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Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited

PRESS RELEASE

FINANCIAL RESULTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006

With improved confidence in USA's and Europe's economy in the second half of 2006, the regional trade had flourished once again, in particular, the traffic between PRC and the rest of the region.

Regional Container Lines enjoyed a record liftings in the fourth quarter of 2006 at 643,600 TEU despite the fourth quarter being traditionally a slack season. The 22% year-on-year improvement in liftings was partially due to strong growth in trade and an adjustment of voyage accounting cut-off in the fourth quarter of 2005, which saw a reduction of 33,385 TEU from its liftings figure. The Group set a new record in liftings for the year 2006 at 2.47 million TEU, which represented a 12% increase as compared to year 2005.

The turnover for the fourth quarter of 2006 before exchange difference and impairment appreciation was only up by 2% to THB 5,132 million, as freight rate suffered due to negative sentiment in tonnage supply. With lower freight rate compared to prior year, total turnover for the year 2006 before exchange difference and impairment appreciation was reduced by 6% at THB20.47 billion.

The Cost of Freight and Operation in the fourth quarter of 2006 increased by 2% to THB 4,005 million. This increase was in line with improved liftings. The total Cost of Freight and Operation for 2006 full year recorded an 8% increase over prior year. As liftings improved while bunker expenses remained high throughout the year, the increase is in line with the operational performance. The interest expenses in the fourth quarter went down marginally by 4% at THB131 million, as the increase in US Dollar interest rate eased since middle of the year.

Resulting from the renewed interest in Singapore office property while Hong Kong office property remained stable in 2006, the Group had provided an impairment appreciation amounting to THB200.5 million for the year.

With improved liftings, stable Cost of Freight and Operation, interest costs and appreciation in the Group's property portfolio, the fourth quarter Net Profit of the Group improved by 60% to THB 1,151 million when compared to the same quarter of last year. While the Group enjoyed record liftings in 2006, the freight rate was under pressure throughout the year due to concern of over supply in tonnage. Consequently, total Net Profit for the Group in 2006 was down by 36% to THB 3,073 million when compared to 2005.

In the fourth quarter of 2006, the regional currency had strengthened further against the U.S. Dollar. The Group recorded an exchange gain of THB 174 million in the fourth quarter compared to an exchange gain of THB 73.4 million in the same quarter last year. In 2006, the full year exchange gain was THB 471.3 million versus a loss on exchange of THB 41.2 million in 2005.

Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited
28 February 2007

Founded in 1979, RCL is a Thai based container shipping line which was public listed on the Thai Stock Exchange since 1988. Its core business is in the carriage of Shipper owned containers (or SOC) and its own Carrier owned containers (or COC) within a service network that is fully Asia centric. RCL currently owns and operates a fleet of 43 vessels with sizes ranging between 500 TEUs to 2598 TEUs, with a fleet of 70,813 TEUs to support its own COC carriage as well. It also operates a network of 56 offices made up of both owned and agency offices to support its service structure. RCL is today recognized as amongst the leading SOC and Intra Asia COC operators by both peers and customers alike.



REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES GROUP

YEARLY EARNING STATEMENTS IN US\$

(million US\$)

	Year-end 2006	Year-end 2005	Year-end 2004	Year-end 2003	Year-end 2002
Freight income	533.9	531.8	444.9	315.5	287.6
Cost of freight and operations	(437.9)	(379.8)	(322.2)	(266.0)	(241.9)
Gross Profit	96.0	152.0	122.7	49.5	45.7
Gross Profit Margin	18.0%	28.6%	27.6%	15.7%	15.9%
Other income	10.2	5.1	3.6	7.2	2.4
Gain on exchange	2.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.4
Reversal of loss on impairment of building	5.5	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total other income	18.5	6.5	3.6	7.2	4.8
Admin expenses	(30.6)	(28.3)	(25.4)	(21.1)	(18.6)
Loss on exchange	0.0	0.0	(0.8)	(0.6)	0.0
Loss on sale of investments	0.0	0.0	(1.1)	0.0	0.0
Loss on impairment of buildings	0.0	0.0	(1.7)	(9.4)	(5.5)
Loss on disposal of vessels	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1.6)
Total other expenses	(30.6)	(28.3)	(29.0)	(31.1)	(25.7)
Interest expenses	(12.7)	(11.8)	(9.7)	(11.3)	(13.5)
Profit / (loss) before taxation	71.2	118.4	87.6	14.3	11.3
Income tax	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.3)	(0.6)	(0.1)
Profit / (loss) after taxation	70.7	117.9	87.3	13.7	11.2
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit / (loss) attributable to members	70.7	117.9	87.3	13.7	11.2

