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INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS APPOINTED TO FSL TRUST AUDIT COMMITTEE

Singapore, 23 July 2013 - FSL Trust Management Pte. Ltd. ("**FSLTM**"), as trustee-manager of First Ship Lease Trust ("**FSL Trust**"), wishes to announce that Mr. Michael J. Oliver and Mr. Simon S. Davidson, both non-executive and independent directors of the Board of FSLTM, have been appointed as members of FSLTM's Audit Committee ("**Audit Committee**").

Mr. Michael J. Oliver, who has over 40 years of international experience in the banking and financial services industry, will serve as Chairman of the Audit Committee. With the new appointments, the Audit Committee now comprises three non-executive and independent directors:-

- Mr. Michael J. Oliver (Chairman)
- Mr. Simon S. Davidson
- Dr. Michael John Montesano III

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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.

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