





## NEPTUNE MARITIME LEASING ANNOUNCES ASIA EXPANSION AND COLLABORATION WITH CK KWEK

ST HELIER, Jersey, May 7, 2024 – Neptune Maritime Leasing Limited ("**Neptune Leasing**" or the "**Company**"), a growth-oriented maritime leasing platform with the mission to providing shipowners with access to a flexible financing tool, is pleased to announce that Chih Keong Kwek has joined the Neptune team as Director of Origination Asia. He will be based in Singapore.

Harris Antoniou, Founder and CEO of Neptune Leasing, commented: "We are pleased to announce the expansion of our services to Asia and honored that yet another leading shipping expert has agreed to join our platform of leasing services to the maritime community. CK will help us expand our coverage of the ever-growing Asian market and thus reach our goal to build a high-quality, both sector and geographically diversified portfolio in shipping. I welcome CK to Neptune Leasing."

"I am thrilled to be part of the Neptune Maritime Leasing family," says CK. "I have worked with Harris previously at Fortis and ABN AMRO, and I have been following the development of Neptune Leasing ever since the company was founded 3 years ago. I look forward to contributing to the momentum that he and his team have built up and to delivering exceptional value to our clients."

CK Kwek is a seasoned corporate banker with more than 30 years of regional banking experience with leading financial institutions across a number of corporate banking functions in structured finance, loan underwriting and distribution, maritime finance, and risk management.

Until recently, CK was Chief Risk Officer at ABN AMRO Singapore. Prior to that he was Head of Shipping at Nordea Singapore and Head of Transportation at Fortis Singapore. He started his banking career with the Debt Capital Markets Group of ING Barings in 1993.

CK received his BBA (Merit) from the National University of Singapore and his MBA (Distinction) from New York University. He is also a certified Financial Risk Manager, and was a Guest Lecturer for the Executive Master of Maritime Administration program at Dalian Maritime University from 2008 to 2010.

## **About Neptune Maritime Leasing**

Neptune Maritime Leasing was established in 2021. It is a growth-oriented maritime leasing platform with the mission to providing shipowners with access to a flexible financing tool and investors with secure access to an under-invested asset class with attractive real yield. Our strategy is to buy high quality assets and build a portfolio of long-term contracts through sale and leaseback transactions in diverse maritime sectors. We are committed to delivering attractive,

long term, risk-adjusted, and responsible returns to our investors, by advancing global trade and economic growth through supporting the maritime industry responsibly, and by making a positive contribution to the environment and to society as a whole. Following the \$220 million investment that Costamare Inc. and Latsco Family Office made in Neptune in March 2023, Marine Money selected Neptune Leasing as the Deal of the Year 2023 Award Winner - Private Equity.



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