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Dear Sirs

Rule 12g3-2 Exemptions for American Depository Receipts ("ADR") Neptune Orient Lines Limited File No. 82-2605

NOL has today made an announcement in relation to the NOL Operating Performance for Period 12, 2009. Attached is a copy of the announcement for your attention, please.

Yours faithfully

Wong Kim Wah (Ms)

Company Secretary

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## >> Announcement Details

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Announcement Title *	NOL OPERATING PERFORMANCE FOR PERIOD 12, 2009
Description	Attached is the operating performance for the 6 weeks (Period 12) from 14 November 2009 to 25 December 2009.
Attachments	NOL_Operating_Performance_for_P12_2009.pdf Total size = <b>33K</b> (2048K size limit recommended)

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## Monthly Operational Update (Unaudited)



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NOL's container shipping operating performance for the 6 weeks (Period 12) from 14 November 2009 to 25 December 2009 are as follows:

	Period 12, 2009	Period 12, 2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Container Shipping						
a) Volume (FEU) b) Average Revenue Per FEU (US\$/FEU)	312,500 2,189	218,100 2,921	43 (25)	2,288,700 2,286	2,464,900 3,033	(7) (25)

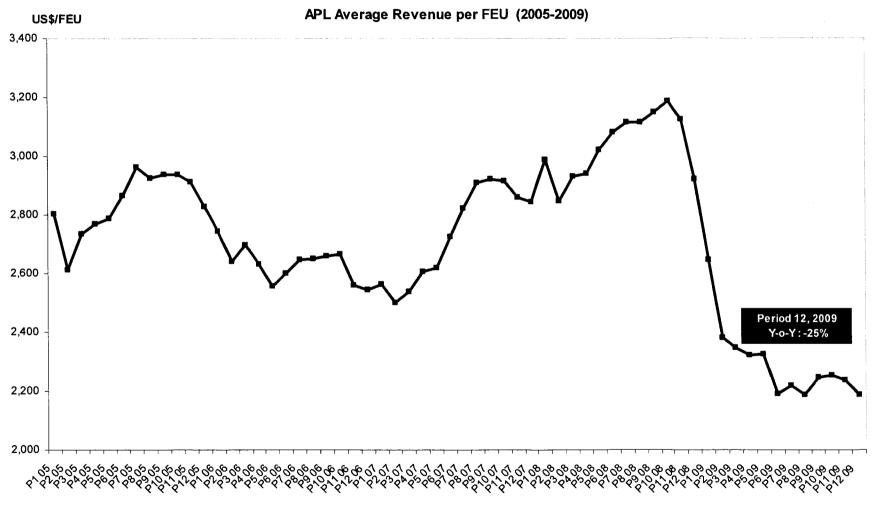
For the six weeks of P12 2009, container shipping volumes increased 43% while average revenue per FEU (Forty-foot Equivalent Unit) declined 25% over the same period last year. The improvement in volume was due to higher volumes lifted in all major trade lanes. Lower average revenue per FEU was due to lower core freight rates, lower bunker recovery and changes in trade mix.

2009 container shipping volumes declined 7% while average revenue per FEU declined 25% over 2008 levels.

Note : Period 1 and Period 12 comprise 6 weeks per period while Periods 2 to 11 comprise 4 weeks per period.

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## APL Average Revenue per FEU (updated as at Period 12, 2009)



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