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Ship Finance International Limited

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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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 August 25, 2011, announcing the preliminary earnings release for the quarter ended June 30, 2011

This Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statement on Form F-3 (Registration No. 333-150125), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on April 7, 2008, the Company's amended registration statement on Form F-3/A (Registration No. 333-158162), filed with the SEC on May 6, 2009 and the Company's registration statement on Form F-3ASR (Registration No. 333-170598), filed with the SEC on November 15, 2010.

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Ship Finance International Limited (NYSE: SFL) - Earnings Release

Reports preliminary 2Q 2011 results and quarterly dividend of \$0.39 per share

Hamilton, Bermuda, August 25, 2011. Ship Finance International Limited ("Ship Finance" or the "Company") today announced its preliminary financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2011.

Highlights

- The Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.39 per share.
- Net income for the quarter was \$41.5 million, or \$0.52 per share, including an accrued profit share in the second quarter of \$0.2 million.
- Two old combination carriers and a jack-up drilling rig were sold in the quarter with an aggregate gain on sales of approximately \$9.9 million.
- The Company took delivery of the second 2010-built 13,800 teu container vessel to CMA-CGM with 15-year time charter.
- The Company contracted four newbuilding 4,800 teu container vessels in the quarter. Delivery is scheduled in 2013 and the vessels have already been chartered out for seven years from delivery.
- Bank financing has been arranged for all vessels under construction and is expected to be higher than the remaining yard installments.

Dividends and Results for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2011

The Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.39 per share. Ship Finance has now paid dividends for 30 consecutive quarters. The dividend will be paid on or about September 29, 2011 to shareholders of record as of September 9, 2011. The ex-dividend date will be September 7, 2011.

The Company reported total U.S. GAAP operating revenues on a consolidated basis of \$73.8 million, or \$0.93 per share, in the second quarter of 2011. This number excludes \$25.0 million of charter hire classified as 'repayment of investments in finance lease', and also excludes \$104.3 million of charter revenues earned by assets classified as 'investment in associate'.

The profit share income in the second quarter was \$0.2 million compared to \$2.3 million in the first quarter of 2011. The reduced profit share was a result of a continued weak tanker market in the second quarter. The Company recorded a gain on sale of assets of \$9.9 million in the quarter, including \$4.1 million classified as 'gain on sale of associate' related to the sale of a jack-up drilling rig accounted for as 'investment in associate'.

Reported net operating income pursuant to U.S. GAAP for the quarter was \$44.6 million, or \$0.56 per share, and reported net income was \$41.5 million, or \$0.52 per share.

Ole B. Hjertaker, Chief Executive Officer of Ship Finance Management AS said in a comment: "This has been another active quarter for the Company, where we have taken delivery of a 13,800 teu container vessel, contracted four newbuilding 4,800 teu container vessels and sold one jack-up drilling rig and two older combination carriers. We have also sourced financing for the whole newbuilding program, where net proceeds from the financing will exceed remaining installments."

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Mr. Hjertaker continued: "We continue to develop our fleet and backlog of fixed rate charters, which as of June 30, 2011 was approximately \$6.9 billion, and with more than 11 years of remaining charter term if weighted by charter revenue. The Company has a strong balance sheet and the recently announced financings demonstrate our premium access to the capital markets. We are therefore well positioned for continued selective growth within our core segments, while always maintaining our conservative profile".

#### Business Update

In April 2011, the Company took delivery of CMA CGM Corte Real, the second of the two 2010-built 13,800 teu container vessels acquired from CMA CGM. Both vessels are on 15-year time charters back to CMA CGM and the first vessel CMA CGM Magellan commenced its charter in March 2011. The purchase price was \$171 million per vessel, which included a subordinated seller's credit of \$55 million per vessel.

The vessels are financed through a French tax lease structure, where title to each vessel has been transferred to a French company and Ship Finance's investment is limited to \$25 million per vessel, or \$50 million in total, and secured by junior mortgages. The vessels are expected to generate an annual free cash flow in excess of \$7 million, or approximately \$0.09 per share, after operating costs and debt service.

