11.6 | 45.4 |
| Finance lease service revenue | 9.9 | 11.7 | 46.5 |
| Direct financing lease repayments | 9.3 | 11.0 | 43.1 |
| Cash sweep and profit share income | 10.1 | 12.2 | 33.8 |

In addition, the Company paid the following fees:

| Payments (in millions of \$) | Three Months Ended | | Year ended |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2014 | December 31, 2014 |
| Frontline: | | | |
| Vessel Management Fees | 10.4 | 12.2 | 48.4 |
| Management Supervision Fees | 0.1 | 0.5 | 2.9 |
| Administration Services and other | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| Golden Ocean: | | | |
| Operating Management Fees | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| Office Facilities: | | | |
| Golar Management UK Limited | — | — | 0.1 |
| Arcadia | 0.1 | — | — |
| Frontline Management AS | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

Related party loans – associated companies

Ship Finance has entered into agreements with SFL Deepwater, SFL Hercules and SFL Linus granting them loans of \$145.0 million, \$145.0 million and \$125.0 million, respectively at fixed interest rates. These loans are repayable in full on July 11, 2023, October 1, 2023, and June 30, 2029, respectively, or earlier if the companies sell their drilling units. Ship Finance is entitled to take excess cash from these companies, and such amounts are recorded within their current accounts with Ship Finance. The loan agreements specify that the balance on the current accounts will have no interest applied and will be settled, to the extent that it is a receivable from Ship Finance, by offset against the eventual repayments of the fixed interest loans. Ship Finance had also previously entered into an agreement with SFL West Polaris for a loan of \$145 million at a fixed interest rate. This was fully repaid when SFL West Polaris was sold on December 30, 2014 at which point it ceased to be an associated company.

In the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company received interest income on these loans of \$1.6 million from SFL Deepwater (three months ended March 31, 2014: \$1.6 million; year ended December 31, 2014: \$6.5 million), \$1.6 million from SFL Hercules (three months ended March 31, 2014: \$1.6 million; year ended December 31, 2014: \$6.5 million) and \$1.4 million from SFL Linus (three months ended March 31, 2014: \$0.7 million; year ended December 31, 2014: \$4.9 million). In addition, the Company received interest income from the loan it had with SFL West Polaris of \$1.6 million in the three months ended March 31, 2014 and \$6.5 million in the year ended December 31, 2014.

14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Assets Pledged

(in millions of \$)

March 31, 2015

Book value of consolidated assets pledged under ship mortgages

\$1,457

The Company and its equity-accounted subsidiaries have funded their acquisition of vessels, jack-up rigs and ultra-deepwater drilling units through a combination of equity, short-term debt and long-term debt. Providers of long-term loan facilities usually require that the loans be secured by mortgages against the assets being acquired. As at March 31, 2015, the Company (\$1.5 billion) and its equity-accounted subsidiaries (\$1.0 billion) had a combined outstanding indebtedness of \$2.5 billion (December 31, 2014: \$2.8 billion) under various credit facilities. Most of the Company's vessels and rigs have been pledged under mortgages in respect of this outstanding indebtedness, excluding three 1,700 TEU container vessels and 14 vessels chartered to Frontline Shipping.

Other Contractual Commitments and Contingencies

The Company has arranged insurance for the legal liability risks for its shipping activities with Gard P.& I. (Bermuda) Ltd, Assuranceforeningen Skuld (Gjensidig), The Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association Limited, The Korea Shipowner's Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association, The West of England Ship Owners Mutual Insurance Association (Luxembourg), North of England P&I Association Limited, The Standard Club Europe Ltd and The United Kingdom Mutual Steam Ship Assurance Association (Europe) Limited, all of which are mutual protection and indemnity associations. The Company is subject to calls payable to the associations based on the Company's claims record in addition to the claims records of all other members of the associations. A contingent liability exists to the extent that the claims records of the members of the associations in the aggregate show significant deterioration, which may result in additional calls on the members.

SFL Deepwater, SFL Hercules and SFL Linus are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company accounted for using the equity method. Accordingly, their assets and liabilities are not consolidated in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets, but are presented on a net basis under "Investment in associated companies". As of March 31, 2015, their combined borrowings amounted to \$954.4 million (December 31, 2014: \$1,038.3 million) and the Company guaranteed \$260 million (December 31, 2014: \$260 million) of this debt.