Computation of EBITDA

Profit / (loss) before taxation	71.2	118.4	87.6	14.3	11.3
Add: Impairment loss	0.0	0.0	1.7	9.4	5.5
Add: Interest	12.7	11.8	9.7	11.3	13.5
EBIT	83.9	130.2	99.0	35.0	30.3
Add: Amortisation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Add: Depreciation	32.8	29.4	22.5	18.9	19.2
EBITDA	116.7	159.6	121.5	53.9	49.5

27 February 2007

The Board of Directors
Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited
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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 31 December 2006 and 2005, and the related statements of income and retained earnings for the years ended 31 December 2006 and 2005 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:

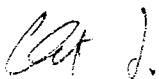
- (i) We obtained management's basis in determining exchange rates applied in the translation of financial information.
- (ii) We recomputed the translation of financial information into USD.
- (iii) We checked the casting and extension of the translated USD financial information in the statements.

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

	31 December 2006		31 December 2005	
	Million Baht	Million USD	Million Baht	Million USD
	ASSETS			
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,606.3	72.2	2,696.7	65.7
Short-term investments	206.5	5.7	215.2	5.2
Trade accounts receivable - unrelated parties, net	1,606.7	44.5	1,843.6	44.9
Trade accounts receivable - related parties	118.2	3.3	167.7	4.1
Other current assets	486.2	13.5	498.0	12.2
Total current assets	5,023.9	139.2	5,421.2	132.1
Non-current assets				
Property and premises, net	2,263.7	65.9	2,215.2	59.3
Vessels and equipment, net	18,503.1	520.3	20,315.9	529.0
Other non-current assets	261.5	7.6	234.2	6.6
Total non-current assets	21,028.3	593.8	22,765.3	594.9
TOTAL ASSETS	26,052.2	733.0	28,186.5	727.0

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REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Continued)

	31 December 2006		31 December 2005	
	Million	Million	Million	Million
	Baht	USD	Baht	USD
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities				
Trade accounts payable - unrelated parties	2,263.7	62.7	2,108.8	51.3
Trade accounts payable - related parties	21.9	0.6	10.9	0.3
Current portion of finance lease creditors	26.2	0.7	67.8	1.7
Current portion of long-term loans	1,058.2	29.3	1,915.8	46.6
Current portion of debentures	769.2	21.3	576.9	14.1
Other current liabilities	271.5	7.5	281.4	6.9
Total current liabilities	4,410.7	122.1	4,961.6	120.9
Non-current liabilities				
Finance lease creditors, net of current portion	-	-	29.9	0.7
Long-term loans, net of current portion	5,743.9	159.0	6,929.5	168.7
Debentures, net of current portion	1,153.9	32.0	1,923.1	46.8
Total non-current liabilities	6,897.8	191.0	8,882.5	216.2
Total liabilities	11,308.5	313.1	13,844.1	337.1
Shareholders' equity				
Share capital				
Issued and fully paid				
663,000,000 ordinary shares of Baht 1 each	663.0	20.6	663.0	20.6
Share premium	3,073.2	113.7	3,073.2	113.7
Translation adjustment	977.7	(13.7)	2,319.7	(8.1)
Retained earnings				
Appropriated - statutory reserve	66.3	1.9	66.3	1.9
Unappropriated	9,939.0	296.7	8,192.4	261.1
Equity attributable to Company's shareholders	14,719.2	419.2	14,314.6	389.2
Minority interest - equity attributable				
to minority shareholders of subsidiaries	24.5	0.7	27.8	0.7
Total shareholders' equity	14,743.7	419.9	14,342.4	389.9
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	26,052.2	733.0	28,186.5	727.0