In May 2011, Ship Finance contracted to acquire four newbuilding 4,800 teu container vessels at a state-owned shipyard in China with scheduled delivery in 2013. The vessels are high specification, so-called wide-beam container vessels, optimized for higher cargo intake and very efficient speed/consumption economics, compared to existing vessels of similar size. The aggregate yard contract price is approximately \$230 million, with a majority of the payments due on delivery of the vessels. The vessels will be employed by the European-based Hamburg Süd container line for seven years from delivery, and the net time charter rate will be approximately \$26,250 per day per vessel.

In June 2011, Seadrill exercised a pre-agreed purchase option for the jack-up drilling rig West Prospero. Ship Finance acquired the rig in 2007 and it was chartered to Seadrill on a long-term bareboat charter where Seadrill was granted certain purchase options, first time in 2010. The purchase option price was \$133.1 million and the transaction was effected as a sale of the shares in the asset-owning subsidiary. We will continue to provide a \$20 million financial guarantee for a limited period of time, but with full indemnification by Seadrill. Ship Finance received approximately \$36.2 million in net cash proceeds from the sale, and recorded a book gain of \$4.1 million, classified as 'Gain on sale of associate'.

The Company sold two combination carriers built in the early 90s in the second quarter. The combined gross sales price, including charter termination compensations from Frontline, was approximately \$37.3 million. Ship Finance received total net cash proceeds of approximately \$17.2 million after commissions and prepayment of associated debt, and recorded a book gain of \$5.9 million in the second quarter. The disposal of older vessels is in line with the Company's strategy of maintaining a young and modern fleet.

All 29 double-hull vessels on long-term contracts to Frontline, entitle Ship Finance to receive 20% of the time charter equivalent ("TCE") earnings in excess of a base charter rate. The average vessel earnings have consistently been above the base charter rates since the charters commenced more than seven years ago. The tanker spot market has, however, been struggling with oversupply of tonnage, which in turn has resulted in charter rates well below the historical average in the first two quarters. According to ship brokers, the spot tanker market has remained at low levels so far in the third quarter. As the profit split is payable on an annual basis, and only \$2.4 million has accumulated in the first half of 2011, we do not currently expect the profit split for the year to be significant.

The Company's four drilling units are on long-term fixed-rate bareboat contracts to Seadrill and Apexindo. The drilling units generated approximately \$107.4 million of combined charter revenues in the second quarter. All of our

drilling units are sub-chartered to oil companies on profitable terms. Due to the fixed-rate charter structure, Ship Finance is not directly impacted by short-term fluctuations in the drilling market.

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Ship Finance owns several other vessels, including offshore support vessels, container vessels and drybulk carriers. Essentially all our operating vessels and rigs, including newbuildings, are chartered on long-term fixed-rate contracts that provides the Company with stability in cash-flow and earnings irrespective of fluctuations in the short-term charter market.

### Financing and Capital Expenditure

As of June 30, 2011, the Company had \$89 million cash and cash equivalents. Including available amounts under our revolving credit facilities, total available liquidity was \$113 million. There are no refinancing requirements in the short term, and the Company is in compliance with all bank covenants. Several of our financing arrangements are in subsidiaries with no or limited guarantees from Ship Finance.

In May, the Company refinanced a loan facility relating to five VLCCs on charter to Frontline. The current loan is due for refinancing in 2Q 2012 with an outstanding amount of \$167 million at that time. The new facility will start in 2Q 2012 and the loan will continue to amortize in line with the current loan profile to a balloon payment of \$56 million in 2018.

In May, the Company announced a \$171 million ten-year loan facility relating to seven dry-bulk newbuildings and a 1,700 teu container vessel delivered in 2010. Subsequent to quarter end, the Company has received commitments for a \$184 million financing of four newbuilding 4,800 teu container vessels scheduled for delivery in 2013. This loan amount represents 80% of the contract price of the container vessels and will have a term of 12 years as from delivery date of the respective vessel.