Following the sale of SFL West Polaris to Seadrill (see Note 7: Investment in Associated Companies) the Company has agreed to continue providing a guarantee on the entity's term loan facility until January 2018, or such earlier date as the facility is repaid in full. At March 31, 2015, the maximum liability under the guarantee amounted to \$88.0 million. The guarantee is fully indemnified by Seadrill.

At March 31, 2015, the Company had contractual commitments under acquisition agreements and newbuilding contracts totaling \$nil (December 31, 2014: \$85.0 million).

In November 2014, the Company together with other holders of Second Lien Senior Secured Notes in Horizon Lines, LLC signed an agreement to provide a two year \$150.0 million senior secured bridging loan facility to The Pasha Group ("Pasha"). The bridging facility was provided in conjunction with the proposed acquisition of Horizon Lines, Inc. by Matson, Inc., which was dependent on Horizon Lines, Inc. selling some of its assets and operations to Pasha, and also subject to approval from U.S. antitrust authorities. The bridging facility, on which interest at fixed rates and also a commitment fee are payable, was provided to enable Pasha to meet its purchase commitments. At March 31, 2015, the Company's share of the total \$150.0 million commitment under the bridging facility was \$61.3 million and no drawdown had been made. Subsequent to quarter end, the above transaction to acquire Horizon Lines, LLC was completed without Pasha utilizing the bridging facility and the Company sold its second lien loan notes and warrants in Horizon Lines, LLC. (see Note 16: Subsequent Events).

The Company is routinely party both as plaintiff and defendant to lawsuits in various jurisdictions under charter hire obligations arising from the operation of its vessels in the ordinary course of business. The Company believes that the resolution of such claims will not have a material adverse effect on its results of operations or financial position. The Company has not recognized any contingent gains or losses arising from the pending results of any such lawsuits.

15. CONSOLIDATED VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

The Company's consolidated financial statements include 18 variable interest entities, all of which are wholly-owned subsidiaries. These subsidiaries own vessels with existing charters during which related and third parties have fixed price options to purchase the respective vessels, at dates varying from September 2017 to January 2020. It has been determined that the Company is the primary beneficiary of these entities, as none of the purchase options are deemed to be at bargain prices and none of the charters include sales options.

At March 31, 2015, the vessels of two of these entities are accounted for as direct financing leases with a combined carrying value of \$63.2 million, unearned lease income of \$14.8 million and estimated residual values of \$21.7 million. The outstanding loan balances in these two entities total \$27.4 million, of which the short-term portion is \$4.8 million.

The other 16 fully consolidated variable interest entities each own vessels which are accounted for as operating lease assets, with a total net book value at March 31, 2015, of \$366.0 million. The outstanding loan balances in these entities total \$182.9 million, of which the short-term portion is \$18.9 million.

16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In April 2015, the Company announced the agreement to acquire eight Capesize dry-bulk carriers from subsidiaries of Golden Ocean for an aggregate acquisition price of \$272 million. The vessels are expected to be delivered within the third quarter of 2015. The vessels will be chartered on a time-charter basis to a fully guaranteed subsidiary of Golden Ocean for a period of 10 years with daily base charter rates of \$17,600 per vessel during the first seven years and \$14,900 per vessel thereafter. The charters include a charter rate adjustment element linked to movements in the interest rate level. The Company is entitled to a 33% profit share for revenues above the base charter rates, calculated and paid on a quarterly basis. Golden Ocean has a purchase option for the vessels at the end of year 10, and, if not exercised, Ship Finance can extend the charters for another three years at \$14,900 per day. The vessel owning subsidiaries will enter into fixed price technical management agreements with a subsidiary of Golden Ocean at \$7,000 per vessel per day, including drydocking.

On May 29, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a dividend of \$0.43 per share which will be paid in cash on or about June 30, 2015.

