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Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited

PRESS RELEASE

FINANCIAL RESULTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

The global equity markets posted strong recovery in second quarter and reversed the negative trend from the first three months. Although the economy only moved at a much slower pace, with signs that the worst is over, the economy is expected to improve from third quarter onwards.

From the shipping perspective, as demand in the USA and Europe were still falling behind expectations in second quarter, both freight rate and volume did not improve as expected. However, the Intra-Asia trade, with the backing of government's expenditure and stronger consumer confidence, saw a significant improvement in the volume as compared to the first quarter of this year. Recently, there were some signs that both the freight rate and volume had bottomed out as Asia-Europe trade registered positive volume improvement. Shipping lines were rolling out rate recovery and implemented the peak season surcharge as planned.

The Group's Shipper Owned Container (SOC) liftings in Q209 declined by 33% year-on-year at 271,552 TEUs. This was partially due to lower East West Trade volume and reduction in the tonnage deployed, as the Group returned three time-chartered vessels at end of March. With stronger recovery in Asia economy, the Group's Carrier Owned Container (COC) liftings reduced only by 12%, at 313,161 TEUs. Overall, in Q209, total liftings of the Group recorded a 23% decline year-on-year at 584,713 TEUs. In comparison with the first six months of the year, SOC liftings dropped 31% at 534,183 TEUs, COC slipped 10% at 611,542 TEUs and total liftings declined by 21% at 1,145,725 TEUs.

With 23% reduction in liftings, total turnover for the second quarter before exchange difference, gain on sale of assets, and adjustment for unrealized loss on derivatives was down by 29% at THB3,581 million. The decline in turnover was mainly due to the decrease in liftings as well as lower freight rates in Q209 compared to last year. For the first 6 months, total turnover before exchange difference, gain on sale of assets, and adjustment for unrealized loss on derivatives was down by 25% at THB7,280 million.

The Group returned three time-chartered vessels in late march and successfully negotiated tariff reduction with a number of vendors. Although bunker price had picked up since March, overall, the price was still lower than that of 2008. With the successful implementation of these cost reduction initiative as well as lower bunker cost, the Cost of Freight and Operation in Q209 reduced by 22% at THB3,627 million as compared to the same quarter last year. For the first six months, the Cost of Freight and Operation decreased by 13% year-on-year at THB7,656 million.

In Q408 last year, the company provided an unrealized loss on derivatives amounted to THB1,008 million. After taking into account the actual realized loss in Q109 and Q209, the company recorded a net gain on derivative differences amounted to THB197.8 million and THB62.5 million in Q109 and Q209 respectively.

In the second quarter of last year, the Group disposed two vessels with a disposal gain of THB673.6 million while there was no disposal activity in this quarter. In the first half of 2008, the Group recorded a total disposal gain of THB820.5 million while there was no disposal activity in 2009.

In Q209, the Group recorded a Gain on Exchange of THB94.8 million against a Gain on Exchange of THB24.3 million in the same quarter last year. For the first six months, the Group recorded a Loss on Exchange of THB69.9 million versus a Gain on Exchange of THB216.2 million in first half of 2008.

With reduction in liftings, lower freight rate and no disposal activity in this quarter, the Group recorded a Net Loss attributable to equity holders at THB289.3 million for Q209 versus a Net Profit of THB688.3 million for the same quarter last year. For the first 6 months, the Group recorded a Net Loss attributable to equity holders at THB1,000.7 million versus a Net Profit of THB1,212.9 million for the same period in 2008.

Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited

14 August 2009

Founded in 1979, RCL is a Thai based container shipping line which was public listed on the Thai Stock Exchange since 1988. Its core business is in the carriage of Shipper owned containers (or SOC) and its own Carrier owned containers (or COC) within a service network that is fully Asia centric. RCL currently owns and operates a fleet of 42 vessels with sizes ranging between 500 TEUs to 2732 TEUs, with a fleet of 74185 TEUs to support its own COC carriage as well. It also operates a network of 58 offices made up of both owned and agency offices to support its service structure. RCL is today recognized as amongst the leading SOC and Intra Asia COC operators by both peers and customers alike.


