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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 2009

Commission File Number: 001-32199

SHIP FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (Translation of registrant's name into English)

Par-la-Ville Place, 14 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton, HM 08, Bermuda (Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the press release of Ship Finance International Limited (the "Company"), dated February 26, 2009, enclosing the Company's presentation of its preliminary fourth quarter 2008 results.

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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

(registrant)

Dated: March 4, 2009 By: /s/ Ole B. Hjertaker

Name: Ole B. Hjertaker

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 1

SFL - 4Q 2008 Presentation

Press release from Ship Finance International Ltd. February 26, 2009

Please find enclosed the presentation of the Preliminary Fourth Quarter Results to be held Thursday, February 26, 2009 in the link below.

http://hugin.info/134876/R/1293655/293157.pdf