



Nordic American Tanker Shipping Ltd. (NAT) - (AMEX: NAT) (OSE: NAT) announces good results and dividend payment despite low tanker markets

As of 06/30/02 (per 2nd quarter 2002) NAT had an operating profit of \$3.6 m as against \$7.9 m during the same period last year. The net profit per June 30, 2002 was \$2.8 m as against \$7.2 m in the same period last year. The decrease in the earnings in the first half of 2002 compared to the same period in year 2001 is a result of tanker rates were high during the first half of year 2001.

The result for the 2nd quarter 2002, enables the company to pay a 3rd quarter 2002 dividend of \$0.33 per share. Including the dividend for the 3rd quarter of 2002, the total dividend paid so far in 2002 is \$1.03 per share. The total dividend paid in 2001 was \$3.87 per share. In year 2000 the company paid a total dividend of \$2.56 per share as against \$1.35 per share in 1999. The 3rd quarter 2002 dividend of \$0.33 will be paid on or about August 15th to shareholders of record as of July 26th 2002. The next dividend payment from NAT will be declared in October 2002.

Under the contracts with BP Shipping, NAT achieves rates that correspond to the spot market for modern Suezmax tankers, but not below \$ 22,000 per day (T/C equivalent), which is the agreed minimum rate with BP Shipping. The spot market for Suezmax tankers in the second quarter of 2002 (not the NAT vessels) was below the agreed minimum rate with the charterer BP Shipping. The spot market rate in the second quarter was at the same level as the first quarter of 2002. The 2nd quarter 2002 time charter (T/C) equivalent for the NAT vessel was the agreed minimum rate of \$22,000 which was the same as in the first quarter of 2002.

The contracts for the NAT vessels are drawn up in a way that secures income 365 days a year for the vessels and no off-hire. The contracts with BP Shipping commenced on October 1, 1997 and run for minimum 7 years and maximum 14 years if all options are declared.

The quarterly T/C equivalent for the NAT vessels has since 1999 been as follows:

Period	1999	2000	2001	2002
1 st Quarter	22,000	26,079	51,607	22,000
2 nd Quarter	22,000	33,701	35,088	22,000
3 rd Quarter	22,000	48,153	28,668	
4 th Quarter	22,000	59,059	22,617	

NAT has 9.706.606 shares in issue.

The results for the first quarter of 2002 compared to the same quarter last year, the last quarter of 2001 and the full year of 2001, are as follows:

INCOME STATEMENT INFORMATION*All figures in USD*

	1/1 - 6/30 2002	1/1 - 6/30 2001	2nd Qtr. 2002	2nd Qtr. 2001	All 2001
Revenue	7 330 500	11 678 940	3 685 500	7 258 087	28 359 568
Ship Broker Commissions	(91 631)	(92 137)	(46 069)	(46 069)	(184 781)
Management Fee Expense	(125 000)	(125 000)	(62 500)	(62 500)	(250 000)
Insurance Expense	(42 000)	(42 500)	(21 000)	(17 499)	(72 333)
Other Expenses	(18 356)	(10 260)	(2 505)	(14 536)	(31 406)
Depreciation	(3 415 520)	(3 415 520)	(1 707 760)	(1 707 760)	(6 831 040)
Net Operating Income	3 637 992	7 993 523	1 845 665	5 409 723	20 990 008
Financial Income	11 468	108 207	5 326	55 232	189 244
Financial Expenses	(882 348)	(889 556)	(451 938)	(443 538)	(1 793 776)
Net Financial Items	(870 880)	(781 349)	(446 611)	(388 306)	(1 604 532)
Net Profit	2 767 113	7 212 174	1 399 054	5 021 417	19 385 476
Earnings per Share	0,29	0,74	0,14	0,52	2,00
Cash Flow per Share	0,64	1,09	0,32	0,69	2,70

The quarterly dividend paid since the commencement in 1997 has been as follows:

Period	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
1 st Quarter		0.40	0.32	0.34	1.41	0.36
2 nd Quarter		0.41	0.32	0.45	1.19	0.34
3 rd Quarter		0.32	0.35	0.67	0.72	0.33
4 th Quarter	0.30	0.30	0.36	1.10	0.55	
Total USD	0.30	1.43	1.35	2.56	3.87	

Balance sheet for Nordic American Tanker Shipping Ltd per 6.30.02 and 12.31.01
(Figures in USD)

	6.30.02	12.31.01
Vessels	138,328,485	141,744,005
Current assets	64,195	283,615
Cash deposits	229,626	630,868
Total assets	138,622,306	142,658,488
Shareholder's equity	108,592,261	112,619,822
Long term debt	30,000,000	30,000,000
Current liabilities	30,045	38,666
Total liabilities & equity	138,622,306	142,658,488

Ugland Nordic Shipping AS (UNS), domiciled in Norway and holding 10.3 % of the shares in NAT, is the manager of NAT.

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