

# 2020 BULKERS

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

2020 Bulkers Ltd. (together with its subsidiaries, the "Company" or the "Group" or "2020 Bulkers") is a limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda on September 26, 2017. The Company's shares are traded on Oslo Børs under the ticker "2020".

2020 Bulkers is an international owner and operator of large dry bulk vessels. During 2019 the Company took delivery of four Newcastlemax dry bulk vessels and in 2020 the Company took delivery of four additional Newcastlemax dry bulk vessels. All vessels are trading on charters to solid counterparties.

## HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

2020 Bulkers is fully committed to health, safety, quality and environmental protection and identifies these as being essential to long-term financial and reputational success.

2020 Bulkers has outsourced ship management to third party contractors. A structured due diligence and audit process is in place to ensure the highest ship management standards are applied.

Safety is at the core of our activities, both in the office and onboard our ships, and we have a commitment to safeguard

persons from harm or injury and prevent damage to property. 2020 Bulkers' employees are expected to identify operational risks and implement safe work practices.

2020 Bulkers experienced no Loss Time Accidents (LTA) or other personnel injuries in 2020. This statistic includes seagoing crew under employment contracts with our technical managers.

The 2020 Bulkers fleet consists of eight (8) modern, fuel efficient 208,000 DWT Newcastlemax dry bulk vessels. The sister vessels delivered by New Times Shipyard from August 2019 through June 2020 are fitted with Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems and Ballast Water Treatment Systems in compliance with international regulations.

The ships are estimated to be 38% more carbon emission effective per ton mile compared to a standard Capesize vessel due to higher cargo carrying capacity, energy optimized ship hull design, high thermal and mechanical efficiency of main and auxiliary engines and other energy consuming systems onboard.

The EEDI score for our ships is 2.11 which is 16% better than the IMO requirement for phase 1 vessels contracted during the period 2015-19 and meets the phase 2 requirement of 2.23 for ships contracted from 2020-24 with good margin.

We are committed to make use of any proven and economically viable means to reduce our environmental footprint.

## HUMAN RESOURCES AND DIVERSITY

The Company prohibits discrimination against any employee or prospective employee on the basis of sex, race, color, age, religion, sexual preference, marital status, national origin, disability, ancestry, political opinion, or any other basis prohibited by the laws that govern its operations. This is embedded in the Company's Code of Conduct.

## KEY EVENTS DURING 2020

- On January 6, 2020, the Company took delivery of the 208,000 dwt Newcastlemax, Bulk Shenzhen. Upon departing New Times Shipyard, the Bulk Shenzhen commenced a 11-13 month time charter with ST Shipping, a 100% owned subsidiary of Glencore.
- On January 21, 2020, the Company took delivery of the 208,000 dwt Newcastlemax, Bulk Sydney. Upon departing New Times Shipyard, the Bulk Sydney commenced a 36 month index-linked time charter with Koch Industries.
- In April 2020, the Company entered into interest swap arrangements for a notional amount of approximately US\$177 million, effectively securing an all-in interest rate of 3% for the outstanding loan amount under the term loan.
- On June 4, 2020, the Company took delivery of the 208,000 dwt Newcastlemax, Bulk Sao Paulo. Upon departing New Times Shipyard, the Bulk Sao Paulo commenced a 35-37 month time charter with ST Shipping, a 100% owned subsidiary of Glencore.
- On June 16, 2020, the Company took delivery of the 208,000 dwt Newcastlemax, Bulk Santos. Upon departing New Times Shipyard, the Bulk Santos commenced a 35-37 month index-linked time charter with ST Shipping, a 100% owned subsidiary of Glencore.
- On November 2, 2020, the listing of the Company's shares was successfully transferred from Euronext Expand to Oslo Børs Main Listing.
- The Company declared total dividends and cash distributions of US\$0.3 per share for 2020.

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The Company will not engage in or support discrimination and has adopted a non-discriminating practice that strives to ensure equal treatment in recruitment, hiring, compensation, access to training, employee benefits and services, promotion, termination and retirement, irrespective of age, gender, race, color, disability, religion or belief, language, national or social origin, trade union membership, or any other status recognized by international law. This is embedded in the Company's Code of Conduct.

As of December 31, 2020, the Company had five full time employees of which one was female and four were male employees. All seagoing crew are under an employment contract with our technical managers. The Board of Directors consists of four members of which two are female and two are male.

