Global Ship Lease Reports Results for the Fourth Quarter of 2009

LONDON, ENGLAND--(Marketwire - March 2, 2010) - Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL)(NYSE:GSL.U)(NYSE:GSL.WS), a containership charter owner, announced today its unaudited results for the three months ended December 31, 2009.

Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2009 Highlights

- Generated $16.5 million of cash in the fourth quarter of 2009 up 29% on $12.8 million on cash generated in fourth quarter 2008. $62.0 million cash was generated in the year ended December 31, 2009

- Reported revenue of $39.9 million for the fourth quarter of 2009, up 52% on $26.3 million for the fourth quarter 2008 due to the purchase of four additional vessels in December 2008 and one additional vessel in August 2009. Revenue was $148.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 up 57% on $95.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2008

- Reported normalized net earnings of $7.3 million, or $0.13 per share, for the fourth quarter of 2009, excluding a $5.1 million non-cash interest rate derivative mark-to-market gain. For the year ended December 31, 2009 normalized net earnings was $26.6 million, or $0.49 per share, excluding $17.9 million non-cash mark-to-market gain and $2.2 million deferred financing costs written off on an accelerated basis

- Including the non-cash mark-to-market and deferred financing costs items, reported net income was $12.3 million, or $0.23 income per share, for the fourth quarter of 2009 compared to $43.7 million loss for the fourth quarter 2008. The reported net income was $42.4 million, or $0.79 per share, for the year ended December 31, 2009

- Purchased CMA CGM Berlioz, a 2001-built 6,627 TEU container vessel, in August 2009 for $82 million. The vessel is chartered to CMA CGM for 12 years

- Amended the credit facility in August 2009 to suspend loan-to-value tests effectively until second quarter 2011. The amendment also allowed further borrowings to finance the purchase of CMA CGM Berlioz, cancelled all undrawn commitments and requires prepayments based on free cash flow. No common dividends can be declared or paid until the later of November 30, 2010 or when loan-to-value falls to 75% or below

Ian Webber, Chief Executive Officer of Global Ship Lease, stated, "During a challenging year for the industry and global economy, our entire fleet remained secured on long-term contracts. We also achieved strong utilization for the year and grew both revenue and cash flow during a time when we finalized an amendment to our credit facility. With the amended credit facility, we have mitigated loan-to-value covenant concerns effectively until April 2011 and protected the Company from short-term volatility in asset values. We are now paying down debt aggressively with approximately $68 million expected to be repaid in 2010."

Results for Three Months And Year Ended December 31, 2009

Comparative financial information for the year ended December 31, 2008 is prepared under predecessor accounting rules and includes the results of operations of two of the Company's vessels for part of January 2008 when they were owned by CMA CGM, a privately owned French container shipping company, and operated in CMA CGM's business of earning revenue from carrying containerized cargo. Global Ship Lease commenced its business of time chartering out vessels in December 2007 when it purchased 10 container vessels from CMA CGM. The Company purchased the two additional vessels from CMA CGM in January 2008 and has subsequently purchased an additional five vessels. The predecessor and Global Ship Lease business models are not comparable.

Further, there were significant changes to the Company's legal and capital structure arising from the merger on August 14, 2008, which resulted in the Company becoming listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Accordingly, selected comparative information is presented.

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA - UNAUDITED

(thousands of U.S. dollars except per share data)

	Three months ended Dec 31, 2009	Three months ended Dec 31, 2008	Year ended Dec 31, 2009	Year ended Dec 31, 2008 (4)
Revenue (1)	39,884	26,305	148,708	94,978
Operating Income (1)	17,862	9,875	61,717	38,823
Net Income (Loss) (1)	12,348	(43,655)	42,374	(34,451)
Earnings (Loss) per A and B share (2)	0.23	(1.06)	0.79	-
Normalised net earnings (2)(3)	7,254	7,020	26,637	-
Normalised earnings per A and B share (2)(3)	0.13	0.17	0.49	-
Adjusted Cash From Operations (2)(3)	16,482	12,777	61,967	-

(1) Comparative data for the year ended December 31, 2008 relates to the Company's time charter business only and therefore excludes the results from containerized transportation undertaken by the predecessor group

(2) Certain comparative data is not presented for the year ended December 31, 2008 due to the significant changes to the legal and capital structure arising from the merger on August 14, 2008 resulting in the Company being listed on the New York Stock Exchange

