

Seaspan Reports Results for the Quarter and Fiscal Period Ended December 31, 2005 and Declares Cash Dividend

HONG KONG, Feb 23, 2006 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Seaspan Corporation ("Seaspan") (NYSE:SSW) announced today its financial results for the quarter and fiscal period ended December 31, 2005, completing Seaspan's first fiscal operating period since the closing of its initial public offering ("IPO") on August 12, 2005. The following discussion of financial results is for the quarterly period from October 1 to December 31, 2005 and the fiscal period from May 3 to December 31, 2005, which includes 142 days of operation from August 12 to December 31, 2005.

"We continued to deliver on our strategy and accomplished all of our key objectives for the period since the completion of our IPO in August 2005," said Gerry Wang, Chief Executive Officer of Seaspan. "We continued to grow our contracted fleet; we achieved deeper penetration of our existing customer base by delivering our first ship to CP USA; and we continued to deliver strong and stable cash flows for distribution to our shareholders."

Financial Highlights for the Quarter and Fiscal Period Ended December 31, 2005

- Reported net earnings of \$9.2 million and earnings per share of \$0.26 for the quarter.

- Reported net earnings of \$14.3 million for the fiscal period, and earnings per share of \$0.40 from commencement of operations.

- Generated \$14.7 million of cash available for distribution during the quarter and \$22.6 million during the fiscal period ended December 31, 2005.

- Paid a quarterly dividend of \$0.23 per share for the pro-rated 50-day quarter ended September 30, 2005 on December 5, 2005.

- Declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.425 per share for the first full quarter ended December 31, 2005.

- Took delivery of another of the company's contracted 4250 TEU vessels, bringing the Seaspan chartered fleet to a total of 13 vessels in operation as at December 31, 2005.

Results for the Quarter and Fiscal Period Ended December 31, 2005

Seaspan reported revenue of \$23.4 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, and \$34.8 million for the fiscal period. Net earnings for the quarter were \$9.2 million, and net earnings for the fiscal period were \$14.3 million. Total operating expenses were \$11.7 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, and were comprised of ship operating costs of \$5.6 million, depreciation of \$4.9 million and general and administrative costs of \$1.2 million. Total operating expenses for the fiscal period ended December 31, 2005 were \$17.1 million, and were comprised of ship operating costs of \$8.3 million, depreciation of \$7.2 million and general and administrative costs of \$1.7 million.

Seaspan reported basic and fully diluted earnings of \$0.26 per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, and \$0.40 per share from commencement of operations.

During the quarter, Seaspan generated \$14.7 million of cash available for distribution, a non-GAAP measure. During the fiscal period Seaspan generated \$22.6 million of cash available for distribution. Please read Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures - Description of Non-GAAP Financial Measures - Cash Available for Distribution for a description of cash available for distribution and a reconciliation of net earnings to cash available for distribution.

Seaspan has declared its first full quarterly cash dividend of \$0.425, representing a total cash distribution of \$15.3 million. Seaspan's Board of Directors has adopted a policy to pay a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.425 per share on Seaspan's common and subordinated shares throughout the period of delivery of Seaspan's contracted fleet. The cash dividend is payable on March 9, 2006, to all shareholders of record on February 23, 2006.

Operational Highlights for the Fiscal Period Ended December 31, 2005

- On October 18, 2005, Seaspan took delivery of the 4250 TEU CP Kanha, purchased for \$52.7 million, for a total of thirteen vessels in operation as of December 31, 2005.

- The CP Kanha, one of Seaspan's contracted vessels, was constructed and delivered approximately eight weeks ahead of the contractual delivery date, and is the first of nine vessels chartered to CP USA, a subsidiary of CP Ships

Ltd.

- Seaspan's fleet was 100% utilized during the 142-day operating period.