The absence due to sickness was approximately zero % in 2020.

## GOING CONCERN

In accordance with section 3-3a of the Norwegian Accounting Act, the Board confirms that the prerequisites for the going concern assumption exist and that the consolidated financial statements have been prepared based on a going concern basis.

## CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS AND FINANCING

In connection with the delivery of Bulk Shenzhen, Bulk Sydney, Bulk Sao Paulo and Bulk Santos in 2020 the Company utilized US\$120 million of the committed bank financing.

On November 2, 2020, the listing of the Company's shares was successfully transferred from Euronext Expand to Oslo Børs Main Listing.

The Board remains focused on returning the majority of operational free cash flow

after debt service back to shareholders on a monthly basis. During 2020, the Company, in spite of challenging dry bulk markets, returned US\$0.3 per share of dividends and cash distributions to shareholders.

As of December 31, 2019 the Company had a solid funding situation with a cash position of approximately US\$20 million.

Cash breakeven for the fleet, which includes expected general and administrative expenses, operating costs and debt service is estimated at approximately US\$14,500 per ship per day for 2021.

The Company has approximately US\$230 million of net debt, corresponding to approximately US\$29 million per ship. Based on the amortization profile of the debt and sale lease-back financing, debt will be repaid by approximately US\$15 million per year, corresponding to an annual average debt reduction of US\$1.85 million per ship per year.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### *Consolidated Statements of Operations*

Operating revenues were US\$48.9 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 (US\$9.1 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2019). The increase compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2019 is driven by four vessels in operation for the full twelve months, Bulk Shenzhen and Bulk Sydney commencing operations in January 2020 and Bulk Sao Paulo and Bulk Santos commencing operations in June 2020. Bulk Sandefjord, Bulk Santiago, Bulk Seoul and Bulk Shanghai commenced operation in August, September, October and November 2019, respectively.

Total operating expenses were US\$27.8 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 (US\$8.2 million for

the twelve months ended December 31, 2019).

Vessel operating expenses were US\$13.2 million and US\$2.1 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The increase compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2019 is driven by the expansion of the fleet as discussed above under Operating revenues. In addition, the Company estimates US\$0.5 million in Covid-19 related expenses for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020.

Voyage expenses were US\$1.2 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 (US\$0.2 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2019). The increase compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2019 is due to commission and expenses incurred between delivery of Bulk Shenzhen, Bulk Sao Paulo and Bulk Santos from the yard and delivery on time charter during the first half of 2020.

General and administrative expenses were US\$3.5 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 (US\$4.7 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2019). The decrease compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2019, is primarily due to a lower share based compensation expense.

Depreciation and amortization were US\$9.9 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 (US\$1.2 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2019). The increase compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2019 relates to depreciation on vessels delivered during the first half of 2020.

Total financial expenses, net, were US\$10.0 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 (US\$1.2 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2019).

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The increase compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2019 is due to interest on additional debt financing slightly offset by a write-off of deferred loan costs in 2019.

### Consolidated Balance Sheets

The Company had total assets of US\$395.7 million as of December 31, 2020, (December 31, 2019: US\$283.1 million). The increase in total assets of the Company is primarily driven by delivery of four vessels from New Times Shipyard during the first half of 2020.

Total shareholders' equity was US\$142.1 million and US\$138.1 million as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Total liabilities as of December 31, 2020, were US\$253.6 million (December 31, 2019: US\$145.0 million). The increase is primarily attributable to four draw-downs on the term loan facility during the first half of 2020.

### Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Net cash provided by operating activities was US\$21.8 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 (US\$5.1 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2019). The increase compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2019 is due to earnings from four vessels in operation for the full twelve months, Bulk Shenzhen and Bulk Sydney commencing operations in January 2020 and Bulk Sao Paulo and Bulk Santos commencing operations in June 2020.

Net cash used in investing activities was US\$123.2 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 (US\$126.3 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2019). The Company paid delivery instalments of US\$121.6 million for Bulk Shenzhen, Bulk Sydney, Bulk Sao Paulo and Bulk Santos during the twelve months ended December 31, 2020. During

the twelve months ended December 31, 2019 the Company paid total instalments of US\$121.5 million including delivery instalments of US\$55.9 million on Bulk Sandefjord and Bulk Santiago.