At quarter end, the Company had gross estimated remaining capital commitments of approximately \$344 million, mainly relating to nine drybulk carriers and four container vessels. Including the new financing, we have now secured long-term bank financing for all vessels under construction. As we have already paid significant amounts to the shipyards, we expect the remaining newbuilding program to be net cash positive for the Company.

|                     | 3Q 2011       | 4Q 2011      | 2012         | 2013          | Total         |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Drybulk             | \$55 mill.    | \$34 mill.   | \$43 mill.   |               | \$132 mill.   |
| Container           |               |              | \$40 mill.   | \$167 mill.   | \$207 mill.   |
| Offshore            | \$5 mill.     |              |              |               | \$5 mill.     |
| Total investment    | \$60 mill.    | \$34 mill.   | \$83 mill.   | \$167 mill.   | \$344 mill.   |
| Committed financing | \$(117) mill. | \$(57) mill. | \$(81) mill. | \$(133) mill. | \$(388) mill. |
| Net investment      | \$(57) mill.  | \$(23) mill. | \$2 mill.    | \$34 mill.    | \$(44) mill.  |

In addition to the financing in the above table, the Company has also secured approximately \$26 million in long-term financing for the currently unencumbered 1,700teu container vessel SFL Avon.

### Strategy and Outlook

The management is committed to continue the conservative profile of the Company and charter out the majority of our assets on long-term charters to reputable operators in the shipping and offshore markets.



One of Ship Finance's competitive strengths is the flexibility to target several shipping and offshore markets and benchmark deals across segments based on risk/reward parameters. The Company has invested significant capital so far in 2011, and we continue to see interesting investment opportunities. From time to time, we may also invest in other asset classes such as corporate loans if the risk/reward parameters are deemed to be attractive and the underlying business is within our core segments.

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Some shipping markets are currently facing soft spot market earnings which may also impact asset pricing in these segments. With our healthy capital structure and low capital commitments, we believe we are well positioned to also take advantage of potentially softer asset pricing through opportunistic acquisitions. These assets may be with no or limited charter coverage initially, but with the objective to find long-term employment over time.

#### Accounting Items

Under US GAAP, subsidiaries owning the drilling units West Prospero, West Polaris, West Hercules and West Taurus and the subsidiaries leasing the container vessels CMA CGM Magellan and CMA CGM Corte Real have been accounted for as 'investment in associate' using the 'equity method'. These subsidiaries were wholly owned by Ship Finance, but due to the conservative nature of the transactions Ship Finance was not been deemed to be the 'primary beneficiary' according to U.S. GAAP.

As a result of the accounting treatment, operating revenues, operating expenses and interest expenses in these subsidiaries are not shown in Ship Finance's consolidated Income Statement. Instead, the net contribution from these subsidiaries is recognized as a combination of 'Interest income from associates and long term investments' and 'Results in associate'.

In Ship Finance's consolidated Balance Sheet, the net investments are shown as a combination of 'Investment in associate' and 'Amount due from related parties – Long term'. The reason for this treatment is that a part of the investment in these subsidiaries is in the form of intercompany loans.

#### Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains forward looking statements. These statements are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including Ship Finance management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in the Company's records and other data available from third parties. Although Ship Finance believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond its control, Ship Finance cannot give assurance that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or intentions.

