

**FROM:** Sun International

The Bahamas

Contact: John Allison Tel: +1.242.363.6016

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## SUN INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES 2002 FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

**PARADISE ISLAND, The Bahamas, April 23, 2002** – Sun International Hotels Limited (NYSE: SIH) reported net income for the quarter, before losses attributed to its recently launched SunOnline internet gaming operations, of \$31.8 million compared to recurring earnings of \$32.9 million in the same period last year. On this basis, earnings per share for the period were \$1.12 compared to recurring earnings per share of \$1.20 for the same period last year. Non-recurring items in 2001 included pre-opening expenses and sale of real estate at the Company's Paradise Island operations.

The Company reported EBITDA for the quarter, excluding SunOnline, of \$54.2 million as compared to \$55.5 million in the same period last year. Butch Kerzner, President of the Company commented, "we are very pleased with the quarter's results. The return of business at Atlantis so soon after September 11 has been excellent. After a somewhat slower January, the property returned to 2001 levels for February and March. Consistent with our strategy not to engage in price discounting, but rather to focus on maintaining rate integrity supported by stronger marketing efforts, we were able to maintain Atlantis' room rate for the quarter. In March, Atlantis recorded the highest monthly revenues in its history."

Including the net loss from SunOnline, the Company recorded net income in the quarter of \$29.6 million, compared to net income of \$33.2 million for the same period last year. On this basis, fully diluted earnings per share for the quarter were \$1.04 compared to \$1.21 for the same period last year. As previously announced, on February 15, 2002, the Company agreed to sell 50% of SunOnline, the Company's online gaming subsidiary, to

Station Casinos, Inc. in a transaction that is expected to close in the second quarter of 2002.

#### Paradise Island

During the quarter, the Company's Paradise Island operations achieved a record EBITDA of \$51.2 million compared to \$50.8 million achieved during the same period last year. The growth in EBITDA was achieved despite a decline in net revenues of \$6.2 million. The Paradise Island operations benefited from the cost controls that were instituted during the last quarter of last year resulting in EBITDA margins increasing from 35.5% last year to 37.5%.

Atlantis' revenue per available room ("RevPar") for the quarter was \$240, a 6% decline from the same period last year. RevPar trends experienced sequential improvement by month, as comparative RevPar declined by 17% and 8% in January and February, respectively, but increased in March by 2%. For the quarter, Atlantis achieved 85% occupancy at a \$284 average daily room rate ("ADR"), the same rate as last year.

Call levels for the quarter into the Company's wholly owned tour operator increased by 11% as compared to the same period last year. Call levels for April are on a pace to increase by 16%. Casino volumes have also been strong. Table drop declined by 17% in the quarter, which was almost entirely attributable to the timing of the Michael Jordan Celebrity Invitational that occurred in January of last year. The tournament has been rescheduled for September. Slot volumes were the same as last year's strong first quarter.

The Company's luxury resort hotel on Paradise Island, the Ocean Club, also performed well and has established itself as one of the premier hotels in the Caribbean. RevPar in the quarter increased by 13% to \$612 in the current year from \$542 in the same period last year. The ADR was \$865 compared to \$739 for the same period last year, which management believes is one of the highest ADRs for any resort property in the Caribbean. The resort has recently enhanced its amenities through the opening of the Ocean Club Spa, which is a new concept in spa design that is designed to provide a uniquely private and exclusive spa experience.

### Connecticut

The Mohegan Sun Casino reported slot revenues for the quarter of \$164.8 million, which was 22% above the comparable quarter last year, having more than doubled the average number of slot machines in the quarter compared to the same period last year.

Trading Cove Associates, an entity 50%-owned by the Company, receives payments from the Mohegan Tribe of 5% of gross operating revenues of the expanded Mohegan Sun operation.

In terms of the Company's agreements with Trading Cove Associates, the Company recorded income of \$6.3 million in the quarter, compared to \$7.0 million in the same quarter last year, which had been favorably impacted by certain priority payments due to the Company.

Mohegan Sun expects to open the majority of its new 1,200-room luxury resort hotel during April 2002 with the balance of the rooms being opened by June 2002. Mohegan Sun's new convention space, which approximates 100,000 square feet, is now in operation.

## **Other Resort Operations**

The Company manages seven luxury resort hotels in Mauritius, Dubai and the Maldives. During the quarter, the Company earned management fees of \$2.2 million from these operations, compared to \$2.6 million in the comparable quarter last year. The decrease in management fees was due primarily to the temporary closure of Le Touessrok in Mauritius, which is currently undergoing a significant refurbishment and is expected to re-open at the end of 2002.