Net cash provided by financing activities was US\$101.2 million during the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 (US\$141.1 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2019). The Company drew US\$120.0 million on the term loan facility when the Company paid delivery instalments for Bulk Shenzhen, Bulk Sydney, Bulk Sao Paulo and Bulk Santos during the twelve months ended December 31, 2020. The Company also repaid US\$12.4 million of long-term debt as well as paying US\$5.3 million of dividends and cash distributions

during the twelve months ended December 31, 2020. The Company completed two private placements raising net proceeds of US\$63.6 million, drawing US\$60.0 million on the term loan facility and receiving net proceeds of US\$21.6 million from the sale lease-back transaction during the twelve months ended December 31, 2019. In addition, the Company paid dividends of US\$3.0 million in 2019.

As of December 31, 2020, the Company's cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash amounted to US\$20.0 million (December 31, 2019: US\$20.2 million).

### Outstanding shares

As of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company had a share capital

Ship name	Delivery	Charterer	Rate US\$	Charter expiry
Bulk Sandefjord	Aug-19	Koch	Index linked + premium + scrubber benefit	Aug-22
Bulk Santiago	Sep-19	Koch	Index linked + premium + scrubber benefit	Nov-21-Jan-22
Bulk Seoul	Oct-19	Koch	Index linked + premium + scrubber benefit	Dec-21-Feb-22
Bulk Shanghai	Nov-19	Glencore	18,000, gross + scrubber benefit	Mar-21
Bulk Shenzhen	Jan-20		Voyage charter - 18,500, net	Apr-21
Bulk Sydney	Jan-20	Koch	Index linked + premium + scrubber benefit	Jan-23
Bulk Sao Paulo	Jun-20	Glencore	27,200, gross + scrubber benefit	May-Jul-23
Bulk Santos	Jun-20	Glencore	27,200, gross + scrubber benefit	May-Jul-23

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of US\$22,170,906 divided into 22,170,906 shares at par value of US\$1.00 each.

## OUR FLEET

The current chartering status is summarized in the table on page 5.

On January 6, 2020, the Company took delivery of the 208,000 dwt Newcastlemax, Bulk Shenzhen. Upon departing New Times Shipyard, the Bulk Shenzhen commenced a 11-13 month time charter with ST Shipping, a 100% owned subsidiary of Glencore.

On January 21, 2020, the Company took delivery of the 208,000 dwt Newcastlemax, Bulk Sydney. Upon departing New Times Shipyard, the Bulk Sydney commenced a 36 month index-linked time charter with Koch Industries.

In February 2020, the Company converted the index-linked charter hire for Bulk Shenzhen and Bulk Shanghai into fixed rate charter hire at US\$21,919 per day, gross and US\$22,673 per day, gross, respectively, for the remainder of 2020.

In May 2020, the Company converted the index-linked charter hire for Bulk Sandefjord and Bulk Sydney into fixed rate charter hire at US\$14,378 per day, gross and US\$14,002 per day, gross, respectively, for the remainder of 2020. The vessels earned in addition a profit share based on the fuel cost saving generated by the scrubbers.

On June 4, 2020, the Company took delivery of the 208,000 dwt Newcastlemax, Bulk Sao Paulo. Upon departing New Times Shipyard, the Bulk Sao Paulo commenced a 35-37 month time charter with ST Shipping, a 100% owned subsidiary of Glencore.

On June 16, 2020, the Company took delivery of the 208,000 dwt Newcastlemax, Bulk Santos. Upon departing New Times Shipyard, the Bulk Santos commenced a

35- 37 month index-linked time charter with ST Shipping, a 100% owned subsidiary of Glencore.

On March 3, 2021, the Company converted the index-linked charter hire for Bulk Sao Paulo and Bulk Santos into fixed rate charter hire at US\$27,200 per day, gross, for the remainder of 2021. In addition, the vessels earn a profit share based on the fuel cost saving generated by the scrubbers.