The following table summarizes the number of vessels in Seaspan's fleet as it takes scheduled delivery:

Actual	Forecasted					
	Upon Closing of	Third Ouarter	Fourth Ouarter	· · · · · · /		
Vessel Size	IPO	2005	2005	2006	2007	
3500 TEU Class 4250 TEU Class 8500 TEU Class 9600 TEU Class	0 8 2 -	0 10 2 -	0 11 2 -	0 16 2 -	2 19 2 2	
Operating Vessels	10	12	13	18	25	
Capacity (TEU)(1)	50,960	59,466	63,719	84,984	123 , 971	

(1) Seaspan's 3500 TEU vessels, 4250 TEU vessels, 8500 TEU vessels, and 9600 TEU vessels have an actual capacity of 3534 TEU, 4253 TEU, 8468 TEU, and 9580 TEU, respectively.

Recent News

On January 3, 2006, Seaspan took delivery of its 14th contracted vessel, the 4250 TEU Dubai Express. The Dubai Express was constructed and delivered approximately ten weeks ahead of the contractual delivery date, and is the second of nine vessels chartered to CP USA, a subsidiary of CP Ships Ltd.

On February 14, 2006, Seaspan announced that it has agreed to purchase two newbuilding vessels from affiliates of Conti Holding GmbH & Co. KG of Germany. This acquisition is incremental to Seaspan's original contracted fleet, and will increase the company's total fleet to 25 vessels. Seaspan will acquire the two 3500 TEU vessels upon their expected delivery in February and July 2007 respectively from Zhejiang Shipbuilding Co. Ltd. in China. Seaspan also announced that it has simultaneously arranged twelve-year charter agreements for these vessels with a new customer, Cosco Container Lines Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of China Cosco Holdings Co. Ltd.

On February 21, 2006, Seaspan took delivery of its 15th contracted vessel, the 4250 TEU Jakarta Express. The Jakarta Express was constructed and delivered approximately seven weeks ahead of the contractual delivery date, and is the third of nine vessels chartered to CP USA, a subsidiary of CP Ships Ltd.

About Seaspan

Seaspan owns containerships and charters them pursuant to long-term fixed-rate charters. Seaspan currently owns a fleet of 15 containerships consisting of thirteen 4250 TEU vessels and two 8500 TEU vessels. Over approximately the next 17 months, Seaspan will add ten additional vessels to its fleet, including six 4250 TEU vessels, two 9600 TEU vessels, and two 3500 TEU vessels.

Seaspan's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "SSW."

Conference Call and Webcast

Seaspan will host a conference call and webcast for investors and analysts to discuss its results for the quarter on Thursday, February 23, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. PT / 5:00 p.m. ET. Participants should call 1-800-361-0912 (US/Canada) or 1-913-981-5559 (International) and request the Seaspan call. A telephonic replay will be available for anyone unable to participate in the live call. To access the replay, call 1-888-203-1112 or 1-719-457-0820 and enter confirmation code 3908847. The recording will be available from Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. PT / 8:00 p.m. ET through Wednesday, March 8 at 8:59 p.m. PT / 11:59 p.m. ET. A live broadcast of the earnings conference call will also be available via the Internet at www.seaspancorp.com under our Investor Relations section; or go directly to www.seaspancorp.com/investors/eventdetail.cfm?eventid=24956. The webcast will be archived on the site for one year.

SEASPAN CORPORATION UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005

	housands of .S. dollars)
Assets Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents Prepaid expenses	\$ 15,718 2,352
	 18,070
Vessels	621,163
Deferred financing fees	6,526
Fair value of interest rate swaps	 4,799
	\$ 650,558
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred revenue	\$ 1,467 2,759
	4,226
Long-term debt	 122,893
	127,119
Share capital	512,589
Retained earnings	6,051
Accumulated other comprehensive income	 4,799
Total shareholders' equity	 523,439
	650,558

SEASPAN CORPORATION UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE QUARTER AND FISCAL PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

(in thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)

	Quarter ended December 31, 2005		Fiscal period ended December 31, 2005	
Revenue	\$	23,394	\$	34,803
Operating expenses: Ship operating Depreciation General and administrative		5,582 4,909 1,171		8,252 7,186 1,694
		11,662		17,132
Operating earnings		11,732		17 , 671