The Company's managed resorts in Mauritius continued to perform well and received international accolades, with the five-star deluxe, Le Saint Geran leading the way by achieving a 15% increase in RevPar. Le Saint Geran was also voted "Best Hotel of the Year 2002" by Tatler magazine in the United Kingdom. In Dubai, the Royal Mirage, is quickly building to its pre-September 11 business levels with March RevPar down only 11% as compared to year ago levels.

### Liquidity

The Company closed the quarter with strong liquidity. At the end of the quarter, the Company held \$76.0 million in cash and cash equivalents, including \$4.5 million in restricted cash. The balance outstanding on the Company's Revolving Credit Facility, which was \$15.0 million at the end of the quarter, has since been paid down in full.

At the end of the quarter, the Company received \$19.0 million in connection with the repayment of principal and accrued interest related to Subordinated Notes due from Colony Capital. The Notes arose in connection with the Company's sale of Resorts Atlantic City, in a transaction that was completed in April 2001.

## **About the Company**

Sun International Hotels Limited is a leading developer and operator of premier casinos, resorts and luxury hotels. Our flagship destination is Atlantis, a 2,317-room, ocean-themed resort located on Paradise Island, The Bahamas. Atlantis is a unique destination casino resort featuring three interconnected hotel towers built around a 7-acre lagoon and a 34-acre marine environment that includes the world's largest open-air marine habitat. We also developed and receive certain revenue from the Mohegan Sun casino in

Uncasville, Connecticut. The Native American-themed Mohegan Sun is one of the premier casino gaming properties in the Northeast. In our luxury resort hotel business, we operate eight beach resorts in Mauritius, Dubai, the Maldives and The Bahamas. For more information concerning Sun International Hotels Limited and its operating subsidiaries, visit our website at www.sunint.com.

This press release contains forward-looking statements, which are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, which are described in the Company's public filings with the Securities Exchange Commission.

Inquiries should be directed to John Allison, Executive Vice President – Chief Financial Officer of Sun International Hotels Limited at +1.242.363.6016.

(Consolidated Statements of Operations and Summary Segment Data are attached.)

# **Sun International Hotels Limited Consolidated Statements of Operations**

(In Thousands of Dollars Except Per Share Data)

		For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2002	2001	
	(Una	udited)	
Revenues:			
Casino and resort revenues	143,924	\$ 151,793	
Less: promotional allowances	(7,001)	(8,801)	
	136,923	142,992	
Tour operations	10,053	10,626	
Management and other fees	8,900	10,116	
Real estate related	-	4,864	
Other	1,168	771	
	157,044	169,369	
Expenses:			
Casino and resort expenses	66,959	71,936	
Tour operations	8,536	9,398	
Selling, general and administrative	22,575	21,727	
Real estate related	-	1,266	
Corporate expenses	6,805	5,992	
Depreciation and amortization	13,654	11,505	
Pre-opening expenses	-	3,257	
	118,529	125,081	
Operating income	38,515	44,288	
Other income and expenses:			
Interest income	908	2,749	
Interest expense, net of capitalization	(10,654)	(14,210)	
Equity in earnings of associated companies, net	1,263	1,823	
Other, net	(130)		
Income before income taxes	29,902	34,650	
Income tax provision	(292)	(1,427)	
Net income	\$ 29,610	\$ 33,223	
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.21	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - diluted	28,402	27,410	

# **Sun International Hotels Limited Summary Segment Data**

(Dollars In Millions Except Room Statistics)
(Unaudited)

		For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2	002		2001
Paradise Island operations				
Gross revenues (1)	\$	143.8	\$	151.8
Casino		37.0		42.4
Hotel (2)		106.8		109.4
EBITDA (3)	\$	51.2	\$	50.8
Atlantis				
Occupancy		85%		90%
ADR	\$	284	\$	284
RevPar	\$	240	\$	256
Ocean Club				
Occupancy		71%		73%
ADR	\$	865	\$	739
RevPar	\$	612	\$	542
Online gaming operations				
Gross revenues	\$	0.1	\$	-
EBITDA loss (4)	\$	(2.1)	\$	-

<sup>(1)</sup> The three month period of 2001 excludes revenues of \$4.9 million from Ocean Club Estates lot sales

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes results of the Company's wholly owned tour operator.

<sup>(3)</sup> The three month period of 2001 excludes a gain of \$3.6 million from Ocean Club Estates lot sales and pre-opening expenses of \$1.5 million.

<sup>(4)</sup> Costs related to online gaming in the three month period of 2001 was comprised of pre-opening expenses of \$1.7 million