## CHARTERING UPDATE

Currently, 2020 Bulkercs has four vessels trading on index-linked time charters. The Bulk Shanghai, Bulk Sao Paulo and Bulk Santos are trading on fixed time charters plus daily scrubber benefits. The Bulk Shenzhen is trading on a voyage charter with estimated duration until mid-April and expected to generate time charter equivalent earnings of US\$18,500 per day, net. All the concluded charters represent a significant earnings premium to a standard Capesize vessel driven by the additional cargo intake and lower fuel consumption. Charterers are also paying a premium to reflect the economic benefit of our vessels' scrubbers. The Company continues to see strong interest from first class charterers.

For 2021, the Company has fixed employment for approximately 782 days at US\$25,400 per day. 2,138 operating days are linked to the development in the Capesize spot market. Based on the Company's constructive market view, our strategy is to maintain a high exposure to the spot market for the remainder of the year. The structure of our index-linked contracts allows the Company to convert these charters to fixed rates on the basis of the prevailing FFA market from time to time, should we wish to increase our level of fixed charter coverage.

## MARKET COMMENTARY

The Capesize market averaged US\$13,073 per day in 2020, down from US\$18,025 in

2019. The year was characterized by significant volatility with the Baltic 5TC index hitting a low of US\$1,992 per day in May before recovering to a high of US\$34,896 per day in October. The first half of the year is normally a seasonally weak period in the Capesize market and this year was additionally impacted by Covid-19 related disruptions at the same time as Brazil suffered from the worst rainy season in 100 years as well as maintenance and repairs on key mining operations following the tragic accident at Vale's Brumadinho mine in 2019. During the second half of the year, rates recovered strongly on the back of high Chinese steel demand and improving iron ore export volumes out of Brazil.

Chinese steel production is the most important driver for iron ore demand as China represents approximately 75% of seaborne iron ore imports. Following the Covid-19 outbreak, Chinese authorities launched a number of stimulus efforts leading to an increase in infrastructure investments. These measures had a positive impact on steel demand and led to a 5,7% increase in Chinese steel production for 2020, compared to 2019. As a consequence, Chinese iron ore imports rose 9,4% compared to 2019. During 2021, China has continued to lead the recovery in steel production with steel production as of January 2021 up 12,8% year over year. It is also encouraging to see that steel production ex-China is catching up with year to date production up 2,4% compared to the same period last year.

Chinese iron ore inventories remain relatively low and currently stand at 121 million tons, compared to 110 million tons a year ago. The current inventories represent 30 days of consumption, down from 43 days at the same time last year.

The Baltic 5TC Capesize index as of March 9, 2021 stands at US\$16,170 having averaged US\$16,722 year to date, compared to US\$4,907 during the same period in 2020.

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## DRY BULK FLEET DEVELOPMENT

The global dry bulk fleet stands at 916 million dwt as of March, 2021, up from 885 million dwt in March 2020.

The current orderbook for dry bulk vessels currently stands at 5.75% of the existing fleet, down from 9.72% in March 2020.

A total of 1.5 million dwt has been ordered year to date significantly less than the 4.7 million dwt ordered during the same period in 2020.

A total of 2.25 million dwt has been scrapped year to date (February, 2021), compared to 3.2 million dwt for the same period in 2020 (February, 2020).

## OUTLOOK

2020 Bulkerc has a robust financial structure with moderate financial leverage and a solid cash position. Our operating cash breakeven, which is estimated at approximately US\$14,500 per day for 2021, is significantly lower than the current one year time charter assessment for a scrubber fitted Newcastlemax, which is currently in excess of US\$29,000 per day. Taking into account the Company's fixed time charter coverage, the six vessels that are exposed to the spot market for the majority of the second quarter and all of the second half of the year need to earn an estimated US\$10,000 per day for the company to cover its operating cash breakeven.

The Company will continue its strong capital discipline, and will remain focused on returning the majority of free cash flow to shareholders as dividends and cash distributions.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Company has prepared a Corporate Governance Report which is included as a separate section of this Annual report. The

Environmental, Social and Governance Report can be found on the Company's website. The Company has based its corporate governance principles on the Norwegian Code of Practice for Corporate Governance published on October 30, 2014 (the "Code"). There are, however, some areas where the Company's governance principles differ from those of the Code, primarily due to differences between the Bermuda Companies Act and/or the Company's Bye-laws and the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act.

## RISK FACTORS

The Company is exposed to a variety of risks, including market, operational, financial and tax risks.

