



ASL MARINE HOLDINGS LTD.

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

Co. Reg. No. 200008542N

QUARTERLY UPDATE PURSUANT TO RULE 1313(2) OF THE LISTING MANUAL

ASL Marine Holdings Ltd. (the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) was placed on the watch-list (the “**Watch-list**”) under financial entry criteria pursuant to Rule 1311 of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “**Listing Manual**”) on 4 December 2019, where the Company has 36 months thereon to meet the requirements of Rule 1314 of the Listing Manual. Pursuant to an extension of time granted by the Singapore Exchange Regulation Pte. Ltd. on 26 October 2022, the Company has till 4 December 2023 to fulfill Rule 1314 of the Listing Manual.

Pursuant to Rule 1313(2) of the Listing Manual, the Board of Directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) wishes to provide an update on the financial situation of the Company and the Group in respect of the first quarter ended 30 September 2023 (“**1Q FY2024**”) and its efforts and the progress made in meeting the financial exit criteria.

Update on Unaudited Financial Performance and Financial Position

The Group reported a revenue of \$88.1 million for the first quarter that concluded on 30 September 2023 (“**1Q FY2024**”). This figure represented an increase of \$20.8 million (31.0%) compared to the corresponding quarter in FY2023, driven by higher contributions from all three business segments.

The Group achieved a profit before tax of \$4.7 million in 1Q FY2024, in contrast to a loss before tax of \$8.0 million in 1Q FY2023. This turnaround was primarily due to higher revenue and gross earnings from all three segments, the absence of other operating expenses, a reduced impairment loss on financial assets, and an improved share of results of associates. These above was partially offset by lower other operating income generated.

The Group's earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortization, impairments, and other non-cash flow items (“**Adjusted EBITDA**”), amounted to \$25.8 million in 1Q FY2024. Importantly, the Group continues to generate a positive cash flow from its operating activities.

For a detailed update on the Group's financial position and performance for the 1Q FY2024, please refer to the Company's quarterly financial statements released on 14 November 2023.

Update on Efforts for Satisfying Financial Exit Criteria

The Group's primary focus continues to be on its core businesses, with sustainable revenue generated from shipbuilding, shiprepair and ship chartering.

Over the past 4 years, the progress of our recovery plan, aimed at meeting the Exit Criteria within 36 months from December 4, 2019, has been hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we gradually return to a state of normalcy from the pandemic, the marine service industry is also recovering in parallel, barring the adverse impacts that may be caused by a) geopolitical tensions, b) rising interest rates and currency fluctuations, and c) inflationary pressures leading to higher energy price, raw material, labor costs due to a tight labor market. While it is challenging to predict the impact of global events and the growing emphasis on greener solutions (such as future green fuels and offshore renewable energy), the overall long-term outlook for the marine industry remains positive and sustainable.

The Group is dedicated to improve its operational performance and will continue to strengthen operational efficiency, productivity, and overall business performance. The Group remains committed to improving its businesses and implementing sustainable business solutions, taking into consideration the current and changing market conditions and the ongoing uncertainty in the global economy that may impact the Group's businesses.

Save for the above, there is no other material developments or update that may have a significant impact on the Group's financial position and the Company's market capitalization that would affect its position on the Watch-list. The Board will continue to closely monitor the situation and will make appropriate announcement(s), if applicable, should there be any material developments or updates.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Ang Kok Tian
Chairman, Managing Director and CEO
14 November 2023