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FSL Trust reports a net profit of US\$ 1.9 million for the 2nd half year 2023 and declares a distribution of 1.50 US cents

Highlights

- Distribution to unitholders of 1.50 US cents per unit for the 2nd half year 2023
- Adjusted EBITDA¹ of US\$ 3.3 million and net profit of US\$ 1.9 million for the 2nd half year 2023
- Adjusted EBITDA¹ of US\$ 6.4 million and net profit of \$ 3.7 million for the full year 2023
- Extension of the bareboat charter for *Cumbrian fisher* for 11 months in direct continuation of current charter, expiry 30th November 2024
- Contracted future revenue of US\$ 18.8 million as at 31 December 2023 with all eight vessels employed under fixed-rate period charters
- Strong financial position with low leverage and healthy balance sheet metrics

Singapore, 7 February 2024 – FSL Trust Management Pte. Ltd. (“FSLTM”), the trustee-manager of First Ship Lease Trust (“FSL Trust” or the “Trust”), today announced the unaudited financial results of FSL Trust for the six-months and full year ended 31 December 2023.

For the second half and full year 2023, FSL Trust reported a net profit of US\$ 1.9 million and US\$ 3.7 million, respectively. This compares to a net profit of US\$ 11.0 million and US\$ 13.3 million in the same period of the preceding year. The adjusted EBITDA¹ for the 2nd half year and full year 2023 was US\$ 3.3 million and \$ 6.4 million, respectively.

As at 31 December 2023, with 8 vessels operating under fixed-rate period charters, the Trust has contracted and optional future revenue of US\$ 18.8 million and US\$ 5.8 million respectively. The Trust ended the year 2023 with zero net debt.

Commenting on the results, Roger Woods, Chief Executive Officer, said:

In 2022, the gain from the sale of 3 vessels contributed US\$ 9.2 million out the Trust’s net profit of US\$ 13.3 million. The second half of 2023 continued with stable fixed rate employment for the remaining eight vessels in the fleet. The Trust additionally benefited from the profit share on one vessel, which gives a small exposure to the market upside. We are pleased that the close relationship with our main customer continues to benefit the Trust with this secure employment.

¹ Excluding gains/losses from the disposal of vessels and vessel impairments

Stathis Topouzoglou, Chairman of the Board of Directors, commented:

During the course of last year and still up to date, FSL Trust had been focusing on selectively identifying and thoroughly assessing new project opportunities to create accretive value for its Unitholders. However, despite these efforts, the current shipping environment is not favourable at all. It is highly challenging and increasingly risky, characterised mainly by historically high price levels for both secondhand vessels and newbuildings, combined with uncertain developments still evolving around emission targets and the future vessel fuels. Accordingly, in the absence of any meaningful investment opportunities in the foreseeable future, we have decided to return the bulk of the Trust's unrestricted cash holdings to our Unitholders by way of a distribution and to accelerate repayment of debt.

Full Year 2023 Results Live Webcast

FSLTM will host a live webcast for all registered participants on Thursday, 8 February 2024, at 10:00 am (Singapore time) to discuss the financial results of the Trust followed by a Q&A session. An audio replay of the live webcast will be available on FSL Trust's website www.firstshiplease.com from 12:00 pm (Singapore time) on Friday, 9 February 2024.

About First Ship Lease Trust

First Ship Lease Trust is a Singapore-based business trust which owns a fleet of 8 well-maintained product tankers. All vessels are currently employed on fixed-rate period charters. The units of FSL Trust are listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange (SGX: D8DU).

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