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REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

INCOME STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006 AND 2005

	2006		2005	
	Million	Million	Million	Million
	Baht	USD	Baht	USD
Revenues				
Freight income	20,156.8	533.9	21,480.1	531.8
Gain on exchange	471.3	2.8	-	0.2
Reversal of loss on impairment of buildings	200.5	5.5	47.5	1.2
Other income	385.3	10.2	206.3	5.1
Total revenues	<u>21,213.9</u>	<u>552.4</u>	<u>21,733.9</u>	<u>538.3</u>
Expenses				
Cost of freight and operations	15,295.1	405.1	14,153.0	350.4
Depreciation	1,189.1	32.8	1,103.5	29.4
Administrative expenses	1,157.3	30.6	1,139.5	28.3
Loss on exchange	-	-	41.2	-
Total expenses	<u>17,641.5</u>	<u>468.5</u>	<u>16,437.2</u>	<u>408.1</u>
Income before interest and income tax expenses	3,572.4	83.9	5,296.7	130.2
Interest expenses	(479.4)	(12.7)	(475.1)	(11.8)
Corporate income tax	(19.3)	(0.5)	(19.8)	(0.5)
Income after income tax	3,073.7	70.7	4,801.8	117.9
Net income attributable to minority interest	(1.1)	-	(1.6)	-
Net income for the year	<u>3,072.6</u>	<u>70.7</u>	<u>4,800.2</u>	<u>117.9</u>

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REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

STATEMENTS OF RETAINED EARNINGS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006 AND 2005

	2006		2005	
	Million	Million	Million	Million
	Baht	USD	Baht	USD
Retained earnings - unappropriated				
Balance - beginning of year	8,192.4	261.1	5,082.9	185.2
Net income for the year	3,072.6	70.7	4,800.2	117.9
Dividend paid	(1,326.0)	(35.1)	(1,690.7)	(42.0)
Total retained earnings - unappropriated	<u>9,939.0</u>	<u>296.7</u>	<u>8,192.4</u>	<u>261.1</u>
Retained earnings - appropriated				
Statutory reserve	<u>66.3</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>66.3</u>	<u>1.9</u>
Total retained earnings - appropriated	<u>66.3</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>66.3</u>	<u>1.9</u>
Total retained earnings	<u><u>10,005.3</u></u>	<u><u>298.6</u></u>	<u><u>8,258.7</u></u>	<u><u>263.0</u></u>

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BASIS OF PREPARATION

1. THAI BAHT FIGURES

The Thai Baht figures in the balance sheets as at 31 December 2006 and 2005 and profit and loss accounts for the years then ended 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 (except for two subsidiaries in Singapore, of which the functional reporting currency in USD) using the following exchange rates:

- a) For assets and liabilities, we used the following approximate rates:
 As of 31 December 2006 : USD 1 = Baht 36.0932
 As of 31 December 2005 : USD 1 = Baht 41.0786
- b) The approximate rates as of 1 January 1997 were used for brought-forward balances of share capital, share premium, investments, property and equipment:

For the Company and its Thailand subsidiary

USD 1 = Baht 25.5850

For its Singapore subsidiary with normal functional currency in Singapore dollar

USD 1 = SGD 1.4020

For its Hong Kong subsidiary

USD 1 = HKD 7.7296

- c) Approximate rates as at the transaction dates were used for additional share capital, share premium, and equipment, and disposals of 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 (except for two subsidiaries in Singapore, of which the functional reporting currency in USD) using the average exchange rates, which were as follows:

31 December 2006 :	USD 1	=	Baht 37.7560
31 December 2005 :	USD 1	=	Baht 40.3903