



Nordic American Tanker Shipping Ltd. (NAT) - (AMEX: NAT) (OSE: NAT) announces good results and dividend payment despite falling tanker markets

As of 09/30/01 (per 3rd quarter 2001) NAT had an operating profit of \$18.9 m as against \$17.1 m during the same period last year. The net profit was \$17.8 m as against \$15.9 m in the same period last year.

The result enables the company to pay a 4th quarter 2001 dividend of \$0.55 per share. Including the dividend for the 4th quarter of 2001 the total dividend paid in 2001 is \$3.87 per share. In year 2000 the company paid a total dividend of \$2.56 per share as against \$1.35 per share in 1999. The 4th quarter 2001 dividend of \$0.55 will be paid on or about November 15th to shareholders on record as of October 26th 2001. The next dividend payment from NAT will be declared in January 2002.

Whilst the market for Suezmax tankers in the third quarter 2001 remained relatively strong, it was down compared to the second quarter of 2001. The results of the NAT's three suezmax tankers, which are on contract to BP Shipping, are directly linked to spot market developments.

Average T/C rate for the NAT vessels was \$28,668 per day in the third quarter of 2001, compared to \$35,088 per day in the second quarter of 2001 and \$ 51,607 per day in the first quarter of 2001. In year 2000 the average T/C rates were \$59,059 per day in the fourth quarter, \$48,153 per day in the third quarter, \$33,701 per day in the second quarter and \$26,079 per day in the first quarter.

NAT has 9.706.606 shares in issue.

The year to date (YTD) results for 2001 compared with the same period last year, and the third quarter of 2001 compared to the same quarter last year are as follows:

INCOME STATEMENT INFORMATION

All figures in USD

	1/1 - 9/30 2001	1/1 - 9/30 2000	3rd Qtr. 2001	3rd Qtr. 2000	1/1 - 31/12 2000
Revenue	24 463 388	22 622 976	5 566 283	10 944 036	36 577 262
Ship Broker Commissions	(138 207)	(138 713)	(46 576)	(46 576)	(185 288)
Management Fee Expense	(187 500)	(187 500)	(62 500)	(62 500)	(250 000)
Insurance Expense	(52 499)	(63 750)	(17 501)	(21 250)	(82 500)
Other Expenses	(28 772)	(26 550)	(4 779)	(16 290)	(40 791)
Depreciation	(5 123 280)	(5 123 280)	(1 707 760)	(1 707 760)	(6 831 040)
Net Operating Income	18 933 130	17 083 183	3 727 167	9 089 660	29 187 643
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Financial Income	175 500	183 384	30 632	75 177	277 552
Financial Expenses	(1 335 415)	(1 337 906)	(448 364)	(448 350)	(1 796 231)
Net Financial Items	(1 159 915)	(1 154 522)	(417 732)	(373 173)	(1 518 679)
Net Profit	17 773 215	15 928 661	3 309 435	8 716 487	27 668 964
Earnings per Share	1,83	1,64	0,34	0,90	2,85
Cash Flow per Share	2,36	2,17	0,52	1,07	3,55

The contracts for the NAT vessels are drawn up in a way that secures income 365 days a year for the vessels and no off-hire. The contracts with BP Shipping commenced on October 1, 1997 and run for minimum 7 years and maximum 14 years if all options are declared.

NAT will always achieve rates that correspond to the spot market for modern suezmax tankers, but will not be below \$ 22,000 per day (T/C equivalent), which is the agreed minimum rate with BP Shipping.

The quarterly dividend paid since the commencement in 1997 has been as follows:

Period	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
1 st Quarter		0.40	0.32	0.34	1.41
2 nd Quarter		0.41	0.32	0.45	1.19
3 rd Quarter		0.32	0.35	0.67	0.72
4 th Quarter	0.30	0.30	0.36	1.10	0.55
Total USD	0.30	1.43	1.35	2.56	3.87

Balance sheet for Nordic American Tanker Shipping Ltd per 9.30.01 and 12.31.00 (figures in USD)

	09.30.01	12.31.00
Vessels	143,451,765	148,575,045
Current assets	1,920,472	10,344,534
Cash deposits	1,007,813	1,922,925
Total assets	146,380,050	160,842,504
Shareholders's equity	116,346,220	130,799,004
Long term debt	30,000,000	30,000,000
Accrued interest	33,830	43,500
Total liabilities & equity	146,380,050	160,842,504

Ugland Nordic Shipping ASA (UNS), domiciled in Norway and holding 13.8% of the shares in NAT, is the manager of NAT.

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