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Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited

PRESS RELEASE
FINANCIAL RESULTS AS AT 2ND QUARTER OF YEAR 2002

As Thai Baht and Singapore Dollar strengthened against US dollar in the second quarter of year 2002, the net profit of Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited had recorded a 284% increase over the same quarter last year at THB634 million. The first half net profit of 2002 stood at THB900 million and which is THB833 million higher than previous year when the Group was only recording a net profit of THB67 million in the first half of 2001.

In 2Q2002, the Group recorded an unrealized exchange gain of THB422 million while an unrealized exchange loss of THB185 million was being recorded for the same quarter last year.

Besides the unrealized exchange gain from the Group's US\$ denominated debt; the Group also recorded lower operating expenses in 2Q2002 when comparing to the same quarter last year. Total expenses before exchange loss, tax and loss on disposal of vessel was down by 9% at THB2.7 billion. The savings were mainly due to higher efficiency achieved of our tonnage through the slot exchange program & faster equipment turnaround and cost reduction at all levels of operation activities. In 2Q2002, to improve the overall fleet efficiency, the Group had disposed a 21 years old vessel and suffered a book loss of THB48 million on loss of disposal.

The Group's turnover for the second quarter was down by 13% at THB3.11 billion compared to THB3.56 billion for the same quarter last year. The reduction in turnover was partly due to the weakening of US\$ against the regional currencies as the Group income is US\$ based and partly due to the freight rate erosion being carried forward from second half of 2001. From a quarter to quarter basis, 2Q2002 turnover is 4% up against 1Q2002 and which had shown clear signs that the freight rate erosion had been stabilized.

Regional Container Lines PLC
August 13, 2002

2001-1H2002 Earnings Statement in Baht

all figures base on financial statements reported to SET

(million baht)	1st Quarter	Half-Year	9 months	Yearend	1st Quarter	Half-Year
	2001	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002
Freight income	3,346.96	6,879.86	10,212.99	13,415.65	2,968.42	6,053.42
Total revenues	3,374.54	6,934.67	10,294.86	13,523.60	2,993.67	6,106.74
Cost of freight and operations	2,691.53	5,467.03	8,257.83	10,982.05	2,468.03	4,987.76
Gross profit	683.00	1,467.65	2,037.03	2,541.55	525.64	1,118.98
Administrative expenses	193.54	400.59	594.68	826.92	176.42	418.45
EBIT before Fx and Impairment	489.46	1,067.05	1,442.35	1,714.63	349.22	700.53
Depreciation	179.02	370.75	572.17	756.68	184.65	321.61
Amortization	5.96	11.92	15.21	15.21	0.00	0.00
EBITDA before Fx and Impairment	674.44	1,449.72	2,029.73	2,486.53	533.87	1,022.14
Interest expense	219.69	444.83	641.53	818.98	142.87	281.09
Earnings before tax, Fx and Impairment	269.77	622.23	800.82	895.66	206.35	419.44
Taxes paid	1.99	2.24	4.37	8.57	1.15	3.07
Net earnings before realised Fx and Impairment	267.78	619.98	796.45	887.09	205.20	416.37
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(365.19)	(550.18)	(207.30)	(804.41)	60.05	482.14
: Unrealised Fx gain (loss)	(365.35)	(525.05)	(176.50)	(729.45)	58.42	465.92
: Realised Fx gain (loss)	0.16	(25.13)	(30.80)	(74.96)	1.64	16.23
Net earnings after realised Fx gain (loss)						
<i>but before Impairment costs</i>	267.94	594.85	765.64	812.13	206.84	432.59
Loss on impairment of assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	383.33	0.00	0.00
Minority interest	0.84	2.66	1.35	(3.04)	(0.91)	(1.87)
Net earnings for the period	(98.25)	67.14	587.80	(297.61)	266.16	900.38
EXCHANGE RATE : AVERAGE RATE FOR EARNING STATEMENTS						
THB : 1 USD	44.4436	44.4185	44.5357	44.4829	43.7416	43.0783
THB : 1 SGD	24.9051	25.8256	24.9867	24.7774	23.8154	23.7783
SGD : 1 USD	1.7663	1.7950	1.7886	1.7953	1.8367	1.8117

