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Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited

## PRESS RELEASE

### FINANCIAL RESULTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

From the shipping perspective, although demand in the USA and Europe has not bounced back to level enjoyed in 2008, volume did however improved and rates held at a better level than previous quarter. The Intra-Asia trade, with stronger consumer confidence, saw an improvement in the volume as compared to the first nine months of year 2009. Recently, there were some signs that both the freight rates and volume had bottomed due to the common approach by the industry to look for additional revenue in the light of rising cost such as bunkers and the continuous weakening of the US dollar. Shipping lines were rolling out rate recovery and implemented the peak season surcharge in certain areas as planned.

Despite the improvement in quarter-on-quarter volumes the Group's Shipper Owned Container (SOC) liftings in 4Q09 declined by 15% year-on-year at 290,016 TEUs. This was partially due to lower East West Trade volume and reduction in the tonnage deployed, as the Group returned more time-chartered vessels. With stronger recovery in the Intra-Asia trades, the Group's Carrier Owned Container (COC) liftings reduced only by 2%, at 335,163 TEUs. Overall, in 4Q09, total liftings of the Group recorded a 9% decline year-on-year at 625,179 TEUs. In comparison with the full year ended 31 December, SOC liftings dropped 27% at 1,106,502 TEUS, COC slipped 9% at 1,258,953 TEUs and total liftings declined by 18% at 2,365,455 TEUs.

With 9% reduction in liftings, total turnover for the fourth quarter before exchange difference, gain on sale of assets and investments, and adjustment for unrealized loss on derivatives was down by 23% at THB3,665 million. The decline in turnover was mainly due to the decrease in liftings as well as lower freight rates in 4Q09 compared to last year. For the full year, total turnover before exchange difference, gain on sale of assets and investments, and adjustment for unrealized loss on derivatives was down by 27% at THB14,454 million.

The Group returned one expensive time-chartered vessels in September and successfully negotiated tariff reduction with a number of vendors. Although bunker price had picked up substantially 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 4Q09 reduced by 22% at THB3,843 million as compared to the same quarter last year. For the full year, the Cost of Freight and Operation decreased by 19% year-on-year at THB15,272 million.

In 4Q09, the Group disposed some containers to record a disposal gain of about THB34.0 million. For the full year, the Group recorded a total gain on sale of assets and investments of THB100.5 million as compared to THB983.3 million in 2008.

In 4Q09, the Group recorded a Gain on Exchange of THB5.6 million as compared to a Gain on Exchange of THB37.4 million in the same quarter last year. For the full year, the Group recorded a Loss on Exchange of THB20.9 million versus a Gain on Exchange of THB111.7 million in 2008.

With reduction in liftings compared to same quarter of 2008 and lower freight rates in this quarter, the Group recorded a Net Loss attributable to equity holders at THB2,196.2 million for 4Q09 versus a Net Loss of THB1,609.4 million for the same quarter last year. For the full year, the Group recorded a Net Loss of THB3,785.9 million versus a Net Loss of THB837.0 million in 2008. The Loss was mainly due to property's and vessels' impairment of THB 775 million and THB 853 million respectively. The assets value was suppressed by oversupply, although the global economy began to show signs of recovery.

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*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 41 vessels with sizes ranging between 500 TEUs to 2732 TEUs, with a fleet of 71896 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.*



## REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES GROUP

### QUARTERLY EARNING STATEMENTS IN US\$

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Half-Year	9 months	Year-end	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Half-Year	9 months	Year-end
	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009
Freight income	144.8	298.8	452.5	584.1	103.2	205.8	308.7	417.3
Cost of freight and operations	(127.7)	(271.7)	(423.2)	(562.2)	(114.3)	(219.9)	(331.9)	(447.6)
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>(11.1)</b>	<b>(14.1)</b>	<b>(23.2)</b>	<b>(30.3)</b>
<b>Gross Profit Margin</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>-10.8%</b>	<b>-6.9%</b>	<b>-7.5%</b>	<b>-7.3%</b>
Other income	2.1	3.7	5.6	8.1	1.0	2.1	3.1	4.2
Adjustment for unrealised loss on derivatives					5.6	7.4	7.7	7.7
Gain on exchange	0.9	0.7	1.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gain on sale of assets	4.6	25.7	26.0	29.4	0.1	0.6	1.7	2.7
Reversal of loss on impairment of buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total other income	7.6	30.1	32.6	41.2	6.7	10.1	12.5	14.6
Admin expenses	(10.3)	(20.0)	(31.2)	(38.1)	(8.5)	(17.2)	(26.2)	(34.7)
Allowance for unrealised loss from changes in the fair value of Derivatives	0.0	0.0	0.0	(28.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Loss on exchange	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1.2)	(1.7)	(2.0)	(4.9)
Loss on sale of investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Loss on impairment of assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	(5.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	(48.0)
Total other expenses	(10.3)	(20.0)	(31.2)	(72.5)	(9.7)	(18.9)	(28.2)	(87.6)
Interest expenses	(3.0)	(5.5)	(8.2)	(11.7)	(2.7)	(5.3)	(8.2)	(11.6)
Profit / (loss) before taxation	11.4	31.7	22.5	(21.1)	(16.8)	(28.2)	(47.1)	(114.9)
Income tax	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.9)
Profit / (loss) after taxation	11.3	31.5	22.2	(21.6)	(16.9)	(28.5)	(47.6)	(115.8)
Minority interest	0.0	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Net profit / (loss) attributable to members</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>(21.7)</b>	<b>(16.9)</b>	<b>(28.5)</b>	<b>(47.6)</b>	<b>(115.8)</b>