In May 2015, the Company announced a revised agreement for 12 VLCCs and five Suezmax crude oil tankers on charter to Frontline. The new agreement will take effect from July 1, 2015 and will be a combination of reduced time charter rates, increased operating expenses and increased profit split. The new time charter rates will be \$20,000 per day for each of the VLCCs and \$15,000 per day for each of the Suezmaxes. The new operating expenses payable to a subsidiary of Frontline will be \$9,000 per day per vessel. Ship Finance will be entitled to a 50% profit split above the new time charter rates, which will be calculated and paid on a quarterly basis. Ship Finance will continue chartering the vessels to a subsidiary of Frontline, and in exchange for releasing Frontline from their current guarantee obligation on the charters, a cash buffer of \$34 million (\$2 million per vessel) will be built up in the chartering company. As compensation for the revised agreement, the Company has received 55 million common shares in Frontline, representing approximately 28% of the issued and outstanding shares in Frontline.

In June 2015, the Company announced that it has sold its holding of notes and warrants in Horizon Lines, Inc. for net cash proceeds of approximately \$72 million. These unlisted second lien interest-bearing loan notes were issued by Horizon Lines, LLC as part of compensation received on termination of charters in April 2012. At March 31, 2015, the notes had a carrying value of \$24.6 million (December 31, 2014: \$23.7 million) and the warrants had a carrying value of \$1.2 million (December 31, 2014: \$1.2 million).

In June 2015, an officer of the Company exercised options to acquire a total of 25,000 shares in the Company at a price of \$10.29 per share, and 25,000 new shares were issued.

In June 2015, the Company agreed to acquire three newbuilding container vessels from an unrelated third party. The vessels are approximately 9,000 TEU and are expected to be delivered from the shipyard during the fourth quarter

2015 and the first quarter 2016, subject to customary closing conditions and approval by the charterer. The vessels will be chartered out for a minimum period of five years to a leading European-based container line, with options for the charterer to extend the charter period by up to two years.

SHIP FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

As used herein, “we,” “us,” “our” and “the Company” all refer to Ship Finance International Limited and its subsidiaries. This management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read together with the discussion included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations
for the three months ended March 31, 2015

General

We are Ship Finance International Limited, a Bermuda-based company incorporated in Bermuda on October 10, 2003, as a Bermuda exempted company under the Bermuda Companies Law of 1981 (Company No. EC-34296). We are engaged primarily in the ownership and operation of vessels and offshore related assets, and also involved in the charter, purchase and sale of assets. Our registered and principal executive offices are located at Par-la-Ville Place, 14 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton, HM 08, Bermuda, and our telephone number is +1 (441) 295-9500.

We operate through subsidiaries located in Bermuda, Cyprus, Malta, Liberia, Norway, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the Marshall Islands.

We are a leading global ship-owning company with one of the largest and most diverse asset bases across the maritime and offshore industries. As of June 15, 2015, our assets consist of 19 oil tankers, 14 drybulk carriers, 17 container vessels, two car carriers, two jack-up drilling rigs, two ultra-deepwater drilling units, six offshore supply vessels and two chemical tankers.

Additionally we have agreed to acquire eight Capesize dry-bulk carriers from subsidiaries of Golden Ocean Group Limited ("Golden Ocean"), which are expected to be delivered within the third quarter of 2015 and three newbuilding 9,000 TEU container vessels with estimated delivery dates in fourth quarter 2015 and first quarter 2016.

As at June 15, 2015, our customers included Frontline Ltd. ("Frontline"), Seadrill Limited ("Seadrill"), North Atlantic Drilling Ltd. ("NADL"), United Freight Carriers LLC ("UFC"), Sinochem Shipping Co. Ltd, Heung-A Shipping Co. Ltd, Hyundai Glovis Co. Ltd., Western Bulk AS, Rudolf A. Oetker KG ("Hamburg Süd"), PT Apexindo Pratama Duta, Orient Overseas Container Line Ltd ("OOCL"), Hanjin Shipping ("Hanjin"), MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company S.A. ("MSC"), China National Chartering Co. Ltd ("Sinchart"), and Deep Sea Supply Plc and Deep Sea Supply BTG B.V., which we together refer to as Deep Sea.

Recent and Other Developments

In January 2015, the remaining two of four 8,700 twenty-foot equivalent units (“TEU”) newbuilding container vessels were delivered to us, and immediately commenced previously agreed seven-year time-charters with Hamburg Süd. The vessel-owning subsidiaries drew down in full against the \$127.5 million secured term loan facility, which had been agreed with a bank for the post-delivery financing of the two vessels.

