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NOTICE TO UNITHOLDERS ON FOREX RATE

Singapore, 22 May 2012 – FSL Trust Management Pte. Ltd., the Trustee-Manager of First Ship Lease Trust (“FSL Trust”), would like to inform all unitholders of FSL Trust that the distribution of US0.10 cents per unit for the quarter ended 31 March 2012 will be paid on Thursday, 31 May 2012.

Unitholders who did not opt to receive their distribution in US Dollars, will receive it in Singapore Dollars at the foreign exchange rate of US\$1.00 = S\$1.2665, which was fixed on 22 May 2012. This means that unitholders will receive S\$1.27 for every 1,000 units of FSL Trust held at the time of books closure.

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About First Ship Lease Trust (Bloomberg: FSLT SP; Reuters: FSLT.SI; OTCQX: FSHPY)

First Ship Lease Trust (“FSL Trust” or the “Trust”) is a provider of leasing services on a long-term bareboat charter basis to the international shipping industry. The Trust has a diversified portfolio of 25 modern and high quality vessels, comprising seven containerships, eleven product tankers, three chemical tankers, two crude oil tankers and two dry bulk carriers.

FSL Trust is managed by FSL Trust Management Pte. Ltd., the trustee-manager. The trustee-manager aims to grow and diversify the Trust’s portfolio through accretive acquisitions of vessels with leases, to increase predictable cashflow generation and to provide regular cash distributions to unitholders of the Trust.

FSL Trust is listed on the main board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (SGX-ST) and its American Depository Receipts (ADRs) are quoted on the PrimeQX tier of International OTCQX. FSL Trust is a component stock of the FTSE ST Maritime Index and the MSCI Global Micro Cap index.

This news release may contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual future performance, outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements as a result of a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Representative examples of these factors include (without limitation) general industry and economic conditions, interest rate trends, cost of capital and capital availability, competition from other companies, changes in operating expenses, trust expenses and governmental and public policy changes and the continued availability of financing in the amounts and the terms necessary to support future business. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are based on current view of management on future events.

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