### COMPUTATION OF EBITDA

Profit / (loss) before taxation	11.4	31.7	22.5	(21.1)	(16.8)	(28.2)	(47.1)	(114.9)
Add: Impairment loss of assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.0
Deduct: Impairment gain	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less Adjustment/ Add Allowance for unrealised loss on derivatives	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.9	(5.6)	(7.4)	(7.7)	(7.7)
Less: Realised loss on derivatives	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(18.4)	(21.0)	(21.0)	(21.0)
Add: Interest	3.0	5.5	8.2	11.7	2.7	5.3	8.2	11.6
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>(38.1)</b>	<b>(51.3)</b>	<b>(67.6)</b>	<b>(84.0)</b>
Add: Amortisation	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.6
Add: Depreciation	9.3	18.4	27.4	35.4	9.7	19.4	29.4	41.3
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>(28.3)</b>	<b>(31.6)</b>	<b>(37.8)</b>	<b>(42.1)</b>



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Dear Sirs,

**Consolidated financial statements in United States Dollars**

As requested, we have obtained from the management the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2009, the related consolidated statements of income and retained earnings for the year ended 31 December 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:

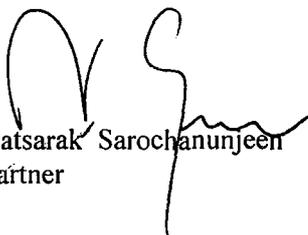
- (i) We obtained management's basis in determining exchange rates applied in the translation of financial information.
- (ii) We recomputed the translation of financial information into USD.
- (iii) We checked the casting and extension of the translated USD financial information in the statements.

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 year then ended 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.

Yours faithfully,  
A.M.T & ASSOCIATES

  
Natsarak Sarochanunjeen  
Partner

## REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

## BALANCE SHEETS

	31 December 2009		31 December 2008	
	Million	Million	Million	Million
	Baht	USD	Baht	USD
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,116.0	63.4	3,437.2	98.4
Trade accounts receivable - unrelated parties, net	1,350.4	40.5	1,722.6	49.3
Trade accounts receivable - related parties	8.6	0.3	85.0	2.4
Material supplies	359.9	10.8	354.9	10.2
Other current assets	302.3	9.1	259.6	7.4
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>4,137.2</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>5,859.3</b>	<b>167.7</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Property and premises, net	2,694.0	80.9	3,643.3	106.2
Vessels and equipment, net	19,864.7	586.6	20,536.7	589.0
Deposit for purchase vessels	-	-	234.1	6.7
Intangible assets, net	184.8	5.5	105.7	3.0
Other non - current assets	265.1	7.8	292.7	8.4
<b>Total non - current assets</b>	<b>23,008.6</b>	<b>680.8</b>	<b>24,812.5</b>	<b>713.3</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>27,145.8</b>	<b>804.9</b>	<b>30,671.8</b>	<b>881.0</b>

*See basis of preparation*

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

	Note	31 December 2009		31 December 2008	
		Million	Million	Million	Million
		Baht	USD	Baht	USD
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>					
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Trade accounts payable - unrelated parties		2,614.7	78.4	2,498.0	71.5
Trade accounts payable - related parties		35.1	1.1	46.4	1.3
Current portion of finance lease creditors		8.6	0.3	9.0	0.3
Current portion of long - term loans		1,353.8	40.6	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	10.5	0.3	1,008.0	28.9
Other current liabilities		564.5	16.8	267.9	7.6
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>4,587.2</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>6,312.3</b>	<b>180.6</b>
<b>Non - current liabilities</b>					
Finance lease creditors, net of current portion		8.6	0.3	18.1	0.5
Long - term loans, net of current portion		8,516.6	255.1	8,598.6	246.0
Debentures, net		2,479.7	74.3	-	-
Other non - current liabilities		5.5	0.2	11.6	0.3
<b>Total non - current liabilities</b>		<b>11,010.4</b>	<b>329.9</b>	<b>8,628.3</b>	<b>246.8</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>15,597.6</b>	<b>467.4</b>	<b>14,940.6</b>	<b>427.4</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>					
<b>Share capital</b>					
<b>Issued and fully paid</b>					
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		250.8	(14.7)	640.6	(14.6)
<b>Retained earnings</b>					
Appropriated - statutory reserve		66.3	1.9	66.3	1.9
Unappropriated		7,474.2	215.4	11,260.1	331.2
<b>Equity attributable to Company's shareholders</b>		<b>11,527.5</b>	<b>336.9</b>	<b>15,703.2</b>	<b>452.8</b>
<b>Minority interest - equity attributable</b>					
to minority shareholders of subsidiaries		20.7	0.6	28.0	0.8
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>		<b>11,548.2</b>	<b>337.5</b>	<b>15,731.2</b>	<b>453.6</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		<b>27,145.8</b>	<b>804.9</b>	<b>30,671.8</b>	<b>881.0</b>