QUARTERLY EARNING STATEMENTS IN US\$
(million US\$)

	1 st Quarter 2008	Half-Year 2008	9 months 2008	Year-end 2008	1 st Quarter 2009	Half-Year 2009
Freight income	144.8	298.8	452.5	584.1	103.2	205.8
Cost of freight and operations	(127.7)	(271.7)	(423.2)	(562.2)	(114.3)	(219.9)
Gross Profit	17.1	27.1	29.3	21.9	(11.1)	(14.1)
Gross Profit Margin	11.8%	9.1%	6.5%	3.7%	-10.8%	-6.9%
Other income	2.1	3.7	5.6	8.1	1.0	2.1
Gain on exchange	0.9	0.7	1.0	3.7	0.0	0.0
Gain on sale of assets	4.6	25.7	26.0	29.4	0.1	0.6
Reversal of loss on impairment of buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total other income	7.6	30.1	32.6	41.2	1.1	2.7
Admin expenses	(10.3)	(20.0)	(31.2)	(38.1)	(8.5)	(17.2)
Adjustment for unrealised loss on derivatives	0.0	0.0	0.0	(28.9)	5.6	7.4
Loss on exchange	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1.2)	(1.7)
Loss on sale of investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Loss on impairment of fixed assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	(5.5)	0.0	0.0
Loss on disposal of vessels	0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0
Total other expenses	(10.3)	(20.0)	(31.2)	(72.5)	(4.1)	(11.5)
Interest expenses	(3.0)	(5.5)	(8.2)	(11.7)	(2.7)	(5.3)
Profit / (loss) before taxation	11.4	31.7	22.5	(21.1)	(16.8)	(28.2)
Income tax	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.3)
Profit / (loss) after taxation	11.3	31.5	22.2	(21.6)	(16.9)	(28.5)
Minority interest	0.0	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.0	0.0
Net profit / (loss) attributable to members	11.3	31.4	22.1	(21.7)	(16.9)	(28.5)

COMPUTATION OF EBITDA

<i>Profit / (loss) before taxation</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>22.5</i>	<i>(21.1)</i>	<i>(16.8)</i>	<i>(28.2)</i>
<i>Add: Impairment loss</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Deduct: Impairment gain</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Add: Adjustment for unrealised loss on derivatives</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>(5.6)</i>	<i>(7.4)</i>
<i>Less: Realised loss on derivatives</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>(18.4)</i>	<i>(21.0)</i>
<i>Add: Interest</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>5.3</i>
EBIT	14.4	37.2	30.7	25.0	(38.1)	(51.3)
<i>Add: Amortisation</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>
<i>Add: Depreciation</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>18.4</i>	<i>27.4</i>	<i>35.4</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>19.4</i>
EBITDA	23.9	55.9	58.6	61.0	(28.3)	(31.6)



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Dear Sirs,

Consolidated financial statements in United States Dollars

As requested, we have obtained from the management the consolidated balance sheets as at 30 June 2009, the related consolidated statements of income and retained earnings for the six - month period ended 30 June 2009 of Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group") in United States Dollars ("USD") and performed the following procedures as agreed upon:

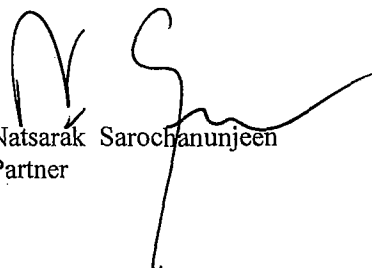
- (i) We obtained management's basis in determining exchange rates applied in the translation of financial information.
- (ii) We recomputed the translation of financial information into USD.
- (iii) We checked the casting and extension of the translated USD financial information in the statements.

The above procedures do not constitute either an audit or a review in accordance with Thai generally accepted auditing standards and the basis of translation is not necessarily in compliance with Thai generally accepted accounting principles. We therefore cannot give any assurance on the basis of these procedures.

The above procedures were performed solely to assist you in the preparation of the financial information in USD for presentation to your bankers for the purpose of their facilities review, and are not to be referred to for any other purposes or distributed to any other parties without our prior consent.

The consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2008 and the related consolidated statements of income and retained earnings for the six - month period ended 30 June 2008 of Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group") in United States Dollars ("USD"), presented herein for comparison, were performed by another auditor under her report dated 27 February 2009 and 14 August 2008, respectively.

Yours faithfully,
A.M.T & ASSOCIATES

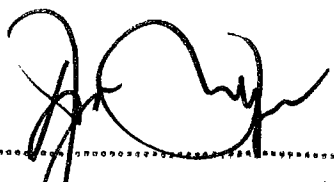

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REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

BALANCE SHEETS

	30 June 2009		31 December 2008	
	Million	Million	Million	Million
	Baht	USD	Baht	USD
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	1,838.3	54.0	3,437.2	98.4
Trade accounts receivable - unrelated parties, net	1,265.8	37.2	1,722.6	49.3
Trade accounts receivable - related parties	7.6	0.2	85.0	2.4
Material supplies	294.3	8.7	354.9	10.2
Other current assets	328.9	9.7	259.6	7.4
Total current assets	3,734.9	109.8	5,859.3	167.7
Non-current assets				
Property and premises, net	3,523.6	105.7	3,643.3	106.2
Vessels and equipment, net	19,552.7	570.1	20,536.7	589.0
Deposit for purchase vessels	228.0	6.7	234.1	6.7
Intangible assets, net	142.5	4.2	105.7	3.0
Other non - current assets	300.6	8.8	292.7	8.4
Total non - current assets	23,747.4	695.5	24,812.5	713.3
TOTAL ASSETS	27,482.3	805.3	30,671.8	881.0