(3) Normalized net earnings, normalized earnings per share, and adjusted cash from operations are non-US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP) measures, as explained further in this press release, and reconciliations are provided to the interim unaudited financial information

(4) Based on the combination of time charter activity for Predecessor and Successor periods

Revenue and Utilization

Global Ship Lease owned sixteen vessels up to August 26, 2009 when CMA CGM Berlioz was purchased. The fleet generated revenue from fixed rate long-term time charters of $39.9 million in the three months ended December 31, 2009, up 52% on revenue of $26.3 million for the comparative period in 2008 due to the purchase of four additional ships in December 2008 and one in August 2009. These five vessels have an average daily charter rate of $31,450 compared to an average daily charter rate of $22,685 for the previous fleet of 12 vessels. During the three months ended December 31, 2009 there were 1,564 ownership days, up 411 or 36% on 1,153 ownership days in the comparable period. CMA CGM Utrillo was dry-docked, at a cost of $0.9 million, for 16 days in the quarter. There were no unplanned off-hire days in the three months ended December 31, 2009 giving an overall utilization of 99.0%. In the comparable period of 2008, there were no off-hire days, giving utilization of 100.0%.

For the year ended December 31, 2009 revenue was $148.7 million, an increase of 57% compared to time charter revenue of $95.0 million in the comparative period. Ownership days at 5,968 were up 1,552, or 35%, on 4,416 in the comparative period. Utilization in the year ended December 31, 2009 was 98.8% down slightly on 99.0% in the comparative period.

Vessel Operating Expenses

Vessel operating expenses, which include costs of crew, lubricating oil, spares and insurance, were $9.9 million for the three months ended December 31, 2009. The average cost per ownership day was $6,299 down 8% from the average daily cost of $6,820 for the previous quarter due mainly to rebilling of certain items for the charterer's account, and down 8% from the average daily cost of $6,873 for the comparative period in 2008.

Vessel operating expenses were $41.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 or $6,932 per ownership day. This compares to $29.8 million vessel operating expenses associated with the time charter business in the comparative period or $6,748 per ownership day. The increase over 2008 is due mainly to the impact of the four vessels delivered in December 2008 which are on average larger than the previous vessels and are thus more expensive to operate.

Vessel operating expenses are at less than the capped amounts included in Global Ship Lease's ship management agreements.

Depreciation

Depreciation was $10.1 million for the three months ended December 31, 2009, including the effect of the purchase of four additional vessels in December 2008 and one in August 2009, compared to $5.9 million for the comparative period. In the year ended December 31, 2009 depreciation was $37.3 million, up from $20.6 million for the time charter business in the comparative period in 2008.

General and Administrative Costs

General and administrative costs incurred were $2.2 million in the three months ended December 31, 2009, including $0.4 million non-cash charge for stock based incentives, compared to $2.7 million for the time charter business in the comparable period in 2008, including $0.8 million non-cash charge for stock based incentives. In the year ended December 31, 2009 general and administrative costs were $8.7 million, including $2.5 million non-cash charge for stock based incentives, compared to $6.0 million in the comparative period (when up to August 14, 2008 the Company was a wholly-owned subsidiary of CMA CGM) including $1.2 million non-cash charge for stock based incentives.

Interest Expense

Interest expense, excluding the effect of interest rate derivatives which do not qualify for hedge accounting, for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was $6.1 million. The Company's borrowings under its credit facility averaged $593.8 million during fourth quarter and were $588.2 million as at December 31, 2009 after repayment in November of $10.9 million. There were $48.0 million preferred shares throughout the period. Interest expense in the comparative period in 2008 was $2.6 million based on average borrowings, including the preferred shares, of $357.2 million in the quarter.

For the year ended December 31, 2009 interest expense was $24.2 million including $2.2 million write off of deferred financing costs as a result of reduced borrowing capacity following amendments to the credit facility in 2009 and based on average borrowings, including the preferred shares, of $608.7 million compared to $21.4 million interest expense for the comparative period in 2008 based on average borrowings, including the preferred shares, of $490.5 million.

Interest income for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was $36,000 and was $195,000 in the comparative period. For the year ended December 31, 2009 interest income was $0.5 million compared to $0.8 million in 2008.

