

# RICKMERS MARITIME (the "Trust") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") Unaudited financial statements and distribution announcement For the second quarter and half year ended 30 June 2016

Rickmers Maritime (the "Trust") is a business trust constituted by the Trust Deed entered on 30 March 2007 by Rickmers Trust Management Pte. Ltd. as the trustee-manager of Rickmers Maritime.

Rickmers Maritime was listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX") on 4 May 2007.

#### Abbreviations:

QTR : Quarter

NM : Not meaningful

Incr : Increase Decr : Decrease

# 1.a (i) Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the 2nd quarter and half year ended 30 June 2016

		2nd QTR			6 Months to			
				Incr/			Incr/	
		2016	2015	(Decr)	30/06/16	30/06/15	(Decr)	
	Note	US\$'000	US\$'000	%	US\$'000	US\$'000	%	
Revenue	(a)	17,968	28,469	(37)	39,294	57,105	(31)	
Other income	(b)	310	1,760	(82)	645	3,425	(81)	
Other (losses)/gains - net	(c)	(348)	(689)	(49)	(1,947)	1,123	NM	
Depreciation		(7,227)	(8,873)	(19)	(14,444)	(17,736)	(19)	
Impairment of vessels		(51,488)	(16,824)	206	(51,488)	(16,824)	206	
Impairment of goodwill		-	(2,802)	NM	-	(2,802)	NM	
Vessel operating expenses	(d)	(10,195)	(9,676)	5	(19,936)	(19,244)	4	
Trustee-Manager fee		(670)	(746)	(10)	(1,360)	(1,486)	(8)	
Other trust expenses		(296)	(284)	4	(436)	(470)	(7)	
Finance expenses	(e)	(3,629)	(6,006)	(40)	(7,305)	(11,729)	(38)	
Loss before income tax		(55,575)	(15,671)	255	(56,977)	(8,638)	560	
Income tax expense		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Net loss after tax		(55,575)	(15,671)	255	(56,977)	(8,638)	560	
Other comprehensive income								
Cash flow hedges								
- Fair value losses		-	(1)	NM	-	(17)	NM	
- Transfer to finance expenses		-	2,239	NM	-	4,488	NM	
Other comprehensive income for the	е							
period, net of tax		-	2,238	NM	-	4,471	NM	
Total comprehensive loss for the pe	riod	(55,575)	(13,433)	314	(56,977)	(4,167)	1,267	

<sup>^</sup> The fair value losses on cash flow hedges was a non-cash item and was continuously released to profit or loss to offset the interest expense over the period of borrowings.

#### Notes:

(a) Consists of time charter income, net of commissions.

#### (b) Other income

- Amortisation of deferred income from charter contracts
- Amortisation of deferred income from a charterer \*
- Interest income from financial institutions
- Other income

:	2nd QTR			6 Months to		
2016	2015	Incr/ (Decr)	30/06/16	30/06/15	Incr/ (Decr)	
US\$'000	US\$'000	%	US\$'000	US\$'000	%	
-	1,443	MM	•	2,935	NM	
178	-	NM	357	-	NM	
20	39	(49)	53	83	(36)	
112	278	(60)	235	407	(42)	
310	1,760	(82)	645	3,425	(81)	

<sup>\*</sup> Deferred income relates to contributions from a charterer for vessel improvements and are amortised over the life of the charter contracts with the charterer.

- (c) Other (losses)/gains net
  - Exchange (loss)/gain on medium-term notes
  - Exchange gain/(loss) on cash and cash equivalents
  - Others

	2nd QTR 6 Months to				
2016	2015	Incr/ (Decr)	30/06/16	30/06/15	Incr/ (Decr)
US\$'000	US\$'000	%	US\$'000	US\$'000	%
(409)	(1,053)	(61)	(2,145)	1,353	NM
30	349	(91)	164	(230)	NM
31	15	107	34	-	NM
(348)	(689)	(49)	(1,947)	1,123	NM

- (d) Consist mainly of vessels' fixed operating expense, lubricant oil expense, vessel management fee, bunker consumption and other vessel-related expenses.
- (e) Finance expenses

Interest expense on secured bank loans Fair value losses on effective portion of interest rate swaps transferred from other comprehensive income

- Interest paid
- Changes in derivative financial liability
   Interest on secured bank loans, net of effect of hedging

