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**FSL TRUST SUCCESSFULLY RAISES S\$41 MILLION VIA PRIVATE PLACEMENT**

- Net proceeds to support future growth via vessel acquisition with leases
- Strengthens balance sheet
- Well-positioned to grow and further diversify portfolio

**Singapore, 7 September 2009** - FSL Trust Management Pte. Ltd. ("FSLTM"), Trustee-Manager of First Ship Lease Trust ("FSL Trust") refers to the announcements dated 4 September 2009 and 7 September 2009 (the "Announcements") in relation to the placement of new units (the "Placement") in FSL Trust (the "New Units"). Pursuant to the Placement, 80,000,000 New Units will be allotted and issued at the issue price of S\$0.525 per New Unit (the "Issue Price").

The Issue Price represents a discount of approximately 11 per cent. to S\$0.59, being the volume weighted average price of the units for trades done on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") for the full market day preceding the date on which the placement agreement was signed and adjusted to exclude the estimated Stub Distribution<sup>1</sup> of 1.27 US cents to be distributed to the holders of the Existing Units<sup>2</sup>.

The net proceeds<sup>3</sup> from the Placement (the "Proceeds") will amount to approximately S\$41 million. FSLTM intends to deploy the Proceeds to support the future growth of FSL Trust via acquisitions of vessels or vessel-owning companies with leases. FSLTM will make an announcement or announcements as and when the Proceeds are materially deployed.

FSLTM, on behalf of FSL Trust, will make a formal application to the SGX-ST for the listing and quotation of the New Units on the Main Board of the SGX-ST and the completion of the Placement is subject to, *inter alia*, such approval in-principle ("AIP") being obtained.

<sup>1</sup> Distribution for the period from 1 July 2009 to the day immediately preceding the date on which the New Units will be issued under the Placement. The New Units are expected to be issued on 17 September 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Units in FSL Trust in issue on the day immediately prior to the date on which the New Units will be issued under the Placement.

<sup>3</sup> After deduction of the fees and expenses relating to the Placement.

As stated in the Announcements, FSLTM has declared a Stub Distribution for the period from 1 July 2009 to the day immediately preceding the date on which the New Units will be issued under the Placement (the New Units are expected to be issued on 17 September 2009), instead of the full quarter from 1 July 2009 to 30 September 2009 as originally scheduled. The next distribution following the Stub Distribution is expected to be in respect of the period from the day the New Units are issued under the Placement, to 30 September 2009 (see Table 1). Quarterly distributions are expected to resume thereafter. The New Units, which are expected to be listed on the SGX-ST on 18 September 2009, will not be entitled to the Stub Distribution, but will otherwise rank equally with other existing units and will be entitled to all future distributions after the Stub Distribution. The Stub Distribution is intended as a means to ensure fairness to the holders of the Existing Units. The issue of the New Units will raise the total number of units in issue to 598,665,077.

Table 1

	<b>Estimated Distribution for Period 1 Jul 09 to 16 Sep 09* (Estimated Stub Distribution)</b>	<b>Estimated Distribution for Period 17 Sep 09 to 30 Sep 09*</b>	<b>Distribution per unit for 1 Jul – 30 Sep 2009</b>
Existing Units	1.27 US cents per unit	0.23 US cents per unit	1.50 US cents per unit (Guidance)
New Units (issued under Placement)	Not applicable	0.23 US cents per unit	0.23 US cents per unit (Estimated)

\* Estimated only and subject to AIP and assuming that the New Units are issued on 17 September 2009. The actual amounts of distribution will be announced when they are determined.

Mr Philip Clausius, Chief Executive Officer of FSLTM said: “The Placement is an opportunity to strengthen FSL Trust’s balance sheet and position us strategically, as we consolidate and move into the next phase of our growth. The credit crunch and the downturn in the global shipping industry have created a number of opportunities for FSL Trust to structure attractive acquisitions with high quality counterparties. With a strengthened capital structure, we are in a strong position to capitalize on these opportunities to grow and further diversify FSL Trust’s portfolio. We are pleased with the positive reception for the Placement, which includes a number of new investors in FSL Trust, broadening and diversifying the spread of our unitholders.”

**Note:**

- This press release should be read and understood only in conjunction with the full text of FSL Trust's announcements lodged on SGXNET on 4 Sep 2009 and 7 Sep 2009 on the same subject.
- This press release is not an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the New Units or any other securities within the United States. The New Units have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") or any state securities laws, and are being offered for resale in the United States only to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act, and to persons outside the United States in compliance with Regulation S of the Securities Act. Unless so registered, the New Units may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an exemption from registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. This press release is not being, and should not be, distributed in or sent into the United States.

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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 long-term 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 4.25 years<sup>^</sup> and an average remaining lease period of approximately 8.24 years<sup>^</sup> (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 quoted 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 cash flow accretive acquisitions with long-term bareboat charters. More details on FSL Trust are available at [www.FSLTrust.com](http://www.FSLTrust.com).

<sup>^</sup> As at 30 June 2009, and on a dollar-weighted average basis by net book value.

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