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## For Immediate Release

### COMMENT ON RECENT TRADING ACTIVITY OF FIRST SHIP LEASE TRUST

**Singapore, 15 October 2008** – FSL Trust Management Pte. Ltd. (“FSLTM”), the Trustee-Manager of First Ship Lease Trust (“FSL Trust”), notes the heavy trading of FSL Trust units on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited in recent days and the significant change in the unit price.

FSLTM would like to assure investors that FSL Trust continues to receive steady lease rental payments from its eight lessees, all of whom have been making full and prompt payment of their lease rentals monthly in advance. FSLTM has a robust set of risk management protocols and is in regular dialogue with its lessees with regard to their credit-worthiness.

FSLTM is reaffirming its distribution per unit (“DPU”) guidance as follows:

For Q3 2008	-	US3.05 cents
For Q4 2008	-	US3.08 cents
For Q1 2009	-	US3.17 cents

The DPU guidance for Q1 2009 assumes that FSL Trust’s lenders do not invoke the market disruption clause at the next interest rate reset in late December 2008 / early January 2009. FSLTM notes that the gap between LIBOR and the cost of funds to the lenders has already narrowed since the last interest rate reset.

FSLTM would also like to reiterate that the vessel portfolio of FSL Trust is fully financed and that there is no committed capital expenditure that requires additional funding.

Further, FSL Trust does not have any loan maturities for at least 3 years under the three loan tranches that it has entered into with the lenders.

FSLTM has not received any notices of changes in unitholdings from any new or existing substantial unitholders or from any of the directors of FSLTM since the notification received on 8 October 2008 from American International Assurance Company, Limited that it has increased its interests in FSL Trust from 8.9953% to 9.2931%.

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*The initial public offering of units in First Ship Lease Trust (the "Offering") commenced on 19 March 2007 and closed on 22 March 2007. In the Offering, Deutsche Bank AG, Singapore Branch was the Sole Global Co-ordinator, Joint Lead Manager and Joint Bookrunner and J.P. Morgan (S.E.A.) Limited was the Joint Lead Manager and Joint Bookrunner.*