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FSL TRUST RECEIVES STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITS DISTRIBUTION REINVESTMENT SCHEME

- Unitholders holding 30.9% of total FSL Trust issued units elected to receive their distributions in new units
- Healthy participation level is a testament of confidence in FSL Trust's stability and long-term prospects
- Reaffirms DPU guidance of US2.45 cents for 2Q FY09

Singapore, 2 June 2009 – FSL Trust Management Pte Ltd (“FSLTM”), Trustee-Manager of First Ship Lease Trust (“FSL Trust”), today announced that the Distribution Reinvestment Scheme (“DRS”) applied for the quarter ended 31 March 2009 (“1Q FY09”) has received strong support from unitholders.

Unitholders holding 155,540,770 units or 30.9% of the total number of issued FSL Trust units elected to receive their distributions in the form of new units, in lieu of US2.45 cents per unit in cash. Accordingly, FSLTM has issued 15,554,077 new units and the units have been credited into the CDP securities account of these unitholders on 29 May 2009. The total outstanding issued units of FSL Trust now stand at 518,665,077.

FSL Trust's Sponsor, FSLTM and the respective Board Directors of the Sponsor and FSLTM opted for new units in respect for all or part of their unitholdings, totaling 44,214,000 units.

Mr Philip Clausius, Chief Executive Officer of FSLTM, said: “The participation level in the DRS was much stronger than we expected and we are certainly very pleased with the outcome. That so many unitholders chose to receive their distribution in new units is a testament of their confidence in the stability and long-term prospects of FSL Trust.”

With the issue of 15,554,077 new units, a total sum of US\$3.8 million has been retained and this will be primarily applied towards voluntary debt repayment.

DPU guidance for 2Q FY09

FSLTM today also reaffirmed its DPU guidance of US2.45 cents for the quarter ending 30 June 2009 ("2Q FY09"). This represents approximately 75% of the projected distributable cash flow. The residual cash from the distributable cash flow, together with the US\$3.8 million retained under the DRS, will be applied towards a voluntary loan prepayment of US\$8 million on the next interest reset date.

All of FSL Trust's eight lessees have been making full and prompt advance payment of their monthly lease rentals, including those for June 2009. FSLTM expects them to continue to meet their payment obligations.

FSL Trust has no committed capital expenditure and no immediate need for substantial capital raising to support its current lease portfolio.

The Trustee-Manager continues to be proactive and prudent in its approach to capital management of the Trust and seeks cash flow accretive growth opportunities to maximize unitholders' value.

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About First Ship Lease Trust (“FSL Trust”)

First Ship Lease Trust (Reuters: FSLT.SI; Bloomberg: FSLT SP; OTCQX: FSHPY) is a provider of leasing services on a bareboat charter basis to the international shipping industry. FSL Trust has a diversified portfolio of 23 modern and high quality vessels, consisting of seven containerships, nine product tankers, three chemical tankers, two dry bulk carriers and two crude oil tankers. These vessels have an average age of approximately 4.0 years[^] and an average remaining lease period of approximately 8.5 years[^] (excluding extension periods and early buy-out options).

FSL Trust is listed on the main board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“SGX-ST”) and its American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) are traded on the PrimeQX tier of International OTCQX. It is managed by FSL Trust Management Pte. Ltd. (“FSLTM”), the Trustee-Manager. FSLTM is focused on growing the vessel portfolio of FSL Trust through accretive acquisitions with long-term bareboat charters. More details on FSL Trust are available at www.FSLTrust.com.

[^] As at 31 March 2009, and on a dollar-weighted average basis by net book value.

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