

PRESS RELEASE

SAMUDERA REPORTS 158% SURGE IN Q3 2007 NET PROFIT

SINGAPORE, 29 October 2007 – Leading regional container line **Samudera Shipping Line Ltd**, (“Samudera” or the “Group”), today reported its quarterly results ended 30 September 2007.

The key performance highlights are as follows:

S\$'m	Jul-Sep (Q3)		Change	Jan-Sep (YTD)		Change
	2007	2006	%	2007	2006	%
Turnover	149.0	164.4	(9.4)	427.3	505.9	(15.5)
Profit from Operations	11.6	5.3	119.0	27.5	15.7	74.5
Profit before Tax	10.8	4.8	127.2	25.4	16.5	54.4
Profit after Tax	10.4	4.0	158.1	24.1	14.5	66.1
EPS (cents)	1.89	0.73	158.9	4.40	2.61	68.6

PROFIT ANALYSIS

- The Group achieved a 158.1% increase in net profit to \$10.4m for the three months ended 30 September 2007, compared to the same period in 2006. For the nine months ended 30 September 2007, net profit was \$24.1m, an increase of 66.1% over the same period a year ago.
- Net profit margin for Q3 2007 was 7.0%, compared to 2.4% in Q3 2006.
- The Q3 performance takes into consideration a non-recurring gain of \$1.6m on the disposal of an investment property and investment securities in the previous year, as well as a foreign exchange loss of \$1.6m recorded in Q3 2007.
- The Group’s cost of services fell 15.8% in Q3 2007, driven by the Group’s rationalization of its shipping services. Through this rationalization exercise, the Group managed to reduce the number of vessels operated, which in turn led to a lowering of vessel related costs, such as charter hire cost, bunker expenses and port charges.
- The Group’s profit after tax for the first nine months of 2007 was significantly higher than the \$16.1m achieved in FY06.

REVENUE ANALYSIS

- Container volume handled by the Group in Q3 2007 rose by 2.0% to 371,000 teus compared to Q3 2006 despite a drop by about 21,000 teus following the Group’s discontinuation of its China-India-Middle East Express (CIX) Service in Q4 2006 and reduction in the number of ships deployed in its China-India (CSI) Service substantially in Q4 2006. The overall increase in volume by 2% was due



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mainly to an increase in volume by about 6.0% from its other existing services and a further increase of about 2.1% from its new service i.e. Chittagong Express, launched earlier this year.

- Although the container volume increased, the Group's turnover declined 9.4% to \$149m, mainly due to the shift in container volume mix towards a higher proportion of shorter haul cargo. This decline in revenue was however, partially mitigated by a 9.7% increase in Industrial Shipping revenue to \$15.9m arising from an additional ship and better vessels utilization.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- Bunker price has increased and is expected to remain high. In order to minimize the impact of bunker price increase, the Group has entered into a forward contract to hedge part of its bunker consumption. In addition, the Group has implemented bunker surcharge to its customers in Q3 2007.
- The Group entered into an agreement to purchase two 1740-teu container vessels in September 2007. These vessels will be built by Guangzhou Wenchong in China and are expected to be delivered in the 4th quarter of 2008. In addition to this purchase, the Group is also considering to purchase more vessels as part of its efforts to better manage its vessel operating costs.
- In the industrial shipping business, the Group is exploring investment opportunities for new building of dry bulk vessels, product/chemical tankers as well as cement carrier.
- The Group established two new offices in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam and Kolkata, India respectively. A third office in Chennai, India is due to be operational in the near future. These establishments are expected to reinforce the Group's position in the region and provide a platform for it to develop its businesses and better control going forward.

About Samudera Shipping Line Ltd

Samudera Shipping Line Ltd. offers efficient and reliable container shipping services in the Middle East, Indian Sub-continent, South and West Africa, South East Asia, Indo-China and the Far East markets. The container shipping business of the Company can be traced back to 1988 when its parent company started a feeder service between Jakarta and Singapore. From that humble beginning, Samudera has since developed an extensive network of container shipping services, with offices currently based in Dubai, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Shanghai, and Singapore. In addition to container shipping, the Group is also engaged in industrial shipping for the transportation of bulk cargo – both liquid and dry. Samudera was listed on the Singapore Exchange in October 1997, and has thus far established for itself a well-respected and well-recognized brand name. For more information, please visit <http://www.samudera.com/ssl>

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