Fair value losses on ineffective portion of interest rate swaps

- Interest paid
- Changes in derivative financial liability

Interest on medium-term notes

Debt processing fee

Other fees

	2nd QTR		6 Months to			
2016	2015	Incr/ (Decr)	30/06/16	30/06/15	Incr/ (Decr)	
US\$'000	US\$'000	%	US\$'000	US\$'000	%	
(1,862)	(1,853)	-	(3,873)	(3,731)	4	
_	(2,264)	NM	_	(4,513)	NM	
_	25	NM	_	25	NM	
(1,862)	(4,092)	(54)	(3,873)	(8,219)	(53)	
_	-	-	_	(616)	NM	
-	-	-	-	616	NM	
-	-	-	-	-	-	
(1,667)	(1,784)	(7)	(3,332)	(3,380)	(1)	
(50)	(80)	(38)	(50)	(80)	(38)	
(50)	(50)	-	(50)	(50)	-	
(3,629)	(6,006)	(40)	(7,305)	(11,729)	(38)	

#### 1.a (ii) Consolidated Distribution Statement for the 2nd quarter and half year ended 30 June 2016

		2nd QTR		6		
	2016	2015	Incr/ (Decr)	30/06/16	30/06/15	Incr/ (Decr)
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Note		US\$'000	%	US\$'000	US\$'000	%
Loss after tax  Add:	(55,575)	(15,671)	255	(56,977)	(8,638)	560
Non-cash adjustments and others (a)	59,095	28,035	111	68,031	33,089	106
Interest expense - net	3,340	5,649	(41)	6,686	11,769	(43)
EBITDA	6,860	18,013	(62)	17,740	36,220	(51)
Non-recurring expenses (b)	-	42	NM	-	88	NM
Adjusted EBITDA	6,860	18,055	(62)	17,740	36,308	(51)
Add/(less):						
Movement in working capital	(1,579)	(1,696)	(7)	(405)	(506)	(20)
Drydock reserve (c)	-	(336)	NM	-	(336)	NM
Cash flow available for distribution before payment to debt capital providers	5,281	16,023	(67)	17,335	35,466	(51)
Less: Payment to debt capital providers						
Repayment of secured bank loans Interest paid – secured bank loans, medium-	(19,764)	(12,784)	55	(32,678)	(25,021)	31
term notes and interest rate swaps	(4,929)	(7,235)	(32)	(6,762)	(11,926)	(43)
Debt processing fee paid	(50)	(80)	(38)	(50)	(80)	(38)
Cash flow available for distribution to Unitholders	(19,462)	(4,076)	377	(22,155)	(1,561)	1,319
Amount to be distributed to						
unitholders (d)	-	5,181	NM	-	10,265	NM
Number of units – '000	879,623	863,500	2	879,623	863,500	2
Distribution Per Unit - US Cents	-	0.6	NM	-	1.2	NM

#### Notes:

- (a) Non-cash adjustments comprise depreciation expense, impairment of vessel, amortisation of deferred income from a charterer and charter contracts (net), unrealised gain on interest rate swaps, amortisation of medium-term notes using the effective interest rate method as defined in IAS 39, amortisation of debt issuance costs and exchange translation differences.
- (b) Non-recurring expenses in 2Q2015 consist of professional fees incurred on the Distribution Reinvestment Plan established on 9 April 2015.
- (c) The reserve represents management's estimate of the amount of cash that needs to be retained progressively for the vessels' dry-docking costs.
- (d) For 1Q2016 and 2Q2016, no distribution was declared.

For 2Q2015, the distribution was 0.6 US Cents per unit. 458,035,696 units were funded by cash available for distribution. For the remaining 405,464,756 units, unitholders elected to receive new units under the Distribution Reinvestment Plan. A total of 16,122,265 new units were issued.

For 1Q2015, the distribution was 0.6 US Cents per unit. 331,240,842 units were funded by cash available for distribution. For the remaining 516,109,158 units, unitholders elected to receive new units under the Distribution Reinvestment Plan. A total of 16,150,452 new units were issued.

