

FSL TRUST MANAGEMENT PTE. LTD.
(As Trustee-Manager of First Ship Lease Trust)
(Company Registration No. 200702265R)
(Incorporated in Singapore)

CHANGE OF SPONSOR

The Board of Directors of FSL Trust Management Pte Ltd, as trustee-manager of First Ship Lease Trust (the "Trustee-Manager"), has been informed that Godan GMBH ("Godan"), the controlling Unitholder of First Ship Lease Trust (the "Trust") and the sole shareholder of FSL Holdings Pte Ltd ("FSL Holdings"), has on 28 February 2018 entered into and completed a sale and purchase agreement ("SPA") for the sale of all of its shares in FSL Holdings to Prime Shareholdings Inc. (the "Purchaser") an affiliate of Prime Tanker Management Inc ("Prime")^[1]. FSL Holdings is the Sponsor of the Trust and Godan is a subsidiary of HSH Nordbank AG. FSL Holdings, through FSL Asset Management Pte Ltd, owns all of the shares of the Trustee-Manager.

The Trustee-Manager understands that the Prime group was founded in 1998 and has since grown to become a leading international ship-owning and management group, headquartered in Athens with 150 shore-based employees. Prime currently manages a significant operating and commercial platform, consisting of 27 double-hull product tankers, 2 Suezmax oil tankers and 7 LPG carriers with an aggregate tonnage of approximately 2.5 million dwt.

The Trustee-Manager views this as a positive development for the Trust and anticipates that with a long-term strategic investor controlling the Sponsor, prospects for a refinancing and/or extension of the Trust's indebtedness should be improved.

In connection with the foregoing, the Trustee-Manager is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Stathis Topouzoglou as a non-executive director to the Board of Directors of the Trustee-Manager. Mr Topouzoglou is the founder of Prime and serves as Chief Executive Officer. He has more than 35 years of experience in the shipping industry. Since 1978, he has worked in the chartering and operations departments of various companies in Greece & the United Kingdom, during which time he obtained broad experience and built strong relationships within the shipping industry. In 1999, he founded Prime Marine Management, a predecessor of Prime Tanker & Prime Gas, leading international product tanker and gas carrier management companies, respectively, which has managed more than 75 vessels since its inception. Mr Topouzoglou is also a founding partner and a board member of Energean Oil and Gas Plc, the only Greek oil and gas exploration and production company with activities in Greece, Israel and Montenegro, and of Prime Energy, a company engaged in the renewable energy business. Mr Topouzoglou holds a B.A. in Business administration and Economics from the University of Athens, Greece.

The Board of Directors and the senior management team of the Trustee-Manager otherwise remains currently unchanged.

^[1] <http://www.prime-marine.net/>

By Order of the Board
FSL Trust Management Pte. Ltd.
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as Trustee-Manager of First Ship Lease Trust

Timothy James Reid
Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman

28 February 2018