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, fluctuations in currencies and interest rates, general market conditions including fluctuations in charter hire rates and vessel values, changes in demand in the markets in which we operate, changes in demand resulting from changes in OPEC's petroleum production levels and worldwide oil consumption and storage, developments regarding the technologies relating to oil exploration, changes in market demand in countries which import commodities and finished goods and changes in the amount and location of the production of those commodities and finished goods, increased inspection procedures and more restrictive import and export controls, changes in our operating expenses, including bunker prices, drydocking and insurance costs, performance of our charterers and other counterparties with whom we deal, timely delivery of vessels under construction within the contracted price, 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, and other important factors described from time to time in the reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

August 25, 2011  
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SHIP FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED  
SECOND QUARTER 2011 REPORT (UNAUDITED)

| INCOME STATEMENT<br>(in thousands of \$<br>except per share data) | Three months ended |                 | Six months ended |                 | Full year<br>2010<br>(audited) |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
|   | Jun, 30<br>2011    | Jun, 30<br>2010 | Jun, 30<br>2011  | Jun, 30<br>2010 |                                |
| Charter revenues - operating lease                                | 29,563             | 17,288          | 54,071           | 35,247          | 73,841                         |
| Charter revenues - finance lease                                  | 69,081             | 88,601          | 140,890          | 219,279         | 379,611                        |
| Revenues classified as  |                    |                 |                  |                 |                                |
| Repayment of investment in finance leases                         | (25,049 )          | (36,565 )       | (51,567 )        | (113,901 )      | (175,958 )                     |
| Profit share income   | 159                | 11,430          | 2,409            | 22,745          | 30,566                         |
| Total operating revenues  | 73,754             | 80,754          | 145,803          | 163,370         | 308,060                        |
| Gain / (loss) on sale of assets                                   | 5,853              | (121 )          | 6,131            | 27,688          | 28,104                         |
| Vessel operating expenses   | (19,893 )          | (19,781 )       | (40,320 )        | (40,818 )       | (81,021 )                      |
| Administrative expenses   | (2,566 )           | (2,634 )        | (5,582 )         | (5,247 )        | (9,097 )                       |
| Depreciation  | (12,549 )          | (8,143 )        | (23,359 )        | (16,040 )       | (34,201 )                      |
| Total operating expenses  | (35,008 )          | (30,558 )       | (69,261 )        | (62,105 )       | (124,319 )                     |
| Operating income  | 44,599             | 50,075          | 82,673           | 128,953         | 211,845                        |
| Results in associate(1)   | 13,913             | 17,958          | 27,345           | 36,240          | 50,413                         |
| Interest income from associates and long term investments(1)      | 5,636              | -               | 10,542           | -               | 19,575                         |
| Interest income, other  | 181                | 213             | 279              | 400             | 1,532                          |
| Interest expense  | (25,048 )          | (24,168 )       | (49,697 )        | (51,226 )       | (101,432 )                     |
| Gain on sale of associate(2)                                      | 4,064              | -               | 4,064            | -               | -                              |
| Other financial items   | (764 )             | (202 )          | (1,372 )         | (714 )          | (1,488 )                       |
| Mark to Market of Derivatives                                     | (1,113 )           | (265 )          | (265 )           | (13,089 )       | (14,733 )                      |
| Taxes   | -                  | -               | -                | -               | -                              |
| Net income  | 41,468             | 43,611          | 73,569           | 100,564         | 165,712                        |
| Basic earnings per share (\$)                                     | 0.52               | 0.55            | 0.93             | 1.27            | 2.10                           |
| Weighted average number of shares                                 | 79,125,000         | 79,125,000      | 79,125,000       | 78,986,226      | 79,056,183                     |
| Common shares outstanding   | 79,125,000         | 79,125,000      | 79,125,000       | 79,125,000      | 79,125,000                     |

(1) Five of our subsidiaries, related to six of our units were accounted for as 'Investment in associate' during the quarter. The contribution from these subsidiaries is reflected in our consolidated Income Statement as a combination of 'Results in associate' and 'Interest income from associates and long term investments'.

(2)

Gain on sale of associate in the second quarter 2011 is the recorded book gain in relations to the sale of the subsidiary owning the jack-up rig West Prospero.