Change in Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company hedges the majority of its interest rate exposure by entering into derivatives that swap floating rate debt for fixed rate debt to provide long-term stability and predictability to cash flows. As these hedges do not qualify for hedge accounting under US GAAP, the outstanding hedges are marked to market at each period end with any change in the fair value being booked to the income and expenditure account. The Company's derivative hedging instruments gave a $0.7 million gain in the three months ended December 31, 2009, reflecting primarily movements in the forward curve for interest rates. Of this amount, $4.4 million was a realized loss for settlements of swaps in the period and $5.1 million was unrealized gain for revaluation of the balance sheet position. This compares to a $51.0 million loss in the three months ended December 31, 2008 of which $0.3 million was realized loss and $50.7 million was unrealized loss. For the year ended December 31, 2009 the reported gain was $4.8 million comprising $13.1 million realized loss and $17.9 million unrealized gain. For the year ended December 31, 2008 the reported loss was $52.5 million of which $0.8 million was realized and $51.8 million was unrealized.

At December 31, 2009 the total mark-to-market unrealized loss recognized as a liability was $29.1 million.

Unrealized mark-to-market adjustments have no impact on operating performance or cash generation.

Net Earnings

Normalized net earnings was $7.2 million, or $0.13 per Class A and B common share, for the three months ended December 31, 2009 excluding the $5.1 million non-cash interest rate derivative mark-to-market gain. Including the mark-to-market gain, net income was $12.3 million or $0.23 income per Class A and B common share.

Normalized net earnings was $26.6 million, or $0.49 per Class A and B common share, for the year ended December 31, 2009 excluding the $17.9 million non-cash interest rate derivative mark-to-market gain and $2.2 million accelerated deferred financing costs written off. Including these items, net income was $42.4 million or $0.79 per Class A and B common share.

Normalized net earnings and normalized earnings per share are non-US GAAP measures and are reconciled to the financial information included in this press release. We believe that they are useful measures with which to assess the Company's financial performance as they adjust for non-cash items that do not affect the Company's ability to generate cash.

Credit Facility

On August 20, 2009, the Company entered into an amendment to its credit facility, whereby the loan-to-value covenant has been waived up to and including November 30, 2010 with the next loan-to-value test scheduled for April 30, 2011. Further, Global Ship Lease was able to borrow sufficient funds under the credit facility to allow the purchase of the CMA CGM Berlioz in August 2009. Amounts borrowed under the amended credit facility bear interest at LIBOR plus a fixed interest margin of 3.50% up to November 30, 2010. Thereafter, the margin will be between 2.50% and 3.50% depending on the loan-to-value ratio.

In connection with the amended credit facility, all undrawn commitments of approximately $200 million were cancelled and Global Ship Lease may not pay dividends to common shareholders, instead using its cash flow to prepay borrowings under the credit facility. Global Ship Lease will be able to resume dividends after November 30, 2010 and once the loan-to-value is at or below 75%, when the prepayment of borrowings becomes fixed at $10 million per quarter. As part of the amendment, CMA CGM has agreed to defer redemption of the $48 million preferred shares it holds until after the final maturity of the credit facility in August 2016 and retain its current holding of approximately 24.4 million common shares at least until November 30, 2010.

Dividend

Global Ship Lease has agreed with its lenders that it will not declare or pay any dividend to common shareholders until the later of November 30, 2010 and when loan-to-value is at or below 75%. The board of directors will review the dividend policy when appropriate.

Adjusted Cash From Operations

Adjusted cash from operations was $16.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2009 compared to $12.8 million for the three months ended December 31, 2008 and was $62.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2009. Adjusted cash from operations is a non-US GAAP measure and is reconciled to the financial information further in this press release. The Company believes that it is a useful measure with which to assess the Company's operating performance as it adjusts for the effects of non-cash items.

Fleet Utilization

The table below shows fleet utilization for the three months and year ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. Unplanned offhire in the year ended December 31, 2009 includes 18 days in first quarter for drydock and associated repairs following a grounding and a seven day deviation to land a sick crew member.

	Three months ended			Year ended		
Days	Dec 31, 2009	Dec 31, 2008	Increase	Dec 31, 2009	Dec 31, 2008	Increase
Ownership days	1,564	1,153	36%	5,968	4,416	35%
Planned offhire - scheduled drydock	(16)	-		(32)	(15)	
Unplanned offhire - other	-	-		(42)	(30)	
Operating days	1,548	1,153	34%	5,894	4,371	35%
Utilization	99.0%	100.0%		98.8%	99.0%	

Fleet

The following table provides information about the on-the-water fleet of 17 vessels chartered to CMA CGM.