2001-1H2002 Earnings Statement in US\$

	1st Quarter	Half-Year	9 months	Yearend	1st Quarter	Half - Year
(million US\$)	2001	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002
Freight income	77.1	154.9	229.3	301.6	67.9	140.5
Total revenues	77.7	156.1	231.2	304.0	68.5	141.8
Cost of freight & operations	63.2	125.6	189.3	251.8	57.9	118.4
Gross profit	14.5	30.5	41.9	52.2	10.6	23.4
Administrative expenses	4.4	9.0	13.4	18.6	3.8	9.8
EBIT before Fx and Impairment	10.1	21.5	28.5	33.6	6.8	13.6
Depreciation & Armortisation	5.2	10.7	16.3	21.9	5.5	9.7
EBITDA before Fx and Impairment	15.3	32.2	44.8	55.5	12.3	23.3
Interest expenses	5.1	10.0	14.4	18.4	3.3	6.5
Earnings before income tax	5.0	11.5	14.1	15.2	3.5	7.1
Taxes	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Net earnings (before FX account)	5.0	11.4	14.0	15.1	3.5	7.0
Foreign exchange accounts						
: FX gain	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
: Fx loss	0.0	0.6	0.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Net earnings after Fx but before Impairm	5.0	10.8	13.3	13.4	3.5	7.4
Loss on impairment of assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	0.0	0.0
Minority interest	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net earnings for the year	5.0	10.7	13.3	3.1	3.5	7.4

9 August 2002

The Board of Directors
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Dear Sirs,

Consolidated financial statements in United States Dollars

As requested, we have obtained from the management the consolidated balance sheets as at 30 June 2002 and 31 December 2001, and the statements of earnings and retained earnings for the six-month periods ended 30 June 2002 and 2001 of Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group") in United States Dollars ("USD") and performed the following procedures as agreed upon :-

- (i) We obtained basis used by management in determining the exchange rates applied in the translation of financial information.
- (ii) We recomputed the translation of financial information into USD.
- (iii) We checked the casting and extension of the translated USD financial information in the statements.

The above procedures do not constitute either an audit or a review in accordance with Thai generally accepted auditing standards and the basis of translation is not necessarily in compliance with Thai generally accepted accounting principles. We therefore cannot give any assurance on the basis of these procedures.

The above procedures were performed solely to assist you in the preparation of the financial information in USD for presentation to your bankers for the purpose of their facilities review, and are not to be referred to for any other purposes or distributed to any other parties without our prior consent.

Yours faithfully,
ERNST & YOUNG OFFICE LIMITED

Vissuta Jariyathanakorn
Partner

REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	30 June 2002		31 December 2001	
	Million	Million	Million	Million
	Baht	USD	Baht	USD
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	1,738.8	41.8	857.5	19.4
Trade accounts receivable, net	2,210.7	53.2	2,052.3	46.4
Trade accounts receivable - related parties	12.0	0.3	12.4	0.3
Other current assets	<u>272.6</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>223.8</u>	<u>5.0</u>
Total current assets	<u>4,234.1</u>	<u>101.9</u>	<u>3,146.0</u>	<u>71.1</u>
Non-current assets				
Land and premises, net	2,572.5	72.8	2,620.2	72.9
Vessels and equipment, net	11,988.2	368.0	12,482.5	379.8
Other non-current assets	<u>159.1</u>	<u>5.4</u>	<u>173.0</u>	<u>5.6</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>14,719.8</u>	<u>446.2</u>	<u>15,275.7</u>	<u>458.3</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>18,953.9</u></u>	<u><u>548.1</u></u>	<u><u>18,421.7</u></u>	<u><u>529.4</u></u>

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REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Continued)

	30 June 2002		31 December 2001	
	Million	Million	Million	Million
	Baht	USD	Baht	USD
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities				
Trade accounts payable	1,321.2	31.8	1,433.5	32.4
Trade accounts payable - related parties	-	-	10.4	0.2
Current portion of finance lease creditors	168.1	4.0	183.8	4.2
Current portion of long-term loans	1,655.9	39.8	1,718.3	38.8
Promissory notes	1,000.0	24.1	-	-
Other current liabilities	188.8	4.5	151.8	3.4
Total current liabilities	4,334.0	104.2	3,497.8	79.0
Non-current liabilities				
Finance lease creditors - net of current portion	368.3	8.8	476.2	10.7
Long-term loans - net of current portion	7,192.8	173.0	8,376.0	189.1
Debentures	1,000.0	24.1	1,000.0	22.6
Total non-current liabilities	8,561.1	205.9	9,852.2	222.4
Total liabilities	12,895.1	310.1	13,350.0	301.4
Shareholders' equity				
Share capital				
Issued and fully paid				
66,300,000 ordinary shares of Baht 10 each				
(31 December 2001 : 63,666,287 ordinary shares				
of Baht 10 each)				
	663.0	20.6	636.7	20.0
Share premium	3,073.2	113.7	2,986.3	111.7
Translation adjustment	724.8	-	748.3	-
Retained earnings				
Appropriated - statutory reserve	63.7	1.9	63.7	1.9
Unappropriated	1,508.6	101.2	608.3	93.8
Equity attributable to Company's shareholders	6,033.3	237.4	5,043.3	227.4
Minority interest - equity attributable				
to minority shareholders of subsidiaries	25.5	0.6	28.4	0.6
Total shareholders' equity	6,058.8	238.0	5,071.7	228.0
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	18,953.9	548.1	18,421.7	529.4

