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ASL Marine Records 69.8% Increase in Net Profit with Strong Revenue Growth

- **FY2006 net profit rose 69.8% to S\$23.1 million on the back of a 42.0% growth in revenue to S\$197.7 million**
- **Higher revenue and profitability recorded by all three segments of shipbuilding, shiprepair and shipchartering operations**
- **Rewards shareholders with record dividend of 2.2 cents per share**
- **New 150,000 dwt graving dry dock in Batam to begin contribution in FY2007**

Singapore, 24 August 2006 – ASL Marine Holdings Ltd. (“ASL Marine” or the “Group”), an integrated marine company offering comprehensive services in shipbuilding, shiprepair and shipchartering; and owning shipyards in Singapore, Batam (Indonesia) and Guangdong (China), achieved strong growth in revenue and profit for FY2006.

The Group recorded a 42.0% rise in revenue to \$197.7 million and a 69.8% increase in net profit to \$23.1 million in FY2006. The significant increase in net profit was made possible from the strong performance in shiprepair and shipchartering segments .

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

S\$'000	FY2006	FY2005	Growth %
Revenue	197,658	139,180	42.0
Gross Profit	29,159	12,823	127.4
Gross Profit Margin	14.8 %	9.2 %	60.9
Net Profit Attributable to Equity Holders	23,066	13,586	69.8
Net Profit Margin	11.7%	9.8%	19.4
Dividend (cents)	2.2	1.8	22.2

OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

The Group achieved broad-based revenue and profit growth in all three segments with revenue from shipbuilding, shiprepair and shipchartering divisions increasing by 27.8%, 131.6% and 56.6% respectively. Gross profit has more than doubled from \$12.8 million in FY2005 to \$29.2 million in FY2006 which was mainly attributable to higher earnings derived from the shiprepair and shipchartering segments.

Revenue from shipbuilding operations increased by 27.8% to \$123.3 million in FY2006. The increase was attributed to the progressive recognition of revenue from the construction of tugs with higher contract values.

Revenue from shiprepair has more than doubled to \$23.3 million in FY2006 with gross margin of 33.4%. This was primarily due to more and bigger shiprepair jobs undertaken in FY2006 since the operation of the floating dock in Batam in May 2005.

The shipchartering and rental operations, which recorded higher revenue of \$51.0 million, also achieved a higher gross profit margin of 31.5% in FY2006. The growth was supported by an increase in fleet size from 107 to 126 vessels as at 30 June 2006, changes in revenue mix with higher proportion of time and lumpsum charter, as well as a general increase in charter rates.

In conjunction with its good performance, ASL Marine is declaring a first and final dividend of 1.8 cents per share and a special dividend of 0.4 cents per share, representing a 22.2% increase over its FY2005 dividend. The dividend is tax-exempted.

Mr Ang Kok Tian, our Chairman and Managing Director commented positively on the Group FY2006 results, "This is our 4th consecutive year of record revenue and net profit. With this track record, the Group has demonstrated its capabilities in achieving the targets that the management has set for the team. All these would not have been possible without the support from our business associates, employees, bankers and shareholders. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the faith and confidence that they have shown in ASL Marine."

PROSPECTS & OUTLOOK

The marine industry is expected to remain with its positive outlook owing to the increasing offshore oil & gas exploration and production activities, International Maritime Organization's regulation to phase out all single hull tankers by 2010, as well as new demand and renewal of ageing offshore support vessels (AHT, AHTS, PSV etc) by offshore operators.

The Group has recently completed a new 150,000 dwt graving dry dock in Batam in the beginning of FY2007. With the completion of the new graving dry dock, ASL Marine is currently one of the few shipyards in the region capable of repairing Capesize class vessels. The operating of the graving dry dock has enhanced the Group's shiprepair capabilities and its prospects of securing more conversion jobs for tankers.

As at 30 June 2006, the Group has an outstanding shipbuilding order book of \$358 million with approximately 58% of these projects are expected to be recognized in FY2007. The Group also has an outstanding order book for long term (contract duration more than one year) shipchartering of approximately \$34 million.

Mr Ang concluded, "The positive business environment, record shipbuilding outstanding order book and expanded shiprepair capacity and capabilities have enhanced the management's optimism going forward. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the revenue and earnings for FY2007 will be higher than that of FY2006. "

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About ASL Marine Holdings Ltd.

ASL Marine Holdings Ltd. ("ASL Marine") is a fast-growing and dynamic marine company. ASL Marine is principally engaged in shipbuilding, shiprepair, shipchartering and other marine related services, catering to customers from Asia Pacific, South Asia, the Middle East and Europe. ASL Marine owns and operates shipyards in Singapore, Batam (Indonesia) and Guangdong (China), providing a comprehensive range of marine engineering services spanning myriad sectors/ industries. The Group's new 150,000 graving dry dock in Batam is one of the few shipyards in the region capable of repairing Capesize vessels. It has a young fleet of more than 120 vessels comprising tugs and barges for its shipchartering operation.

For more information, please refer to the corporate website www.aslmarine.com

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