Vessel Name	Capacity in TEUs(1)	Year Built	Purchase Date by GSL	Charter Remaining Duration (years)	Daily Charter Rate ($)
Ville d'Orion	4,113	1997	December 2007	3.00	$28,500
Ville d'Aquarius	4,113	1996	December 2007	3.00	$28,500
CMA CGM Matisse	2,262	1999	December 2007	7.00	$18,465
CMA CGM Utrillo	2,262	1999	December 2007	7.00	$18,465
Delmas Keta	2,207	2003	December 2007	8.00	$18,465
Julie Delmas	2,207	2002	December 2007	8.00	$18,465
Kumasi	2,207	2002	December 2007	8.00	$18,465
Marie Delmas	2,207	2002	December 2007	8.00	$18,465
CMA CGM La Tour	2,272	2001	December 2007	7.00	$18,465
CMA CGM Manet	2,272	2001	December 2007	7.00	$18,465
CMA CGM Alcazar	5,100	2007	January 2008	11.00	$33,750
CMA CGM Chateau d'If	5,100	2007	January 2008	11.00	$33,750
CMA CGM Thalassa	10,960	2008	December 2008	16.00	$47,200
CMA CGM Jamaica	4,298	2006	December 2008	13.00	$25,350
CMA CGM Sambhar	4,045	2006	December 2008	13.00	$25,350
CMA CGM America	4,045	2006	December 2008	13.00	$25,350
CMA CGM Berlioz	6,627	2001	August 2009	11.75	$34,000

(1) Twenty-foot Equivalent Units.

The following table provides information about the contracted fleet.

Vessel Name	Capacity in TEUs(1)	Year Built	Estimated Delivery Date	Charterer	Charter Duration (years)	Daily Charter Rate ($)
Hull 789 (2)	4,250	2010	October 2010	ZIM	7-8 (3)	$28,000
Hull 790 (2)	4,250	2010	December 2010	ZIM	7-8 (3)	$28,000

(1) Twenty-foot Equivalent Units.
(2) Contracted to be purchased from German interests.
(3) Seven-year charter that could be extended to eight years at charterer's option.

Conference Call and Webcast

Global Ship Lease will hold a conference call to discuss the Company's results for the three months ended December 31, 2009 today, Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time. There are two ways to access the conference call:

(1) Dial-in: (888) 857-6929 or (719) 457-2639; Passcode: 8427789

Please dial in at least 10 minutes prior to 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time to ensure a prompt start to the call.

(2) Live Internet webcast and slide presentation: http://www.globalshiplease.com

If you are unable to participate at this time, a replay of the call will be available through Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at (888) 203-1112 or (719) 457-0820. Enter the code 8427789 to access the audio replay. The webcast will also be archived on the Company's website: http://www.globalshiplease.com.

About Global Ship Lease

Global Ship Lease is a containership charter owner. Incorporated in the Marshall Islands, Global Ship Lease commenced operations in December 2007 with a business of owning and chartering out containerships under long-term, fixed rate charters to world class container liner companies.

Global Ship Lease currently owns 17 vessels with a total capacity of 66,297 TEU with a weighted average age at December 31, 2009 of 5.8 years. All of the current vessels are fixed on long-term charters to CMA CGM with an average remaining term of 9.1 years. The Company has contracts in place to purchase two 4,250 TEU newbuildings from German interests for approximately $77 million each that are scheduled to be delivered in the fourth quarter of 2010. The Company has agreements to charter out these newbuildings to Zim Integrated Shipping Services Limited for seven or eight years at charterer's option.

Reconciliation of Non-U.S. GAAP Financial Measures

A. Adjusted Cash From Operations

Adjusted cash from operations is a non-US GAAP measure and is reconciled to the financial information below. It represents net earnings adjusted for non-cash items including depreciation, amortization of deferred financing charges, accretion of earnings for intangible liabilities, charge for equity based incentive awards and change in fair value of derivatives. We also deduct an allowance for the cost of future drydockings, which due to their substantial and periodic nature could otherwise distort quarterly adjusted cashflow. There is no adjustment for movements in working capital. Adjusted cash from operations is a non-US GAAP quantitative measure used to assist in the assessment of the Company's ability to generate cash. Adjusted cash from operations is not defined in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and should not be considered to be an alternate to net earnings or any other financial metric required by such accounting principles. We believe that adjusted cash from operations is a useful measure with which to assess the Company's operating performance as it adjusts for the effects of non-cash items.