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REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIODS ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 AND 2001

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>
	Million	Million	Million	Million
	Baht	USD	Baht	USD
EARNINGS				
Revenues				
Freight income	6,053.4	140.5	6,879.9	154.9
Gain on exchange	482.1	0.4	-	-
Other income	<u>53.4</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>54.8</u>	<u>1.2</u>
Total revenues	<u>6,588.9</u>	<u>142.2</u>	<u>6,934.7</u>	<u>156.1</u>
Expenses				
Cost of freight and operations	4,682.2	108.7	5,119.1	115.2
Depreciation	321.6	9.7	361.6	10.7
Administrative expenses	354.0	8.2	387.0	8.7
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	48.5	1.6	-	-
Loss on exchange	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>550.2</u>	<u>0.6</u>
Total expenses	<u>5,406.3</u>	<u>128.2</u>	<u>6,417.9</u>	<u>135.2</u>
Earnings before interest and income tax expenses	1,182.6	14.0	516.8	20.9
Interest expenses	(281.1)	(6.5)	(444.8)	(10.0)
Corporate income tax	<u>(3.1)</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>(2.2)</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>
Earnings after income tax	898.4	7.4	69.8	10.8
Net loss (earnings) - minority interest	<u>1.9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2.6)</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>
Net earnings for the period	<u><u>900.3</u></u>	<u><u>7.4</u></u>	<u><u>67.2</u></u>	<u><u>10.7</u></u>
RETAINED EARNINGS				
Retained earnings - unappropriated				
Balance - beginning of period	608.3	93.8	905.9	90.7
Net earnings for the period	<u>900.3</u>	<u>7.4</u>	<u>67.2</u>	<u>10.7</u>
Total retained earnings - unappropriated	<u>1,508.6</u>	<u>101.2</u>	<u>973.1</u>	<u>101.4</u>
Retained earnings - appropriated				
Statutory reserve	<u>63.7</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>63.7</u>	<u>1.9</u>
Total retained earnings - appropriated	<u>63.7</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>63.7</u>	<u>1.9</u>
Total retained earnings	<u><u>1,572.3</u></u>	<u><u>103.1</u></u>	<u><u>1,036.8</u></u>	<u><u>103.3</u></u>

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BASIS OF PREPARATION

1. THAI BAHT FIGURES

The Thai Baht figures in the balance sheet as at 30 June 2002 and profit and loss accounts for the six-month periods ended 30 June 2002 and 2001 were extracted from the reviewed consolidated financial statements. The Thai Baht figures in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2001 were extracted from the audited consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements included the financial statements of Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited (hereinafter called “the Company”) and its subsidiaries in Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and the People’s Republic of China.

For consolidation purposes, foreign currency financial statements of the subsidiaries were translated into Thai Baht at the closing exchange rates as to assets and liabilities, and at the average rates as to revenues and expenses. The resultant difference has been presented under the caption of “Translation adjustment” in the shareholders’ equity.

2. USD FIGURES

2.1 The USD figures in the consolidated balance sheets were determined by translating the Thai Baht consolidated balance sheets of the Group using the following exchange rates :-

a) For assets and liabilities, we used the following approximate rates :-

As of 30 June 2002	:	USD 1	=	Baht 41.5745
As of 31 December 2001	:	USD 1	=	Baht 44.2697

b) The approximate rates as of 1 January 1997 were used for brought-forward balances of share capital, share premium, property, vessels and equipment:-

For the Company and its Thailand subsidiary

USD 1 = Baht 25.5850

For its Singapore subsidiaries

USD 1 = SGD 1.4020

For its Hong Kong subsidiaries

USD 1 = HKD 7.7296

- c) Approximate rates as at the transaction dates were used for additional share capital, share premium, property, vessels and equipment, and disposals of vessels and equipment.

Any differences have been included in “Translation adjustment”.

- 2.2 The USD figures in the consolidated profit and loss accounts were determined by translating the Thai Baht consolidated profit and loss accounts of the Group using the average exchange rates, which were as follows :-

30 June 2002	:	USD 1 =	Baht 43.0783
30 June 2001	:	USD 1 =	Baht 44.4185