# 1.b (i) Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016 together with comparative statements as at the end of the immediately preceding year

	30/06/16		31/12/15	
	Group	Trust	Group	Trust
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	23,054	11,354	45,064	22,975
Trade and other receivables	1,049	56	1,127	66
Inventories	2,486	238	2,634	238
Prepayments Total current assets	38	5 11,653	244 49,069	13 23,292
Total current assets	26,627	11,053	49,069	23,292
Non-current assets				
Investments in subsidiaries	-	160	-	160
Loans to subsidiaries	-	834,641	-	849,041
Vessels	640,473	-	706,011	_
Total non-current assets	640,473	834,801	706,011	849,201
Total assets	667,100	846,454	755,080	872,493
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Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	2,433	250	2,789	240
Amounts due to subsidiaries (non-trade)	-	413,734	-	414,814
Secured bank loans	268,644	197,673	44,603	24,000
Medium-term notes Advanced charter hire received	73,741 1,790	73,741	774 2,037	774
Deferred income from a charterer	714	-	714	_
Total current liabilities	347,322	685,398	50,917	439,828
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Non-current liabilities				
Deferred income from a charterer	886	-	1,243	170.007
Secured bank loans Medium-term notes	12,305	-	268,780 70,576	179,637 70,576
Total non-current liabilities	13,191		340,599	250,213
Total liabilities	360,513	685,398	391,516	690,041
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NET ASSETS	306,587	161,056	363,564	182,452
UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS	547.645	547.645	F47.04F	E47.04E
Common Units in issue	517,615	517,615	517,615	517,615
Unit issuance costs Accumulated losses	(12,024) (199,004)	(12,024) (344,535)	(12,024) (142,027)	(12,024) (323,139)
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Total unitholders' funds	306,587	161,056	363,564	182,452

#### 1.b (ii) Group's borrowings and debt securities

#### Secured bank loans

Amount repayable within one year Amount repayable after one year

Group					
30/06/16	31/12/15				
US\$'000	US\$'000				
268,644	44,603				
12,305	268,780				
280,949	313,383				

As at 31 December 2015, the face value of the Group's total outstanding secured bank loans was US\$314.1 million. During the first six months of 2016, a total repayment of US\$32.7 million (2015: US\$25.0 million) was made by the Group. As at 30 June 2016, the face value of the Group's total outstanding secured bank loans was US\$281.4 million.

Face value of secured bank loans Unamortised portion of debt issuance costs Carrying amount of secured bank loans

Group				
30/06/16	31/12/15			
US\$'000	US\$'000			
281,405	314,084			
(456)	(701)			
280,949	313,383			

The difference between the face value of secured bank loans and the carrying amount of US\$ 280.9 million (31 December 2015: US\$313.4 million) is due to the accounting treatment for borrowings, which is initially recognised at fair value (net of transaction costs) and subsequently stated at amortised cost.

The Group's secured bank loans are obtained from three syndicates of lending banks. The loans bear interest at floating rates and are secured on all existing 16 containerships and their respective assignment of the charter revenues, insurance, earnings, deposit accounts and pledge of respective owner's/borrower's (the Trust's subsidiaries) shares and requisition compensation. Loans of US\$83.3 million due to two syndicates of lending banks are subject to value-to-loan ("VTL") covenants.

On 25 May 2016, a fixed charge (previously floating charge) over the earnings accounts for proceeds from the charter parties was provided to the lenders of the BNP syndicate (comprising BNP Paribas, ING Bank NV, Singapore Branch, The Bank of Nova Scotia Asia Limited, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Limited, Singapore Branch, the "BNP Lenders"). On 29 June 2016, a prepayment of US\$15.0 million was made to the BNP Lenders as partial fulfilment of certain waiver conditions under the existing facility agreement pending finalisation of the comprehensive refinancing plan. As a result of a short-term extension to 15 August 2016 of certain waiver conditions relating to the loan due to the BNP Lenders, US\$53.1 million of the total amount due of US\$67.8 million has been reclassified to current liabilities in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016.

The Group and Trust has bank borrowings of US\$179.7 million due for repayment on 31 March 2017 to one of the syndicates consisting of HSH Nordbank AG and DBS Bank Ltd (the "HSH Lenders"). This amount is presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016. The Trustee-Manager has been in discussion with the HSH Lenders to restructure the borrowings, which include extension of repayment date beyond 31 March 2017. The discussions are active and on-going. HSH Lenders have provided the Group with a temporary standstill on principal repayments, waiver of financial covenants and other matters to 31 August 2016. The Trustee-Manager remains actively engaged with its lenders in managing its maturing debts, covenant compliance and liquidity position in a comprehensive refinancing plan.