ADJUSTED CASH FROM OPERATIONS - UNAUDITED

(thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Three months ended Dec 31, 2009	Three months ended Dec 31, 2008	Year ended Dec 31, 2009
Net income (loss)	12,348	(43,655)	42,374
Adjust: Depreciation	10,066	5,883	37,307
Charge for equity incentive awards	359	812	2,513
Amortization of deferred financing fees	222	133	3,108
Change in value of derivatives	(5,094)	50,675	(17,928)
Allowance for future dry-docks	(975)	(725)	(3,705)
Revenue accretion for intangible liabilities	(530)	(53)	(1,549)
Deferred taxation	86	(293)	(153)
Adjusted cash from operations	16,482	12,777	61,967

B. Normalized net earnings

Normalized net earnings is a non-US GAAP measure and is reconciled to the financial information below. It represents net earnings adjusted for the change in fair value of derivatives and the accelerated write off of a portion of deferred financing costs. Normalized net earnings is a non-GAAP quantitative measure which we believe will assist investors and analysts who often adjust reported net earnings for non-operating items such as change in fair value of derivatives to eliminate the effect of non cash non-operating items that do not affect operating performance or cash generated. Normalized net earnings is not defined in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and should not be considered to be an alternate to net earnings or any other financial metric required by such accounting principles. Normalized net earnings per share is calculated based on normalized net earnings and the weighted average number of shares in the relevant period.

NORMALIZED NET EARNINGS - UNAUDITED

(thousands of U.S. dollars except share and per share data)

	Three months ended Dec 31, 2009	Three months ended Dec 31, 2008	Year ended Dec 31, 2009
Net income (loss) as reported	12,348	(43,655)	42,374
Adjust: Change in value of derivatives	(5,094)	50,675	(17,928)
Deferred financing costs written off (1)			2,191
Normalized net earnings	7,254	7,020	26,637
Weighted average number of Class A and B common shares outstanding (2)			
Basic	54,081,096	41,373,313	53,865,465
Diluted	54,081,096	41,373,313	54,160,814
Net income per share on reported earnings			
Basic	0.23	(1.06)	0.79
Diluted	0.23	(1.06)	0.78
Normalized net income per share			
Basic	0.13	0.17	0.49
Diluted	0.13	0.17	0.49

(1) Following reductions in the company's borrowing capacity under its credit facility, a proportion of unamortized deferred financing costs were written off.

(2) The weighted average number of shares (basic and diluted) for the three months ended December 31, 2009 excludes the effect of outstanding warrants and stock based incentive awards as these were anti dilutive. For the year ended December 31, 2009 the diluted weighted average number of shares includes the incremental effect of outstanding stock based incentive awards but excludes the effect of outstanding warrants as these were anti dilutive. The weighted average number of shares (basic and diluted) for the year ended December 31, 2008 excludes 12,375,000 Class C shares which were converted to Class A Common shares on a one-for-one basis on January 1, 2009.

Safe Harbor Statement

This communication contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements provide Global Ship Lease's current expectations or forecasts of future events. Forward-looking statements include statements about Global Ship Lease's expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, intentions, assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. Words or phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "ongoing," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "will" or similar words or phrases, or the negatives of those words or phrases, may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not necessarily mean that a statement is not forward-looking. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions that may be incorrect, and Global Ship Lease cannot assure you that these projections included in these forward-looking statements will come to pass. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors.

The risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- future operating or financial results;

- expectations regarding the future growth of the container shipping industry, including the rates of annual demand and supply growth;

- the financial condition of CMA CGM, our charterer and sole source of operating revenue, and its ability to pay charterhire in accordance with the charters;

- Global Ship Lease's financial condition and liquidity, including its ability to obtain additional waivers which might be necessary under the existing credit facility or obtain additional financing to fund capital expenditures, contracted and yet to be contracted vessel acquisitions including the two newbuildings to be purchased from German interests in the fourth quarter of 2010, and other general corporate purposes;

- Global Ship Lease's ability to meet its financial covenants and repay its credit facility;

- Global Ship Lease's expectations relating to dividend payments and forecasts of its ability to make such payments including the availability of cash and the impact of constraints under its credit facility;

- future acquisitions, business strategy and expected capital spending;

- operating expenses, availability of crew, number of off-hire days, drydocking and survey requirements and insurance costs;

- general market conditions and shipping industry trends, including charter rates and factors affecting supply and demand;

- assumptions regarding interest rates and inflation;

- changes in the rate of growth of global and various regional economies;