In January 2015, the indirect limited performance guarantee provided by Ship Finance International Limited in respect of the \$210 million secured term loan facility relating to five container vessels became exhausted. In February 2015, the Company signed an agreement with the lenders under the facility whereby ownership of the vessels together with associated working capital was transferred to unrelated third parties, and Ship Finance International Limited and its subsidiaries have no future interest in the vessels or obligations under the loan facility.

In February 2015, the outstanding balance on the \$725 million term loan facility secured against 14 vessels chartered to Frontline Shipping Limited. was repaid in full. Accordingly, these vessels are no longer pledged as security against borrowings.

In March 2015, two officers and two employees of the Company exercised options to acquire a total of 39,000 shares at a price of \$10.71 per share, and 39,000 new shares were issued.

In April 2015, the Company announced the agreement to acquire eight Capesize dry-bulk carriers from subsidiaries of Golden Ocean for an aggregate acquisition price of \$272 million. The vessels are expected to be delivered within the third quarter of 2015. The vessels will be chartered on a time-charter basis to a fully guaranteed subsidiary of Golden Ocean for a period of 10 years with daily base charter rates of \$17,600 per vessel during the first seven years and \$14,900 per vessel thereafter. The charters include a charter rate adjustment element linked to movements in the interest rate level. The Company is entitled to a 33% profit share for revenues above the base charter rates, calculated and paid on a quarterly basis. Golden Ocean has a purchase option for the vessels at the end of year 10, and, if not exercised, Ship Finance can extend the charters for another three years at \$14,900 per day. The vessel owning subsidiaries will enter into fixed price technical management agreements with a subsidiary of Golden Ocean at \$7,000 per vessel per day, including drydocking.

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In June 2015, the Company announced that it has sold its holding of notes and warrants in Horizon Lines, Inc. for net cash proceeds of approximately \$72 million. These unlisted second lien interest-bearing loan notes were issued by Horizon Lines, LLC as part of compensation received on termination of charters in April 2012. At March 31, 2015, the notes had a carrying value of \$24.6 million (December 31, 2014: \$23.7 million) and the warrants had a carrying value of \$1.2 million (December 31, 2014: \$1.2 million).

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In June 2015, the Company agreed to acquire three newbuilding container vessels from an unrelated third party. The vessels are approximately 9,000 TEU and are expected to be delivered from the shipyard during the fourth quarter 2015 and the first quarter 2016, subject to customary closing conditions and approval by the charterer. The vessels will be chartered out for a minimum period of five years to a leading European-based container line, with options for the charterer to extend the charter period by up to two years.

Operating Results

| (in thousands of \$) | Three months ended March 31, 2015 | Three months ended March 31, 2014 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total operating revenues | 90,088 | 82,671 |
| (Loss)/ gain on sale of assets and termination of charters | (114 |) 10,152 |
| Total operating expenses | (47,774 |) (46,187 |
| Net operating income | 42,200 | 46,636 |
| Interest income | 9,208 | 9,706 |
| Interest expense | (18,028 |) (20,606 |
| Other non-operating items, net | (8,148 |) (986 |
| Equity in earnings of associated companies | 7,878 | 5,983 |
| Net income | 33,110 | 40,733 |

Net operating income for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$42.2 million, compared with \$46.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The reduction was principally due to the absence of gains on termination of charters, partly offset by higher operating revenues - see below. Net income for the period decreased by \$7.6 million compared with the same period in 2014, due to the decrease in net operating income and higher other non-operating items, mitigated partially by lower interest expense and higher earnings in associated companies.

Two ultra-deepwater drilling units and one harsh environment jack-up drilling rig were accounted for under the equity method during the three months ended March 31, 2015. In addition to these, during the three months ended March 31, 2014, two container vessels chartered-in on bareboat charters and a further ultra-deepwater drilling unit were accounted for under the equity method. The operating revenues of the wholly-owned subsidiaries owning or chartering these assets are included under "equity in earnings of associated companies", where they are reported net of operating and non-operating expenses.