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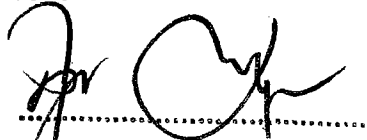


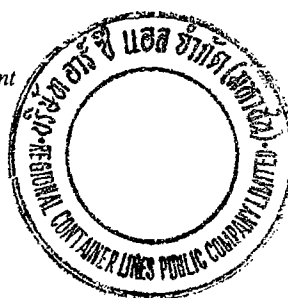
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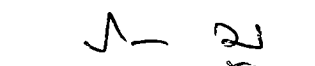
REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED)

	Note	30 June 2009		31 December 2008	
		Million	Million	Million	Million
		Baht	USD	Baht	USD
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities					
Trade accounts payable - unrelated parties		2,373.8	69.8	2,498.0	71.5
Trade accounts payable - related parties		21.8	0.6	46.4	1.3
Current portion of finance lease creditors		8.8	0.3	9.0	0.3
Current portion of long - term loans		2,748.4	80.7	2,098.3	60.0
Current portion of debentures		-	-	384.7	11.0
Provision for unrealised loss from changes in the fair value of derivatives	1	11.2	0.3	1,008.0	28.9
Other current liabilities		258.2	7.6	267.9	7.6
Total current liabilities		5,422.2	159.3	6,312.3	180.6
Non - current liabilities					
Finance lease creditors, net of current portion		12.5	0.4	18.1	0.5
Long - term loans, net of current portion		7,528.6	221.1	8,598.6	246.0
Other non - current liabilities		8.4	0.3	11.6	0.3
Total non - current liabilities		7,549.5	221.8	8,628.3	246.8
Total liabilities		12,971.7	381.1	14,940.6	427.4
Shareholders' equity					
Share capital					
Issued and fully paid					
663,000,000 ordinary shares of Baht 1 each		663.0	20.6	663.0	20.6
Share premium		3,073.2	113.7	3,073.2	113.7
Translation adjustment		420.8	(15.5)	640.6	(14.6)
Retained earnings					
Appropriated - statutory reserve		66.3	1.9	66.3	1.9
Unappropriated		10,259.4	302.7	11,260.1	331.2
Equity attributable to Company's shareholders		14,482.7	423.4	15,703.2	452.8
Minority interest - equity attributable					
to minority shareholders of subsidiaries		27.9	0.8	28.0	0.8
Total shareholders' equity		14,510.6	424.2	15,731.2	453.6
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		27,482.3	805.3	30,671.8	881.0

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INCOME STATEMENTS

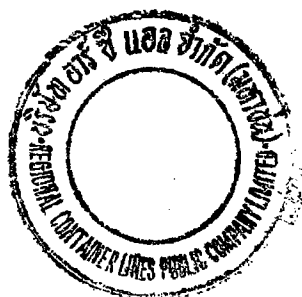
FOR THE SIX - MONTH PERIODS ENDED 30 JUNE 2009 AND 2008

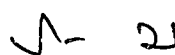
	Note	2009		2008	
		Million	Million	Million	Million
		Baht	USD	Baht	USD
Revenues					
Freight income		7,212.4	205.8	9,668.7	298.8
Other income					
Gain on exchange		-	-	216.2	0.7
Gain on sale of assets		19.4	0.6	831.7	25.7
Adjustment for unrealised loss on derivatives	1	260.3	7.4	-	-
Others		68.1	1.9	100.3	3.1
Total revenues		7,560.2	215.7	10,816.9	328.3
Expenses					
Cost of freight and operations		7,026.5	200.5	8,198.4	253.3
Depreciation		667.7	19.4	594.5	18.4
Administrative expenses		606.7	17.2	646.9	20.0
Loss on exchange		69.9	1.7	-	-
Total expenses		8,370.8	238.8	9,439.8	291.7
Income (loss) before finance cost and corporate income tax		(810.6)	(23.1)	1,377.1	36.6
Finance cost		(184.6)	(5.3)	(176.8)	(5.5)
Share of income from investments accounted for					
under equity method - associated companies		6.2	0.2	19.0	0.6
Income (loss) before corporate income tax		(989.0)	(28.2)	1,219.3	31.7
Corporate income tax		(11.1)	(0.3)	(4.8)	(0.2)
Net income (loss) for the period		(1,000.1)	(28.5)	1,214.5	31.5
Net income (loss) attributable to:					
Equity holders of the parent		(1,000.7)	(28.5)	1,212.9	31.4
Minority interests of the subsidiaries		0.6	-	1.6	0.1
		(1,000.1)	(28.5)	1,214.5	31.5