#### 1.b (ii) Group's borrowings and debt securities (continued)

#### **Medium-term notes**

Amount repayable within one year (\*) Amount repayable after one year

Group					
30/06/16	31/12/15				
US\$'000	US\$'000				
73,741	774				
-	70,576				
73,741	71,350				

<sup>\*</sup> Includes accrued interest on medium-term notes of US\$0.8 million, which is due on 15 November.

On 15 May 2014, the Trust issued S\$100 million (US\$80 million) of three-year notes ("Series 1 Notes") under its S\$300 million multicurrency medium-term note programme established on 19 November 2013. The Series 1 Notes bear a fixed interest rate of 8.45% per annum, which is payable semi-annually in arrears. The maturity date of Series 1 Notes is 15 May 2017. Correspondingly, all the medium-term notes are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016.

The fair value of the Series 1 Notes is determined from the quoted price in the market. As at 30 June 2016, the fair value of the Series 1 Notes amounted to US\$ 64.4 million.

#### 1.c Consolidated statement of cash flows for the 2nd quarter and half year ended 30 June 2016

	2nd (	QTR	6 Mon	ths to
	2016	2015	30/06/16	30/06/15
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Cash receipts from customers Cash paid to suppliers and Trustee-Manager	18,236 (11,295)	28,608 (10,658)	38,964 (21,511)	57,398 (21,489)
Net cash provided by operating activities	6,941	17,950	17,453	35,909
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Vessel improvement	-	(74)	(146)	(507)
Dry-docking cost paid	-	(980)	-	(980)
Interest received	29	39	58	93
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	29	(1,015)	(88)	(1,394)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Repayment of secured bank loans	(19,764)	(12,784)	(32,678)	(25,021)
Other fees paid	(50)	(93)	(50)	(93)
Interest paid on secured bank loans	(1,843)	(1,797)	(3,676)	(3,623)
Interest paid on medium-term notes Interest paid on interest rate swaps	(3,086)	(3,174) (2,264)	(3,086)	(3,174) (5,129)
Debt processing fee paid	(50)	(80)	(50)	(80)
Distribution to unitholders	` -	(1,988)	-	(7,072)
Net cash used in financing activities	(24,793)	(22,180)	(39,540)	(44,192)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents for the period	(17,823)	(5,245)	(22,175)	(9,677)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	40,848	54,998	45,064	60,008
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	29	349	165	(229)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period "	23,054	50,102	23,054	50,102 <sup>^</sup>

#### Footnote:

Cash and cash equivalents include an amount of US\$25.0 million which could be used by the Group for operational purposes but not for distribution to unitholders nor to service interest payments on medium-term notes.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Group is subjected to a free liquidity covenant which requires the Group to maintain a minimum balance in cash and cash equivalents of US\$19.2 million (2015: US\$19.2 million).

## 1.d (i) Statement of changes in unitholders' funds for the 2nd quarter and half year ended 30 June 2016

Group		Attributat	ole to unitho	lders of Trust	
	Common Units in issue	Unit issuance costs	Hedging reserve	(Accumulated losses)/ distributable income	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
2016 Balance at 1 January 2016	517,615	(12,024)		(142,027)	363,564
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	(,	-	(1,402)	(1,402)
Balance at 31 March 2016	517,615	(12,024)	-	(143,429)	362,162
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(55,575)	(55,575)
Balance at 30 June 2016	517,615	(12,024)	-	(199,004)	306,587
2015	,				
Balance at 1 January 2015	512,086	(12,024)	(4,472)	2,549	498,139
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	2,234	7,033	9,267
Distribution to unitholders	-	-	-	(5,084)	(5,084)
Balance at 31 March 2015	512,086	(12,024)	(2,238)	4,498	502,322
Common Units issued	3,097	-	1	_	3,097
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period	-	-	2,238	(15,671)	(13,433)
Distribution to unitholders	-	-	-	(5,084)	(5,084)
Balance at 30 June 2015	515,183	(12,024)	-	(16,257)	486,902