Total operating revenues

| (in thousands of \$) | Three months ended March 31, 2015 | Three months ended March 31, 2014 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Direct financing lease interest income | 9,803 | 11,642 |
| Finance lease service revenues | 9,945 | 11,700 |
| Profit sharing revenues | 10,136 | 12,219 |
| Time charter revenues | 34,975 | 20,784 |
| Bareboat charter revenues | 17,195 | 15,174 |
| Voyage charter revenues | 6,492 | 10,251 |
| Other operating income | 1,542 | 901 |
| Total operating revenues | 90,088 | 82,671 |

Total operating revenues increased 9% in the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared with the previous year.

Direct financing lease interest income arises on most of our double hull tankers and also two offshore supply vessels. In general, direct financing lease interest income reduces over the terms of our leases, as progressively a lesser proportion of the lease rental payment is allocated to interest income and a greater proportion is treated as repayment of investment in the finance lease.

In November 2014, we sold three VLCCs which were direct financing lease assets chartered to subsidiaries of Frontline (the "Frontline Charterers"). The decrease in direct financing lease interest income in the three months ended March 31, 2015, was mainly due to the sale of these three VLCCs.

The reduction in finance lease service revenue is also due to the sale of the three VLCCs in November 2014.

There was \$9.9 million of cash sweep revenues recorded under profit sharing revenues from the vessels on charter to the Frontline Charterers in the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared with \$11.7 million in the same period in 2014. The reduction is due to the sale of the three VLCCs in November 2014. The charter agreements, which were amended on December 30, 2011, provide that the Frontline Charterers are obligated to pay the Company 100% of the earnings on a time charter equivalent basis above the temporarily reduced time charter rates, subject to a maximum of \$6,500 per day for each vessel from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2015 (the “cash sweep”). The cash sweep for any full year is payable in March of the following year. The amended charter agreements also increased the profit sharing percentage from 20% to 25% for earnings above the original base rates from January 1, 2012 onwards. During the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014 and the year ended December 31, 2014, no amounts were recognized in the consolidated financial statements under the 25% profit share agreement. Following Frontline’s prepayment of \$50.0 million of profit share in December 2011, \$50.0 million of profit share will need to accumulate before the 25% profit share revenues can be recognized in the consolidated financial statements. As at March 31, 2015, \$7.4 million of the \$50.0 million prepaid by Frontline had been utilized. As discussed under Recent and Other Developments, further amendments to the charter agreements with Frontline will take effect from July 1, 2015, including reduced time charter rates and an increase in the profit share to 50% above the new time charter rates, calculated and paid on a quarterly basis. Further, under the amended profit share agreement, the \$50.0 million threshold will no longer be applicable for any profit share calculations after July 1, 2015 and the cash sweep will no longer be in place.

Additionally, we also have a profit sharing agreement relating to five Handysize drybulk carriers chartered to UFC, which earned us \$0.2 million in the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared with \$0.5 million in the same period 2014.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, time charter revenues were earned by seven container vessels, two car carriers and 12 drybulk carriers. Since March 31, 2014, we have taken delivery of a further two drybulk carriers and four 8,700 TEU container vessels operating under time-charters, and have disposed of five 2,800 TEU container vessels. The 68% increase in time charter revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014 is due to the net increase in vessels operating under time-charters.

Bareboat charter revenues are earned by our vessels and rigs which are leased under operating leases on a bareboat basis. In the three months ended March 31, 2014, these consisted of four offshore supply vessels, two chemical tankers, one jack-up drilling rig, two 1,700 TEU container vessels, two 5,800 TEU container vessels (delivered in March 2014) and one 4,100 TEU container vessel (delivered in March 2014). Since March 31, 2014, we have taken delivery of a further six 4,100 TEU container vessels operating under bareboat charters. The increase in bareboat charter revenues is due to the increase in vessels operating under bareboat charters.