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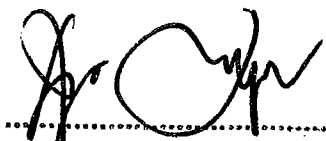
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 STATEMENTS OF RETAINED EARNINGS
 FOR THE SIX - MONTH PERIODS ENDED 30 JUNE 2009 AND 2008

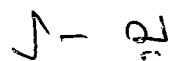
	2009		2008	
	Million Baht	Million USD	Million Baht	Million USD
Retained earnings - unappropriated				
Balance - beginning of period	11,260.1	331.2	12,760.1	373.4
Net income (loss) for the period	(1,000.7)	(28.5)	1,212.9	31.4
Dividend paid	-	-	(663.0)	(20.5)
Total retained earnings - unappropriated	10,259.4	302.7	13,310.0	384.3
Retained earnings - appropriated				
Statutory reserve	66.3	1.9	66.3	1.9
Total retained earnings - appropriated	66.3	1.9	66.3	1.9
Total retained earnings	10,325.7	304.6	13,376.3	386.2

See basis of preparation





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Basis of preparation**1. Thai Baht figures**

The Thai Baht figures in the balance sheets as at 30 June 2009 and profit and loss accounts for the six - month periods ended 30 June 2009 and 2008 were extracted from the reviewed consolidated financial statements. The Thai Baht figures in the balance sheets as at 31 December 2008 were extracted from the audited consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements included the financial statements of Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") and its subsidiaries in Thailand, Singapore and Hong Kong.

For consolidation purposes, foreign currency financial statements of the subsidiaries were translated into Thai Baht at the closing exchange rates as to assets and liabilities, and at the average rates as to revenues and expenses. The resultant difference has been presented under the caption of "Translation adjustment" in the shareholders' equity.

2. USD figures

2.1 The USD figures in the consolidated balance sheets were determined by translating the Thai Baht consolidated balance sheets of the Group (except for two subsidiaries in Singapore, of which the functional reporting currency in USD) using the following exchange rates :

- a) For assets and liabilities, we used the following approximate rates:

As of 30 June 2009 : USD 1 = Baht 34.0293
As of 31 December 2008: USD 1 = Baht 34.9438

- b) The approximate rate as of January 1997 was used for brought - forward balances of share capital, share premium, investments, property, vessels and equipment:

For the Company and its Thailand subsidiary

USD 1 = Baht 25.5850

For its Singapore subsidiaries with functional currency reporting in Singapore dollar

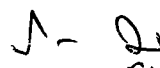
USD 1 = SGD 1.4020

For its Hong Kong subsidiaries

USD 1 = HKD 7.7296


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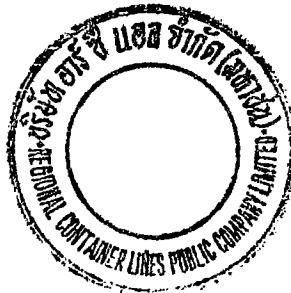

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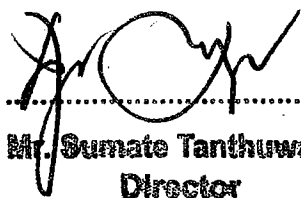
- c) Approximate rate as at the transaction dates were used for additional share capital, share premium, vessels and equipment, and disposals of equipment.


Any differences have been included in "Translation adjustment".

2.2 The USD figures in the consolidated profit and loss accounts were determined by translating the Thai Baht consolidated profit and loss accounts of the Group (except for the two subsidiaries in Singapore, of which the functional reporting currency in USD) using the average exchange rates, which were as follows :

30 June 2009: USD 1 = Baht 35.0402
30 June 2008: USD 1 = Baht 32.3613



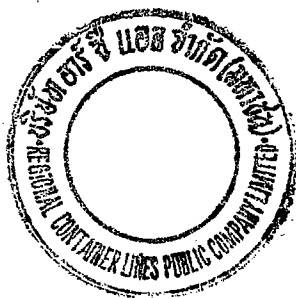

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NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Provision for unrealised loss from changes in the fair value of derivatives

	<u>Million Baht</u>	<u>Million USD</u>
Beginning balance as at 1 January 2009 (audited)	1,008.0	28.9
Decrease due to :		
- Realised loss	(736.5)	(21.2)
- Adjustment for over provision	(260.3)	(7.4)
End balance as at 30 June 2009 (unaudited but reviewed)	<u>11.2</u>	<u>0.3</u>





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