## 1.d (i) Statement of changes in unitholders' funds for the 2nd quarter and half year ended 30 June 2016

## <u>Trust</u>

Common Units in issue	Unit issuance costs	Accumulated losses	Total
US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
517,615	(12,024)	(323,139)	182,452
-	-	(4,048)	(4,048)
517,615	(12,024)	(327,187)	178,404
-	-	(17,348)	(17,348)
517,615	(12,024)	(344,535)	161,056
512,086	(12,024)	(251,773)	248,289
-	-	(634)	(634)
-	-	(5,084)	(5,084)
512,086	(12,024)	(257,491)	242,571
3,097	-	-	3,097
_	-	(3,509)	(3,509)
-	-	(5,084)	(5,084)
515,183	(12,024)	(266,084)	237,075
	Units in issue US\$'000  517,615  - 517,615  - 517,615  512,086  - 512,086  3,097	Units in issuance costs US\$'000 US\$'000  517,615 (12,024)  - 517,615 (12,024)  - 517,615 (12,024)  512,086 (12,024)  - 512,086 (12,024)  3,097	Units in issuance costs

1.d (ii) Details of any changes in the company's units arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of units for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State also the number of units that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles, as well as the number of units held as treasury units, if any, against the total number of issued units excluding treasury units of the issuer, as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

30/06/16	31/12/15	
Units	Units	
879,622,717	879,622,717	

At the beginning and end of the period

#### Footnote:

- (a) There are no outstanding convertibles as at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015.
- (b) There are no treasury units as at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015.
- 1.d (iii) To show the total number of issued units excluding treasury units as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year.

30/06/16	/ <b>06/16</b> 31/12/15	
879,622,717	879,622,717	

Total issued units

1.d (iv) A statement showing all sales, transfers, disposal, cancellation and/or use of treasury units as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

Not applicable.

2 Whether the figures have been audited, or reviewed and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice

The figures have not been audited nor reviewed. However, our auditors have performed certain procedures and enquiries. These procedures are substantially less in scope than an audit or a review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2410 – Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity.

Where the figures have been audited, or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of matter)

Not applicable.

Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited financial statements have been applied

Except as stated in Note 5, the Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current financial period as those of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2015.

5 If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change

On 1 January 2016, the Group adopted the new and amended International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") that are mandatory for application on that date. None of these IFRS have a significant impact on the Group.

The adoption of these new IFRS did not result in any substantial change to the Group's accounting policies nor any significant impact on the financial statements.

Earnings per unit ('EPU') for the current financial period and corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

2016 2015 2016 2015 Weighted average number of units as at end of period -basic and diluted 849,323,944 **879,622,717** 848,336,972 879,622,717 weighted average number of units in issue

(6.32)

(1.84)

2nd QTR

Loss per unit for the period based on the (US Cents)

-basic and diluted

7	Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per unit based on the total number of issued units
	excluding treasury units of the issuer at the end of the period and immediately preceding
	financial year:-

30/06/16		31/12/15	
Group	Trust	Group	Trust
0.35	0.18	0.41	0.21

(6.48)

(1.02)

**YTD** 

Net asset value per unit (US\$)

#### Footnote:

- The number of units used in the computation of actual NAV is 879,622,717 units. (a)
- There are no treasury units. (b)

#### 8 Review of the Performance of the Group

Group revenue of US\$18.0 million for the second quarter of 2016 (2Q16) was 37% below revenue reported in the corresponding quarter of 2015 (2Q15) as a result of reduced charter rates on vessels which had their charters renewed on short-term charters, as well as a total of 124.6 off-hire and idle days during the quarter. Fleet utilisation was 91.4% in 2Q16 and 99.8% in the same period of 2015.

Other income comprising mainly amortisation of deferred income from a charterer (non-cash in nature) and interest income decreased by US\$1.5 million. The decrease of 82% was due mainly to the expiry of charter contracts.

Other losses of US\$0.3 million was attributable to net exchange losses on SGD-denominated mediumterm notes and cash balances due to the depreciation of the US dollar against the Singapore dollar in 2Q16.

A review for vessel impairment was undertaken in 2Q16 for the entire fleet and impairment was recognised when the vessels' carrying value exceeded the recoverable amounts. For the period under review, an impairment of US\$51.5 million (2Q15: US\$16.8 million) was applied across all sixteen vessels (2Q15: six vessels) in the fleet.