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SECOND QUARTER 2011 REPORT (UNAUDITED)

| BALANCE SHEET   | Jun, 30          | Jun, 30          | Dec 31,           |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| (in thousands of \$)  | 2011             | 2010             | 2010<br>(audited) |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                  |                  |                   |
| <b>Short term</b>   |                  |                  |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 88,501           | 54,585           | 86,967            |
| Restricted cash   | -                | 4,101            | 5,601             |
| Available for sale securities                                     | 16,833           | -                | -                 |
| Amount due from related parties                                   | 4,097            | 34,690           | 32,745            |
| Other current assets  | 105,038          | 134,526          | 109,988           |
| <b>Long term</b>  |                  |                  |                   |
| Newbuildings and vessel deposits                                  | 145,300          | 71,114           | 90,601            |
| Vessels and equipment, net  | 829,385          | 585,834          | 695,511           |
| Investment in finance leases                                      | 1,284,045        | 1,552,978        | 1,351,305         |
| Investment in associate(1)  | 134,248          | 429,385          | 164,364           |
| Amount due from related parties- Long term(1)                     | 301,144          | -                | 325,612           |
| Deferred charges  | 16,470           | 15,812           | 14,828            |
| Other long-term assets  | 60,792           | 2,965            | 4,839             |
| <b>Total assets</b>   | <b>2,985,853</b> | <b>2,885,990</b> | <b>2,882,361</b>  |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                       |                  |                  |                   |
| <b>Short term</b>   |                  |                  |                   |
| Short term and current portion of long term interest bearing debt | 171,709          | 228,465          | 162,785           |
| Other current liabilities   | 17,817           | 11,729           | 13,100            |
| Amount due to related parties                                     | 1,535            | 33,111           | 32,816            |
| <b>Long term</b>  |                  |                  |                   |
| Long term interest bearing debt                                   | 1,852,224        | 1,724,913        | 1,760,069         |
| Other long term liabilities                                       | 84,683           | 94,232           | 84,671            |
| Stockholders' equity(2)   | 857,885          | 793,540          | 828,920           |
| <b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>                 | <b>2,985,853</b> | <b>2,885,990</b> | <b>2,882,361</b>  |

- (1) Four of our subsidiaries, related to five of our units, were accounted for as 'Investments in associate' at quarter end. Our investment is a combination of equity classified as 'Investment in associate' and intercompany loans classified as 'Amount due from related parties, long term'.
- (2) As of June 30, 2011, 'Stockholders' equity' excludes \$171.8 million of deferred equity which is being recognized over time. In connection with the initial and subsequent acquisitions of vessels from Frontline, Ship Finance has accounted for the difference between the historical cost of the vessels and the net investment in the lease as a deferred equity contribution. This deferred equity contribution is shown as a reduction in the net investment in finance leases in the balance sheet. This results from the related party nature of both the transfer of the vessel and the subsequent charter. This deferred equity is amortized to 'Stockholders' equity' in line with the charter payments received from Frontline.



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SECOND QUARTER 2011 REPORT (UNAUDITED)

