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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 on the tentative dates for release of NOL's 2009 Full Year results and 2010 Quarterly results. Attached is a copy of the announcement for your attention, please.

Yours faithfully

Wong Kim Wah (Ms) Company Secretary

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NOL's 2009 Full Year and 2010 Quarterly Results Announcement Dates

Description

Please refer to the Company's announcement (attached) on the above subject.

Attachments

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NEPTUNE ORIENT LINES LIMITED ("THE COMPANY") QUARTERLY AND FULL YEAR RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT DATES FOR SGXNET ANNOUNCEMENT

The Company wishes to announce the scheduled dates for the release of its quarterly and full year financial results as follows:

CALENDAR YEAR/QUARTER- END DATES	THE COMPANY'S YEAR/QUARTER- END DATES (BASED ON ITS ACCOUNTING CYCLE)	LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT DATES ON CALENDAR BASIS	THE COMPANY'S SCHEDULED ANNOUNCEMENT DATES
December 31, 2009	December 25, 2009	March 1, 2010	February 11, 2010 (tentative)
March 31, 2010	April 2, 2010	May 15, 2010	May 14, 2010 (tentative)
June 30, 2010	June 25, 2010	August 14, 2010	August 6, 2010 (tentative)
September 30, 2010	September 17, 2010	November 14, 2010	October 28, 2010 (tentative)

As the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") adopts a '6-week' accounting cycle for the first and the last periods (i.e. P1 and P12), and a '4-week' accounting cycle for the rest of the year (i.e. from Period 2 to Period 11), the accounting year/quarter end dates of the Group are not aligned with the calendar dates. The reasons for adopting an accounting cycle with its year/quarter end dates perpetually falling on Friday are explained as follows:

- (a) As a global container shipping, terminals, and logistics group, the Group operates its business worldwide on one accounting system. With the year/quarter end dates always falling on Friday, all the 'subsystem interfaces' batch jobs are scheduled and carried out over the weekends as these activities affect the performance of the accounting system. This arrangement limits the disruption made to the business operations, especially for those processes which heavily rely on the availability and performance of the accounting system.
- (b) This ties in with the weekly voyages deployed by the Group in most of its trade lanes.

Despite the fact that the year/quarter end dates of the Group may fall before or after the calendar dates, the Company is committed to announcing its financial results earlier than the latest announcement dates that are derived based on the end of the calendar year/quarter. For details, please refer to the above table.