Two of our Suezmax tankers are traded on a voyage charter basis. The reduction in voyage charter revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014 is mainly due to the drydocking of one of the vessels in the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Cash flows arising from finance leases

The following table sets forth our cash flows from the direct financing leases with the Frontline Charterers and Deep Sea, and shows how they were accounted for:

| (in thousands of \$) | Three months ended March 31, 2015 | Three months ended March 31, 2014 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Charter hire payments accounted for as: | | |
| Direct financing lease interest income | 9,803 | 11,642 |
| Finance lease service revenues | 9,945 | 11,700 |
| Direct financing lease repayments | 9,314 | 10,961 |
| Total direct financing lease payments received | 29,062 | 34,303 |

Our vessels chartered to the Frontline Charterers are leased on time charter terms, where we are responsible for the management and operation of such vessels. The management and operation of vessels leased to the Frontline Charterers has been effected by entering into fixed price agreements with Frontline Management (Bermuda) Ltd. (“Frontline Management”), a subsidiary of Frontline, whereby we pay Frontline Management a fee of \$6,500 per day for each vessel chartered to the Frontline Charterers. Accordingly, \$6,500 per day is allocated from each time charter payment we receive from the Frontline Charterers to cover our lease executory costs, and this is classified as “finance lease service revenue”. If any vessel chartered to the Frontline Charterers is sub-chartered on a bareboat basis, then the charter payments for that vessel are reduced by \$6,500 per day for the duration of the bareboat sub-charter. As discussed under Recent and Other Developments, amendments to the management agreements with Frontline Management will take effect from July 1, 2015, whereby the fixed price management fee will increase from \$6,500 per day to \$9,000 per day for each of the vessels.

Gain on sale of assets and termination of charters

Losses of \$0.1 million were recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2015, on the disposal of five container vessels. An impairment charge of \$11.8 million had been made against the carrying value of these vessels in the year ended December 31, 2014. In the three months ended March 31, 2014, gains of \$10.2 million were recorded relating to amounts received following the settlement of claims arising from the termination of charters on four Handysize drybulk vessels in 2012.

Operating expenses

| (in thousands of \$) | Three months ended March 31, 2015 | Three months ended March 31, 2014 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Vessel operating expenses | 27,460 | 28,893 |
| Depreciation | 18,479 | 15,111 |
| Administrative expenses | 1,835 | 2,183 |
| Total operating expenses | 47,774 | 46,187 |

Vessel operating expenses consist of payments to Frontline Management of \$6,500 per day for each vessel chartered to the Frontline Charterers, in accordance with the vessel management agreements. In addition, vessel operating expenses include operating and occasional voyage expenses for the container vessels, drybulk carriers and car carriers operated on a time-charter basis and managed by related and unrelated third parties, and also voyage expenses for the two Suezmax tankers currently operating on voyage charters.

Total vessel operating expenses decreased by \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared with the same period in 2014, as a result of the disposal in November 2014 of three VLCCs time-chartered to the Frontline Charterers and lower voyage expenses in line with reduced voyage charter revenues, largely offset by higher expenses on the net increase in vessels operating on time-charters.

Depreciation expenses relate to the vessels on charters accounted for as operating leases and on voyage charters. The increase in depreciation for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014 is due to the two drybulk carriers and ten container vessels delivered since March 31, 2014, partly offset by the disposal of five container vessels in February 2015.

The decrease in administrative expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014 is primarily due to a reduction in salary costs.

Interest income

Interest receivable on Frontline loan notes increased by \$1.5 million from 2014 to 2015, as a result of additional notes received on the disposal of three VLCCs in November 2014. Interest receivable from associated companies decreased by \$0.9 million, as a result of the disposal of SFL West Polaris on December 30, 2014. In the three months ended March 31, 2014, interest amounting to \$1.1 million was received on the cancellation of a newbuilding contract. Total interest receivable decreased by \$0.5 million from 2014 to 2015.

Interest expense

| (in thousands of \$) | Three months ended March 31, 2015 | Three months ended March 31, 2014 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Interest on US\$ floating rate loans | 5,781 | 5,929 |
| Interest on NOK500 million senior unsecured floating rate bonds due 2014 | — | 1,065 |
| Interest on NOK600 million senior unsecured floating rate bonds due 2017 | 1,286 | 1,547 |
| Interest on NOK900 million senior unsecured floating rate bonds due 2019 | 1,463 | 291 |
| Interest on 3.75% senior unsecured convertible bonds due 2016 | 1,172 | 1,172 |
| Interest on 3.25% senior unsecured convertible bonds due 2018 | 2,781 | 2,781 |
| Swap interest | 2,693 | 5,023 |
| Other interest | — | 120 |
| Amortization of deferred charges | 2,852 | 2,678 |
| Total interest expense | 18,028 | 20,606 |