*See basis of preparation and note to financial statement*

## REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

## STATEMENTS OF RETAINED EARNINGS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009 AND 2008

	2009		2008	
	Million	Million	Million	Million
	Baht	USD	Baht	USD
Retained earnings - unappropriated				
Balance - beginning of year	11,260.1	331.2	12,760.1	373.4
Net income (loss) for the year	(3,785.9)	(115.8)	(837.0)	(21.7)
Dividend paid	-	-	(663.0)	(20.5)
Total retained earnings - unappropriated	<u>7,474.2</u>	<u>215.4</u>	<u>11,260.1</u>	<u>331.2</u>
Retained earnings - appropriated				
Statutory reserve	<u>66.3</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>66.3</u>	<u>1.9</u>
Total retained earnings - appropriated	<u>66.3</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>66.3</u>	<u>1.9</u>
Total retained earnings	<u><u>7,540.5</u></u>	<u><u>217.3</u></u>	<u><u>11,326.4</u></u>	<u><u>333.1</u></u>

*See basis of preparation*

## REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

## INCOME STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009 AND 2008

	Note	2009		2008	
		Million	Million	Million	Million
		Baht	USD	Baht	USD
Revenues					
Freight income		14,321.1	417.3	19,532.1	584.1
Other income					
Gain on exchange		-	-	111.7	3.7
Gain on sale of fixed assets		94.1	2.7	983.3	29.4
Adjustment for unrealised loss on derivatives	1	265.2	7.7	-	-
Others		139.1	4.1	235.1	7.1
Total revenues		<u>14,819.5</u>	<u>431.8</u>	<u>20,862.2</u>	<u>624.3</u>
Expenses					
Cost of freight and operations		13,945.5	406.3	17,615.3	526.8
Depreciation		1,395.8	41.3	1,237.1	35.4
Administrative expenses		1,190.9	34.7	1,269.0	37.9
Allowance for unrealised loss from changes in the fair value of derivatives		-	-	1,008.0	28.9
Loss on exchange		20.9	4.9	-	-
Loss on impairment of assets		1,628.0	48.0	182.3	5.5
Others		-	-	5.8	0.2
Total expenses		<u>18,181.1</u>	<u>535.2</u>	<u>21,317.5</u>	<u>634.7</u>
Share of income from investments accounted for under equity method - associated companies		<u>3.4</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>34.1</u>	<u>1.0</u>
Income (loss) before finance cost and corporate income tax		<u>(3,358.2)</u>	<u>(103.3)</u>	<u>(421.2)</u>	<u>(9.4)</u>
Finance cost		<u>(397.3)</u>	<u>(11.6)</u>	<u>(392.7)</u>	<u>(11.7)</u>
Income (loss) before corporate income tax		<u>(3,755.5)</u>	<u>(114.9)</u>	<u>(813.9)</u>	<u>(21.1)</u>
Corporate income tax		<u>(29.5)</u>	<u>(0.9)</u>	<u>(18.1)</u>	<u>(0.5)</u>
Net income (loss) for the year		<u><u>(3,785.0)</u></u>	<u><u>(115.8)</u></u>	<u><u>(832.0)</u></u>	<u><u>(21.6)</u></u>
Net income (loss) attributable to:					
Equity holders of the parent		<u>(3,785.9)</u>	<u>(115.8)</u>	<u>(837.0)</u>	<u>(21.7)</u>
Minority interests of the subsidiaries		<u>0.9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5.0</u>	<u>0.1</u>
		<u><u>(3,785.0)</u></u>	<u><u>(115.8)</u></u>	<u><u>(832.0)</u></u>	<u><u>(21.6)</u></u>

See basis of preparation and note to financial statement

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

The Thai Baht figures in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2009 and 2008 and profit and loss accounts for the years then ended 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 31 December 2009: USD 1 = Baht 33.3688

As of 31 December 2008: USD 1 = Baht 34.9438

- b) The approximate rate as of 1 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

- 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 :

31 December 2009:	USD 1 = Baht 34.3225
31 December 2008:	USD 1 = Baht 33.4389

NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT1. 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	1,008.0	28.9
Decrease due to :		
- Realised loss	(732.3)	(20.9)
- Adjustment for over provision	(265.2)	(7.7)
End balance as at 31 December 2009	<u>10.5</u>	<u>0.3</u>