Other expenses (income):			
Interest expense	1,496	1,699	
Interest income	(124)		
Undrawn credit facility fee Amortization of deferred	639	1,041	
financing fees	486	726	
	2,497	3,342	
Net earnings Retained earnings, beginning of	\$ 9,235	\$ 14,329	
period	5,094	-	
Dividends on common shares	(8,278)	(8,278)	
Retained earnings, end of period	\$ 6,051	\$ 6,051	
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Earnings per share for the quarter and from commencement of			
operations, basic and diluted	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.40	
SEASPAN CORPORATION UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005	FOR THE QUARTER AN	ID FISCAL	
(in thousands of U.S. dollars)			
		Fiscal period	
	Quarter ended	ended	
	December 31,	ended December 31,	
	-	ended	
Cash provided by (used in):	December 31,	ended December 31,	
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Financing fees incurred Dividends on common shares	(1) (8,278)	(7,252) (8,278)
Cash from financing activities	48,524	817,856
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	7,247	15 , 718
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	8,471	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of fiscal period	\$ 15,718	\$

SEASPAN CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (in thousands of U.S. dollars)

Description of Non-GAAP Financial Measures - Cash Available for Distribution

Cash available for distribution represents net earnings adjusted for depreciation, net interest expense and amortization of deferred financing fees. Cash available for distribution is a non-GAAP quantitative standard used in the publicly-traded investment community to assist in evaluating a company's ability to make quarterly cash dividends. Cash available for distribution is not required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and should not be considered as an alternative to net earnings or any other indicator of Seaspan's performance required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

October 1 to	August 12 to				
		December 31		December 31	
Net earnings Add:		\$	9,235	\$	14,329
Depreciation Interest expense Amortization of			4,909 1,496		7,186 1,699
financing fees Less:			486		726
Interest income			124		124
Net cash flows be interest payment Less:			16,002		23,816
Cash interest pa	aid		1,390		1,390
Cash interest re	eceived		124		124
Cash available fo	or distribution	\$	14,736	\$ 	22,550

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This release contains certain forward-looking statements (as such term is defined in Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) concerning future events and our operations, performance and financial condition, including, in particular, the likelihood of our success in developing and expanding our business. Statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", "projects", "forecasts", "will", "may", "potential", "should", and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect management's current views only as of the date of this presentation and are not intended to give any assurance as to future results. As a result, you are cautioned not to rely on any forward-looking statements. Forward-looking

statements appear in a number of places in this release. Although these statements are based upon assumptions we believe to be reasonable based upon available information, including operating margins, earnings, cash flow, working capital and capital expenditures, they are subject to risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: future operating or financial results; our expectations relating to dividend payments and forecasts of our ability to make such payments; pending acquisitions, business strategy and expected capital spending; operating expenses, availability of crew, number of off-hire days, drydocking requirements and insurance costs; general market conditions and shipping market trends, including charter rates and factors affecting supply and demand; our financial condition and liquidity, including our ability to obtain additional financing in the future to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate activities; estimated future capital expenditures needed to preserve our capital base; our expectations about the availability of ships to purchase, the time that it may take to construct new ships, or the useful lives of our ships; our continued ability to enter into long-term, fixed-rate time charters with our customers: our ability to leverage to our advantage our Manager's relationships and reputation in the containership industry; changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities; changes in worldwide container demand; changes in trading patterns; competitive factors in the markets in which we operate; potential inability to implement our growth strategy; potential for early termination of long-term contracts and our potential inability to renew or replace long-term contracts; ability of our customers to make charter payments; potential liability from future litigation; conditions in the public equity markets; and other factors detailed from time to time in our periodic reports, including our Prospectus filed with the SEC on August 8, 2005. We expressly disclaim any obligation to update or revise any of these forward-looking statements, whether because of future events, new information, a change in our views or expectations, or otherwise. We make no prediction or statement about the performance of our common and subordinated shares.

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