At March 31, 2015, the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries had total debt outstanding of \$1.5 billion (March 31, 2014: \$1.7 billion) which is comprised of \$176.5 million (NOK1,421 million) outstanding principal amount of NOK floating rate bonds (March 31, 2014: \$316.8 million, NOK1,897 million), \$350.0 million in 3.25% convertible bonds (March 31, 2014: \$350.0 million), \$125.0 million outstanding principal amount of 3.75% convertible bonds (March 31, 2014: \$125.0 million), and \$0.9 billion under floating rate secured long term credit facilities (March 31, 2014: \$0.9 billion). The average three-month LIBOR was 0.26% in the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 0.24% in the three months ended March 31, 2014. The decrease in interest expense associated with our floating rate debt for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014 is mainly due to the timing of loan repayments and drawdowns since March 31, 2014.

The decrease in interest payable on the NOK bonds due 2014 is due to their redemption in April 2014. The increase in interest payable on the NOK bonds due 2019 is due to their issue date in March 2014. The decrease in interest payable on the NOK bonds due 2017 is due to the timing of purchases and resales of these bonds since March 31, 2014.

At March 31, 2015, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries were party to interest rate swap contracts, which effectively fix our interest rates on \$0.8 billion of floating rate debt at a weighted average rate excluding margin of 3.39% per annum (March 31, 2014: \$1.3 billion of floating rate debt fixed at a weighted average rate excluding margin of 3.69% per annum).

As reported above, certain assets were accounted for under the equity method in 2015 and 2014. Their non-operating expenses, including net interest expenses, are not included above, but are reflected in “equity in earnings of associated companies” - see below.

Other non-operating items

In the three months ended March 31, 2015, other non-operating items amounted to a net loss of \$8.1 million, compared to a net loss of \$1.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2015, consists mainly of \$6.6 million adverse mark-to-market adjustments to financial instruments, \$1.5 million cash payments on non-designated interest rate swaps and \$0.5 million loan commitment fees, partly offset by a \$0.4 million gain on bond repurchases. The net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2014, consists mainly of \$1.7 million cash payments on non-designated interest rate swaps and \$0.8 million loan commitment fees, partly offset by a \$1.5 million favorable mark-to-market adjustment to financial instruments.

Equity in earnings of associated companies

During the periods under review, the Company had certain wholly-owned subsidiaries which are accounted for under the equity method, as discussed in Note 7 of the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein. The total equity in earnings of associated companies in the three months ended March 31, 2015, was \$1.9 million higher than in the comparative period in 2014 due to the \$3.8 million increase in earnings from the newbuilding harsh environment jack-up drilling rig West Linus delivered in February 2014, partly offset by the sale of the ultra-deepwater drillship

West Polaris in December 2014, the termination of arrangements for chartering in two container vessels during the three months ended March 31, 2014, and reduced direct financing lease interest income on the ultra-deepwater drilling units West Taurus and West Hercules.

Seasonality

Most of our vessels are chartered at fixed rates on a long-term basis and seasonal factors do not have a significant direct effect on our business. Our tankers on charter to the Frontline Charterers are subject to cash sweep and profit sharing agreements and to the extent that seasonal factors affect the profits of the charterers of these vessels, we will also be affected. However, any cash sweep and profit sharing receivables relating to the Frontline Charterers are paid annually and the effects of seasonality will be limited to the timing of our cash sweep and profit sharing revenues.

Under the amended agreement with Frontline with effect from July 1, 2015, the cash sweep will no longer be applicable and the profit share will be calculated and payable on a quarterly basis.

Five of our Handysize drybulk carriers currently employed under short-term charters to UFC are also subject to agreements for profit sharing payable following the completion of the final voyage under their respective charters, and the effects of seasonality will be limited to the timing of these profit sharing revenues.