| STATEMENT OF<br>CASHFLOWS<br>(in thousands of \$)                                       | Three months ended |                 | Six months ended |                 | Full year         |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|   | Jun, 30<br>2011    | Jun, 30<br>2010 | Jun, 30<br>2011  | Jun, 30<br>2010 | 2010<br>(audited) |
| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                    |                 |                  |                 |                   |
| Net income  | 41,468             | 43,611          | 73,569           | 100,564         | 165,712           |
| Adjustments to reconcile net<br>income to net cash provided by<br>operating activities: |                    |                 |                  |                 |                   |
| Depreciation and amortisation   | 12,969             | 8,478           | 24,321           | 17,581          | 36,297            |
| Asset impairment adjustments  | -                  | -               | -                | -               | -                 |
| Adjustment of financial<br>derivatives to market value                                  | 1,113              | 265             | 265              | 13,089          | 14,733            |
| Gain on sale of assets  | (5,853 )           | 122             | (6,131 )         | (27,687 )       | (28,104 )         |
| Gain on sale of associate   | (4,064 )           | -               | (4,064 )         | -               | -                 |
| Result in associate   | (13,913 )          | (17,958 )       | (27,345 )        | (36,240 )       | (50,413 )         |
| Stock based compensation  | 478                | 571             | 706              | 1,029           | 953               |
| Gain on re-purchase of Company<br>Bonds   | 290                | (47 )           | 363              | (47 )           | 13                |
| Other   | (65 )              | (130 )          | (103 )           | (245 )          | (333 )            |
| Change in operating assets and<br>liabilities   | (9,011 )           | (64,072 )       | 31,971           | 35,089          | 14,913            |
| Net cash provided by operating<br>activities  | 23,412             | (29,160 )       | 93,552           | 103,133         | 153,771           |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                    |                 |                  |                 |                   |
| Repayment of investments in<br>finance leases   | 24,792             | 36,314          | 51,058           | 113,403         | 174,946           |
| Restricted cash released/(placed)   | 5,601              | -               | 5,601            | -               | (1,500 )          |
| Proceeds from sale of vessel/new<br>buildings   | 30,257             | 12,631          | 60,551           | 29,298          | 39,500            |
| Net investment in newbuildings<br>and vessel deposits                                   | (49,782 )          | (8,906 )        | (89,080 )        | (69,007 )       | (157,736 )        |
| Purchase of vessels   | -                  | -               | (146,562 )       | -               | (33,575 )         |
| Cash arising from sale of<br>associate  | 37,048             | -               | 37,048           | -               | -                 |
| Cash received from /(Investment<br>in) associates(1)                                    | 14,489             | 18,169          | 27,068           | 33,777          | 55,990            |
| Other assets / investments  | (37,800 )          | -               | (66,796 )        | (638 )          | (648 )            |
| Net cash (used in) provided by<br>investing activities                                  | 24,605             | 58,208          | (121,112 )       | 106,833         | 76,977            |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                    |                 |                  |                 |                   |
|   | 45,980             | -               | 255,980          | 810,200         | 981,234           |



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|  |           |           |            |            |             |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Proceeds from long and short term debt               |           |           |            |            |             |
| Expenses paid in connection with securing finance    | (248 )    | (322 )    | (4,186 )   | (10,930 )  | (12,417 )   |
| Repayment of long and short term debt                | (52,024 ) | (48,752 ) | (149,194 ) | (963,271 ) | (1,056,040) |
| Re-purchase of Company bonds                         | (12,474 ) | (2,918 )  | (12,579 )  | (2,918 )   | (11,917 )   |
| Cash settlement of derivatives                       | -         | -         | -          | (11,592 )  | (11,592 )   |
| Cash received from share issue                       | -         | -         | -          | -          | -           |
| Cash dividends paid                                  | (30,859 ) | (26,111 ) | (60,927 )  | (61,056 )  | (117,235 )  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities  | (49,625 ) | (78,103 ) | 29,094     | (239,567 ) | (227,967 )  |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (1,608 )  | (49,055 ) | 1,534      | (29,601 )  | 2,781       |
| Cash and cash equivalents at start of period         | 90,109    | 103,640   | 86,967     | 84,186     | 84,186      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period           | 88,501    | 54,585    | 88,501     | 54,585     | 86,967      |

- (1) Five of our subsidiaries, related to six of our units, were accounted for as 'Investments in associate' during the quarter. The 'Cash received from/ (Investment in) associates' is only a part of the contribution from these subsidiaries. The balance is recorded as 'Interest income from associates and long term investments' and reflected in the Company's Income Statement.

SUBSIDIARIES ACCOUNTED FOR AS INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATES  
SECOND QUARTER 2011 (UNAUDITED)

Please note that full preliminary accounts for SFL West Polaris Limited (West Polaris), SFL Deepwater Ltd (West Hercules and West Taurus), Rig Finance II Ltd (West Prospero), Bluelot Shipping Company Ltd. (CMA CGM Magellan), and Corte Real Ltd (CMA CGM Corte Real) are available from the Company's website: [www.shipfinance.org](http://www.shipfinance.org).