- risks incidental to vessel operation, including piracy, discharge of pollutants and vessel accidents and damage including total or constructive total loss;

- estimated future capital expenditures needed to preserve its capital base;

- Global Ship Lease's expectations about the availability of ships to purchase, the time that it may take to construct new ships, or the useful lives of its ships;

- Global Ship Lease's continued ability to enter into or renew long-term, fixed-rate charters;

- the continued performance of existing long-term, fixed-rate time charters;

- Global Ship Lease's ability to capitalize on its management team's and board of directors' relationships and reputations in the containership industry to its advantage;

- changes in governmental and classification societies' rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities;

- expectations about the availability of insurance on commercially reasonable terms;

- unanticipated changes in laws and regulations including taxation;

- potential liability from future litigation.

Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and are based on potentially inaccurate assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expected or implied by the forward-looking statements. Global Ship Lease's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in forward-looking statements for many reasons specifically as described in Global Ship Lease's filings with the SEC. Accordingly, you should not unduly rely on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this communication. Global Ship Lease undertakes no obligation to publicly revise any forward-looking statement to reflect circumstances or events after the date of this communication or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. You should, however, review the factors and risks Global Ship Lease describes in the reports it will file from time to time with the SEC after the date of this communication.

Global Ship Lease, Inc.

Interim Unaudited Combined Statements of Income

The interim unaudited combined financial statements up to December 31, 2009 include two distinct reporting periods (i) before August 15, 2008 ("Predecessor") and (ii) from August 15, 2008 ("Successor"), which relate to the period preceding the merger and the period succeeding the merger, respectively.

(Expressed in thousands of U.S dollars except share data)

	Three months ended December 31, 2009 Successor	2008 Successor
Operating Revenues		
Voyage revenue	$-	$-
Time charter revenue	39,884	26,305
	39,884	26,305
Operating Expenses		
Voyage expenses	-	-
Vessel operating expenses	9,851	7,924
Depreciation	10,066	5,883
General and administrative	2,187	2,686
Other operating (income) expense	(82)	(63)
Total operating expenses	22,022	16,430
Operating Income	17,862	9,875
Non Operating Income (Expense)		
Interest income	36	195
Interest expense	(6,107)	(2,647)
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate derivatives	702	(50,986)
Income (Loss) before Income Taxes	12,493	(43,563)
Income taxes	(145)	(92)
Net Income (Loss)	$12,348	$(43,655)
Weighted average number of Common shares outstanding basic and diluted	n.a.	n.a.
Net Income (Loss) per share in $ per share basic and diluted	n.a.	n.a.
Weighted average number of Class A common shares outstanding		
Basic	46,675,140	33,967,357
Diluted	46,675,140	33,967,357

Net (Loss) Income in $ per share		
Basic	$0.26	$(1.29)
Diluted	$0.26	$(1.29)
Weighted average number of Class B common shares outstanding		
Basic and diluted	7,405,956	7,405,956
Net income (loss) in $ per share	$nil	$nil

	2009 Successor	Year ended December 31, 2008 Successor	Predecessor
		August 15 to December 31	January 1 to August 14
Operating Revenues			
Voyage revenue	$-	$-	$2,072
Time charter revenue	148,708	39,095	55,883
	148,708	39,095	57,955
Operating Expenses			
Voyage expenses	-	-	1,944
Vessel operating expenses	41,368	11,904	18,074
Depreciation	37,307	8,731	12,163
General and administrative	8,748	3,712	3,814
Other operating (income) expense	(432)	(106)	93
Total operating expenses	86,991	24,241	36,088
Operating Income	61,717	14,854	21,867
Non Operating Income (Expense)			
Interest income	519	413	424
Interest expense	(24,224)	(3,842)	(17,600)
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate derivatives	4,806	(55,293)	2,749
Income (Loss) before Income Taxes	42,818	(43,868)	7,440
Income taxes	(444)	(102)	(23)
Net Income (Loss)	$42,374	$(43,970)	$7,417
Weighted average number of Common shares outstanding basic and diluted	n.a.	n.a.	100

Net Income (Loss) per share in $ per share basic and diluted	n.a.	n.a.	$74,170
Weighted average number of Class A common shares outstanding			
Basic	46,459,509	33,800,307	n.a.
Diluted	46,754,858	33,800,307	n.a.
Net (Loss) Income in $ per share			
Basic	$0.91	$(1.30)	n.a.
Diluted	$0.91	$(1.30)	n.a.
Weighted average number of Class B common shares outstanding			
Basic and diluted	7,405,956	7,405,956	n.a.
Net income (loss) in $ per share	$nil	$nil	n.a.