Vessel operating expenses which include vessel fixed operating expense, lubricant oil expense, vessel management fee, other vessel related expenses and bunker expense, increased by 5% to US\$10.2 million in 2Q16 from US\$9.7 million in 2Q15. The increase was due mainly to consumption of additional bunker due to off-hire, repositioning of vessels between charters and idle vessels and to a lesser extent contractual increases in fixed operating expenses and vessel management fees which came into effect from 1 January 2016. The Trustee-Manager proactively monitors and implements cost-saving initiatives to improve cost efficiency. The Group enjoys economies of scale in terms of procurement as part of the Rickmers Group, and has secured savings from costs reduction in many areas. In 2Q16, several cost saving initiatives are being implemented and these are expected to reduce vessel operating expenses going forward.

Trustee-Manager fee, which was paid to the Trustee-Manager, decreased in tandem with the revenue of the Group.

Finance expenses decreased from US\$6.0 million in 2Q15 to US\$3.6 million in 2Q16. The decrease was due mainly to the expiry of interest rate swaps and reduced outstanding bank loan balances. In respect of the Group's outstanding borrowings, the medium-term notes of US\$72.9 million due for repayment on 15 May 2017, as well as bank borrowings of US\$53.1 million, were reclassified to current liabilities during 2Q16.

Overall, the Group recorded a net loss after tax of US\$55.6 million in 2Q16 compared to a net loss of US\$15.7 million in 2Q15.

Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to unitholders, any variance between it and the actual results.

No forecast statement for the financial year 2016 has been disclosed.

10 Commentary on the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months.

In 2015, trade growth reached just 2.3%, while for 2016 trade growth is expected to increase to 3.8%\*. Meanwhile, growth in container vessel capacity is expected to be lower at 3.0%\* over 2016. The trade growth projection is subject to risks from global economic developments.

The charter market for modern container panamax vessels continued to be at depressed levels during the reporting period. Although more container shipping capacity has been scrapped year to date 2016 than during full year 2015 and although the average age of scrapped container vessels is lower than ever before, there is still too much capacity available compared to the demand for container transportation. With 85 3,000-5,099 TEU vessels idle\*\*, time charter rates are expected to stay depressed in the coming months. Vessel values may decline in a situation of prolonged excess capacity.

Rickmers Maritime's fleet has, through existing charter agreements, US\$111.5 million of secured revenue between 30 June 2016 and the expiry of the last charter party contract in 2019. The fleet is 72.0% employed for 2016. With 11 vessels trading in the spot market, the earnings and cash flows of the Group will closely reflect the future prevailing charter market conditions.

Further, in the event that Rickmers Maritime is unable to obtain and/or extend/renew waivers or consents from its senior lenders or bond holders (where applicable), the Group may be put in a position of not being able to otherwise satisfy loan covenants which may result in adverse liquidity, or other financial or legal developments, including but not limited to events of default, cross defaults, acceleration of debts and security enforcements.

\* Source: Clarkson Research Services, June 2016

\*\* Source: Alphaliner, August 2016

#### 11 Distribution

#### **Current financial period** а

Any distributions recommended for the : No

current financial period

#### b Corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial period

Any distributions declared for the previous corresponding financial period Yes. At 0.60 US Cents per unit for distribution period

from 1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015

: Income / Capital Distribution Type

Distribution Type	Distribution Rate (US Cents per unit)
Tax-Exempt income	=
Capital	0.60
Total	0.60

12 If no distribution has been declared / (recommended), a statement to that effect.

No distribution has been declared.

13 If the Group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for IPTs, the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect.

The Group has not obtained a general mandate from unitholders for IPTs.

- 14 The board of directors of Rickmers Trust Management Pte. Ltd. do hereby confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to their attention which may render the financial results for the quarter ended 30 June 2016 to be false or misleading.
- 15 The Trustee-Manager, Rickmers Trust Management Pte. Ltd., has procured undertakings required under Rule 720(1), from all its directors and executive officers.

This release may contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual future performance, outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements as a result of a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Representative examples of these factors include (without limitation) general industry and economic conditions, interest rate trends, cost of capital and capital availability, competition from other companies, changes in operating expenses, trust expenses and governmental and public policy changes and the continued availability of financing in the amounts and the terms necessary to support future business. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are based on current view of management on future events.

Any discrepancies in the tables included in this announcement between the listed amounts and total thereof are due to rounding.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF RICKMERS TRUST MANAGEMENT PTE. LTD. AS TRUSTEE-MANAGER OF RICKMERS MARITIME

Bertram R. C. Rickmers Chairman

Date: 5 August 2016