Selected income statement data for the three months ended June 30, 2011

| (in thousands of \$)   | SFL West<br>Polaris<br>Limited | SFL<br>Deepwater<br>Ltd | Rig<br>Finance<br>II Ltd | CMA CGM<br>Magellan /<br>Corte Real(1) | Total     |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| Charter revenues - finance lease                                 | 31,357                         | 59,946                  | 3,468                    | -                                      | 94,771    |
| Revenues classified as Repayment of investment in finance leases | (19,485 )                      | (40,550 )               | (1,744 )                 | -                                      | (61,779 ) |
| Charter revenues - operating lease                               |                                |                         |                          | 9,490                                  | 9,490     |
| Total operating expenses   | -                              | -                       | -                        | (8,389 )                               | (8,389 )  |
| Interest expense, related party(2)                               | (1,631 )                       | (3,263 )                | -                        | -                                      | (4,894 )  |
| Interest expense, other  | (6,951 )                       | (7,988 )                | (346 )                   | -                                      | (15,285 ) |
| Other items  | -                              | -                       | (1 )                     | -                                      | (1 )      |
| Net income(3)  | 3,290                          | 8,145                   | 1,377                    | 1,101                                  | 13,913    |

- (1) "CMA CGM Magellan / Corte Real" represents the combined financial figures from the two companies leasing the container vessels CMA CGM Magellan and CMA CGM Corte Real
- (2) 'Interest expense, related party' from these subsidiaries appears in the Company's consolidated income statement as 'Interest income from associate and long term investments'
- (3) 'Net income' from these subsidiaries appears in the Company's consolidated income statement as 'Results in associate'.

Selected balance sheet data as of June 30, 2011

| (in thousands of \$)  | SFL West<br>Polaris<br>Limited | SFL<br>Deepwater<br>Ltd | Rig<br>Finance II<br>Ltd | CMA CGM<br>Magellan /<br>Corte Real(1) | Total     |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 1                              | 1                       | -                        | 376                                    | 378       |
| Investment in finance leases                                      | 651,128                        | 1,316,641               | -                        | -                                      | 1,967,769 |
| Other assets  | 12,183                         | 29,069                  | -                        | 743                                    | 41,995    |
| Total assets  | 663,312                        | 1,345,711               | -                        | 1,119                                  | 2,010,142 |
| Short term and current portion of long term interest bearing debt | 77,250                         | 136,583                 | -                        | -                                      | 213,833   |
| Other current liabilities   | 4,507                          | 7,806                   | -                        | -                                      | 12,313    |
| Long term interest bearing debt                                   | 431,083                        | 880,750                 | -                        | -                                      | 1,311,833 |
| Long term loans from shareholders, net                            | 93,329                         | 207,815                 | -                        | -                                      | 301,144   |
| Other long term liabilities                                       | 20,987                         | 15,784                  | -                        | -                                      | 36,771    |
| Stockholders equity(2)  | 36,156                         | 96,973                  | -                        | 1,119                                  | 134,248   |

|  |         |           |   |       |           |
|--|---------|-----------|---|-------|-----------|
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | 663,312 | 1,345,711 | - | 1,119 | 2,010,142 |
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- (1) "CMA CGM Magellan / Corte Real" represents the combined financial figures from the two companies leasing the container vessels CMA CGM Magellan and CMA CGM Corte Real
  - (2) 'Stockholder's equity' from these subsidiaries appears in the Company's consolidated balance sheet as 'Investment in associate'.
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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 authorised.

SHIP FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Date: September 2, 2011

By: /s/ Ole B. Hjertaker  
Name: Ole B. Hjertaker  
Title: Chief Executive Officer, Ship Finance  
Management AS