In addition, the eight drybulk carriers scheduled for delivery to the Company within the third quarter of 2015 will be subject to profit sharing agreements under the long term charter agreements with Golden Ocean. The profit share under these agreements will be calculated and payable on a quarterly basis.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At March 31, 2015, we had total cash and cash equivalents of \$49.7 million and available for sale securities of \$69.1 million. In the three months ended March 31, 2015, we generated cash of \$65.6 million from operations. We used \$23.7 million net in investing activities and used \$43.0 million net in financing activities.

Cash flows provided by operating activities increased for the three months ended March 31, 2015 to \$65.6 million, compared to \$37.1 million for the same period in 2014, mainly due to the receipt in March 2015 of \$32.7 million in cash sweep income accrued for the year ended December 31, 2014. There was no cash sweep income received in 2014.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$23.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$23.6 million generated in the same period in 2014. The increase in cash used in investing activities is due to higher overall amounts invested in 2015 on available for sale securities, associated companies and vessel acquisitions, including newbuildings. This is partly offset by proceeds received in the three months ended March 31, 2015 from the sale of SFL West Polaris in December 2014 amounting to \$111.1 million. Furthermore, in three months ended March 31, 2014, a \$50.0 million loan was repaid to us, we received \$49.0 million on cancellation of two newbuilding contracts, and \$10.2 million compensation on termination of charters.

Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$43.0 million, compared to \$82.3 million net cash used in the same period in 2014. The \$39.3 million decrease in net cash used results primarily from the \$103.4 million reduction in loan repayments (including bond repurchases), mitigated by the \$63.7 million reduction in new loan drawdowns. The Company made dividend payments of \$39.2 million in the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared with \$37.3 million in the same period in 2014.

In addition to bank financing, the Company continually monitors equity and debt capital market conditions and may raise additional capital through the issuance of equity or debt securities from time to time.

The following table summarizes our consolidated borrowings at March 31, 2015.

| (in millions of \$) | As of March 31, 2015 | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Outstanding balance | Net amount available to drawdown |
| Loan facilities secured with mortgages on vessels and rig including newbuildings | 891.6 | 32.1 |
| Unsecured borrowings: | | |
| 3.75% senior unsecured convertible bonds due 2016 | 125.0 | — |
| NOK600 million senior unsecured floating rate bonds due 2017 | 70.2 | — |
| 3.25% senior unsecured convertible bonds due 2018 | 350.0 | — |
| NOK900 million senior unsecured floating rate bonds due 2019 | 106.3 | — |

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As of March 31, 2015, there was \$32.1 million net available to draw under secured revolving credit facilities. In addition to the above, our equity accounted subsidiaries with total debt outstanding of \$1.0 billion as at March 31, 2015, had net amounts available to draw under secured revolving credit facilities of \$100.0 million.

Security and Collateral

The main security provided under the secured credit facilities include (i) guarantees from subsidiaries, as well as instances where the Company guarantees all or part of the loans; (ii) a first priority pledge over all shares of the relevant asset owning subsidiaries; (iii) a first priority mortgage over the relevant collateral assets which includes substantially all of the vessels and the drilling units that are currently owned by the Company, excluding three 1,700 TEU container vessels and nine VLCCs and five Suezmax tankers chartered to the Frontline Shipping Limited; and (iv) a first priority security interest over all earnings and proceeds from insurance policies with respect to the assets in the relevant asset owning subsidiaries.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Matters discussed herein may constitute forward-looking statements. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements in order to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their business. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements which are other than statements of historical facts.

The Company desires to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this cautionary statement in connection with this safe harbor legislation. The words “believe,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “estimate,” “forecast,” “project,” “plan,” “potential,” “may,” “should,” “expect,” “pending” and similar identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements herein are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, our management’s examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although we believe that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including fluctuations in charter rates and vessel values, changes in demand in the tanker market as a result of changes in OPEC’s petroleum production levels and worldwide oil consumption and storage, changes in demand for the carriage of drybulk cargoes and goods shipped in container vessels, the level of global oil exploration, changes in our operating expenses, including bunker prices, dry-docking and insurance costs, the market for our vessels, availability of financing and refinancing, changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, general domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents or political events, vessels breakdowns and instances of off-hires and other important factors described from time to time in the reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission and our Annual Report on Form 20-F.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SHIP FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Date: June 15, 2015

By: /s/ Harald Gurvin
Name: Harald Gurvin
Title: Chief Financial Officer
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