VIETNAM MARITIME CORPORATION ORIENTAL SHIPPING AND TRADING JSC

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Ha Noi, date 20month 03 year 2025

Dear to:

State Securities Commission of VietNam

Ha Noi Stock Exchange

ORIENTAL SHIPPING AND TRADING JSC

Stock Code: NOS

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Oriental Shipping and Trading JSC would like to send our sincere greetings and thanks to your agencies for your cooperation and support of our company in the past time..

Base on Financial Statements are audited by Hanoi Branch - UHY Auditing and Consulting Company Limited at 31/12/2024, our company would like to explain for disclaimer of opinion of Financial Stament year 2024 as follows:

1. Explanation of Auditor's opinion:

a. About Loan and finance lease debt, Interest payable:

Our company has sent letters confirming the balance of debts: Loans and financial leasing debts. However, at the time of the audit report, the company only received confirmation of the balance of debts from some banks and credit institutions. Some banks have sold debts to other organizations so they did not respond to the letter.

- Nosco Victory ship was financed by a loan from the Southeast Asia Commercial Joint Stock Bank Hai Phong Branch with co-financing from the Vietnam Public Joint Stock Commercial Bank and the International Commercial Joint Stock Bank Saigon Branch. The above loan was sold by the Banks to the Vietnam Asset Management Company Limited (VAMC).
- Hong Linh ship was financed by loans from Maritime Commercial Joint Stock Bank Hanoi Branch and Vietnam Development Bank SGD I. In 2018, the Company handed over Hong Linh ship to auction assets to recover credit loans. According to the 3-party working minutes on the handling of Hong Linh ship assets, Vietnam Maritime Commercial Joint Stock Bank will write off the principal and interest after completing the handling of the collateral assets. Therefore, in 2024, the Company did not calculate the interest payable on Hong Linh ship.
- b. About Investment in joint venture and associate:

As of December 31, 2024, the Company currently has 01 subsidiary and 02 associates. Including Subsidiary: Nosco Quang Ninh Trading and Water Transport

Joint Stock Company and Associated Companies: Northern Trading and Shipping Joint Stock Company and Nosco Shipyard Joint Stock Company. The Company has set aside 100% of the investment in the above Companies.

- + Nosco Quang Ninh Trading and Water Transport Joint Stock Company has now stopped operating and closed its tax code.
- + Northern Trading and Shipping Joint Stock Company has now stopped operating and has a Decision to declare bankruptcy on January 25, 2018.
- + Nosco Shipyard Joint Stock Company is currently operating and has audited its 2024 financial statements, but the auditor has not yet issued an audit report.

c. Profit in 2024 is loss:

Because the our company's fleets was invested in at a time when the shipping market was developing, the high investment price of ships led to high depreciation expenses and financial expenses.

Main reasons for 2024 business results loss 289.186,17 milion VND as follows:

+ Due to interest expenses payable: 74,561.93 milion VND

+ Due to depreciation of fleets: 118,603.15 milion VND

+ Due to exchange rate differences: 110,739.21 milion VND

2. Explanation of company:

Since taking over the fleet, the Company has always faced many difficulties due to the impact of economic crises such as: The global financial and economic crisis that occurred at the end of 2008 and lasted for a long time; the trade war between the US and China escalated in 2018 and became worse when the Covid-19 pandemic occurred at the end of 2019 to the end of 2021.

Since the end of 2022, the domestic and world economies have entered a recession due to the impact of major causes such as record high inflation, the slowdown of the Chinese economy with the Zero COVID-19 strategy, the Russia-Ukraine conflict and finally the conflict between Israel and the Hamas Islamic armed movement (controlling the Gaza Strip, Palestine) continues to escalate, especially in the energy sector, crude oil prices are still on the rise, causing LSFO/LSMGO prices to increase significantly and show no signs of cooling down. In some areas, there is even a shortage or shortage of goods. The decrease in commodity output and the increase in fuel prices have significantly reduced exploitation efficiency.

The above crises have seriously affected the economy in general and the shipping industry in particular. And have directly impacted the Company's production and business activities, leading to the Company's continuous losses from 2011 to present.

Faced with unpredictable developments in the shipping market, the Company's fleet is facing more difficulties than in previous years due to the increasing age of the ships and poor technical condition.

At the same time, Oriental Shipping and Trading JSC is a large-scale public company. The consolidated financial statements are compiled from reports of branches,

subsidiaries, affiliates and these units are located in many different locations. Therefore, the collection of data for the preparation of the audited financial statements for 2024 has been affected for a long time, so our Company has not been able to provide timely and complete related records and documents to the Auditing Company on time.

Our company believes that in 2025 and the following years, with the efforts of the Board of Directors as well as all employees and crew members of the Company, the above difficulties will be overcome.

Oriental Shipping and Trading JSC thanks and best regards!

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