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Interim Unaudited Combined Balance Sheets

The interim unaudited combined financial statements up to December 31, 2009 include two distinct reporting periods (i) before August 15, 2008 ("Predecessor") and (ii) from August 15, 2008 ("Successor"), which relate to the period preceding the merger and the period succeeding the merger, respectively.

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	December 31, 2009 Successor	December 31, 2008 Successor
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$30,810	$26,363
Restricted cash	3,026	3,026
Accounts receivable	7,838	638
Prepaid expenses	685	734
Other receivables	613	1,420
Deferred tax	285	176
Deferred financing costs	903	526
Total current assets	44,160	32,883
Vessels in operation	961,708	906,896
Vessel deposits	16,243	15,720
Other fixed assets	9	21
Intangible assets - purchase agreement	-	7,840
Deferred tax	161	117
Deferred financing costs	5,077	3,131
Total non-current assets	983,198	933,725
Total Assets	$1,027,358	$966,608
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities		
Intangible liability - charter agreements	$2,119	$1,608
Current portion of long term debt	68,300	-
Accounts payable	3,502	36
Accrued expenses	4,589	6,436
Derivative instruments	15,971	10,940
Total current liabilities	94,481	19,020
Long term debt	519,892	542,100
Preferred shares	48,000	48,000
Intangible liability - charter agreements	24,288	26,348
Derivative instruments	13,142	36,101
Total long-term liabilities	605,322	652,549
Total Liabilities	$699,803	$671,569

Commitments and contingencies	-	-

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	December 31, 2009 Successor	December 31, 2008 Successor
Stockholders' Equity		
Class A Common stock - authorized 214,000,000 shares with a $.01 par value; 46,680,194 shares issued and outstanding	467	339
Class B Common stock - authorized 20,000,000 shares with a $.01 par value; 7,405,956 shares issued and outstanding	74	74
Class C Common stock - authorized 15,000,000 shares with a $.01 par value; 12,375,000 shares issued, converted to Class A common shares on January 1, 2009	-	124
Retained (deficit)	(65,679)	(9,338)
Net income (loss) for the period	42,374	(43,970)
Additional paid in capital	350,319	347,810
Total Stockholders' Equity	327,555	295,039
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	$1,027,358	$966,608

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Interim Unaudited Combined Statements of Cash Flows

The interim unaudited combined financial statements up to December 31, 2009 include two distinct reporting periods (i) before August 15, 2008 ("Predecessor") and (ii) from August 15, 2008 ("Successor"), which relate to the period preceding the merger and the period succeeding the merger, respectively.

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Three months ended December 31, 2009 Successor	Three months ended December 31, 2008 Successor
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income (loss)	$12,348	$(43,655)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Depreciation	10,066	5,883
Amortization of deferred financing costs	222	133
Change in fair value of certain derivative instruments	(5,094)	50,675
Amortization of intangible liability	(530)	(53)
Settlements of hedges which do not qualify for hedge accounting	4,390	350
Share based compensation	359	812
(Increase) decrease in other receivables and other assets	(6,873)	(367)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	3,368	1,493
Decrease in inventories	-	-
Costs relating to drydocks	(797)	-
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss	(5)	(80)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	17,454	15,191
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Settlements of hedges which do not qualify for hedge accounting	(4,390)	(350)
Acquisition of Global Ship Lease, Inc., net Of cash acquired	-	(984)
Release of Trust Account	-	-
Cash paid for purchases of vessels, vessel prepayments and vessel deposits	(577)	(257,450)
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Investing Activities	(4,967)	(258,784)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Proceeds from debt	-	256,000
Repayments of debt	(10,908)	-
Variation in restricted cash	-	(3,026)
Issuance costs of debt	(311)	(4)
Proceeds from warrant exercise	-	3,026
Buyback of shares	-	-
Dividend payments	-	(15,624)
(Decrease) in amount due to CMA CGM	-	-
Deemed distribution to CMA CGM	-	-
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Financing Activities	(11,219)	240,372

Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash

Net increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,268	(3,221)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at start of Period	29,542	29,584
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of Period	$30,810	$26,363

		Year ended December 31,	
	2009		2008
	Successor	Successor	Predecessor
		August 15 to December 31	January 1 to August 14
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net income (loss)	$42,374	$(43,970)	$7,417
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities			
Depreciation	37,307	8,731	12,164
Amortization of deferred financing costs	3,108	199	491
Change in fair value of certain derivative instruments	(17,928)	54,851	(3,081)
Amortization of intangible liability	(1,549)	(67)	-
Settlements of hedges which do not qualify for hedge accounting	13,121	632	141
Share based compensation	2,513	1,167	-
(Increase) decrease in other receivables and other assets	(6,510)	337	(980)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	2,165	(7,849)	4,420
Decrease in inventories	-	-	1,613
Costs relating to drydocks	(1,706)	-	(1,459)
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss	17	(80)	-
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	72,912	13,951	20,726
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Settlements of hedges which do not qualify for hedge accounting	(13,121)	(632)	(4,871)
Acquisition of Global Ship Lease, Inc., net of cash acquired	-	(6,547)	-
Release of Trust Account	-	317,446	-
Cash paid for purchases of vessels, vessel prepayments			

and vessel deposits	(83,639)	(272,927)	-
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Investing Activities	(96,760)	37,340	(4,871)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from debt	57,000	256,000	-
Repayments of debt	(10,908)	(115,000)	-
Variation in restricted cash	-	(3,026)	188,000
Issuance costs of debt	(5,426)	(3,856)	(276)
Proceeds from warrant exercise	-	3,026	-
Buyback of shares	-	(147,053)	-
Dividend payments	(12,371)	(15,624)	-
(Decrease) in amount due to CMA CGM	-	-	(188,713)
Deemed distribution to CMA CGM	-	-	(505)
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Financing Activities	28,295	(25,533)	(1,494)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,447	25,758	14,361
Cash and Cash Equivalents at start of Period	26,363	605	1,891
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of Period	$30,810	$26,363	$16,252

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Interim Unaudited Operating Segments

The interim unaudited combined financial statements up to December 31, 2009 include two distinct reporting periods (i) before August 15, 2008 ("Predecessor") and (ii) from August 15, 2008 ("Successor"), which relate to the period preceding the merger and the period succeeding the merger, respectively.

Segment information reported below has been prepared on the same basis that it is reported internally to the Company's chief operating decision maker. The Company operated under two business models from which it derives its revenues reported within these interim unaudited combined financial statements: (i) the provision of vessels by the Company under time charters to container shipping companies and (ii) freight revenues generated by the containerized transportation of a broad range of industrial and consumer goods by the Predecessor group. There are no transactions between reportable segments. Following the delivery of the initial 12 vessels in December 2007 and January 2008, the activity consists solely of the ownership and provision of vessels for container shipping under time charters.

The "Adjustment" column in the table below includes (i) the elimination of the containerized transportation activity performed by the Predecessor up to August 14, 2008, and (ii) the IPO and merger costs expensed by the Predecessor.

During the three month period and year ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 the activities can be analyzed as follows:

Three months ended

	December 31, 2009 Successor	December 31, 2008 Successor
	Time Charter	Time Charter
Operating revenues	$39,884	$26,305
Operating expenses		
Voyage expenses	-	-
Vessel operating expenses	9,851	7,924
Depreciation	10,066	5,883
General and administrative	2,187	2,686
Other operating (income) expense	(82)	(63)
Total operating expenses	22,022	16,430
Operating income (loss)	17,862	9,875
Interest income	36	195
Interest expense	(6,107)	(2,647)
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives	702	(50,986)
Income (loss) before income taxes	12,493	(43,563)
Income taxes	(145)	(92)
Net income (loss)	$12,348	$(43,655)

	Year ended December 31, 2009 Successor	2008 Successor	2008 Predecessor		
		Time Charter	Time Charter	Adjustment	Total
Operating revenues	$148,708	$39,095	$55,883	$2,072	$57,955
Operating expenses					
Voyage expenses	-	-	-	1,944	1,944
Vessel operating					

Total operating expenses	86,991	24,241	31,914	4,174	36,088
Operating income (loss)	61,717	14,854	23,969	(2,102)	21,867
Interest income	519	413	424	-	424
Interest expense	(24,224)	(3,842)	(17,600)	-	(17,600)
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives	4,806	(55,293)	2,749	-	2,749
Income (loss) before income taxes	42,818	(43,868)	9,542	(2,102)	7,440
Income taxes	(444)	(102)	(23)	-	(23)
Net income (loss)	$42,374	$(43,970)	$9,519	$(2,102)	$7,417

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