The most significant risk to the Company is the cyclical nature of the dry bulk market with attendant volatility in freight rates, vessel values and consequently, profitability. Fluctuations in rates result from imbalances between the supply and demand for vessel capacity and changes in the supply and demand for the commodities carried by water internationally. The supply of and demand for shipping capacity determine the freight rates. Because the factors affecting the supply and demand dynamics of the shipping segments the Group is invested in are outside of the Group's control and are unpredictable, the nature, timing, direction and degree of changes they influence in business conditions are also unpredictable.

Other key risks are outlined below, which are not meant to be exhaustive:

The Company's vessels will be subject to perils particular to marine operations, including capsizing, grounding, collision and loss and damage from severe weather or storms. The vessels may also be subject to other unintended accidents. Such circumstances may result in loss of or damage to the relevant vessel, damage to property

(including other vessels) and damage to the environment or persons or for actions for damages connected with existing and future contracts which cannot be fulfilled. Such events may lead to the Group being held liable for substantial amounts by contractual counterparties, injured parties, their insurer and public governments. In the event of pollution, the Group may be subject to strict liability. Environmental laws and regulations applicable in the countries in which the Group operates have become more stringent in recent years. Such laws and regulations may expose the Group to liability for the conduct of or conditions caused by others, or for acts by the Group that were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time such actions were taken.

The occurrence of the above mentioned events may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition, results of operation and liquidity, and there can be no assurance that the Group's insurance will fully compensate any such potential losses and/or expenses. Further, the Company's management will monitor the performance of each investment, however, the Company will rely upon third party technical and day-to-day management of the assets, and there can be no assurance that such management will operate successfully.

The operation of dry bulk vessels has certain unique operational risks and the cargo itself and its interaction with the vessel can be a risk factor. By their nature, dry bulk cargoes are often heavy and may shift in a hold unless carefully distributed and stowed causing loss of vessel stability. High moisture bulk cargoes may cause free water surface on-top with subsequent loss of stability during a voyage, and certain cargoes may react badly to water exposure. In addition, dry bulk vessels are often subjected to battering treatment during

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unloading operations with grabs, and use of bulldozers to maximize cargo outturn. This harsh handling may cause structural weakness or damage to the vessels and thus render them more susceptible to a hull breach at sea. Hull breaches in dry bulk vessels may lead to the flooding of cargo holds. If a dry bulk vessel suffers flooding, the combination of cargo and sea water may result in very high shear force and bending moment and eventually cause catastrophic buckling or collapse of vessel's bulkheads leading to the loss of the vessel.

If the Group is unable to adequately maintain or safeguard its vessels, it may be unable to prevent such events. Any of these circumstances or events could negatively impact the Group's business, financial condition or results of operations. In addition, the loss of any of its vessels could harm the Group's reputation as a safe and reliable vessel owner and operator.

The Group's success depends, to a significant extent, upon the abilities and efforts of a small number of key personnel, employed in 2020 Bulkers Management AS and providing services to the Group under the terms of the Management Agreement, and there can be no assurance that such individuals will continue to be employed by the Group and involved in the management of the Group in the future, or that their continued involvement will guarantee the future success of the Group. If the Group does not retain such key competence, and/or if it is unable to attract new talent or competencies relevant for the future development of the Group, this may have a negative effect on the success of the Group, and the Group's ability to expand its business and/or to maintain and develop its competitive skill set, which will correspondingly have an adverse effect on the Group's competitive position and financial performance.

The Company generates revenues and incurs operating expenses in U.S. dollars and the majority of the general and administrative expenses are denominated in NOK. The Company has not hedged any foreign currency exposure.

The interest rates on the term loan facility and sale lease-back financing are based on LIBOR + a margin. In April 2020 the Company entered into interest swap arrangements for a notional amount of approximately US\$177 million, effectively securing an all-in interest rate of 3% for the outstanding loan amount under the term loan. The Company is exposed to fluctuations in the interest rate on the sale lease-back financing.

The Company has chartered out five vessels to Koch Shipping Pte. Ltd. and three vessels to ST Shipping and Transport Pte. Ltd. The two customers are large international companies and 2020 Bulkers assess the companies as solid counterparties with low credit risks.

There is a concentration of credit risk with respect to cash and cash equivalents to the extent that nearly all of the amounts are carried with Danske Bank. However, we believe this risk is remote, as Danske Bank is an established financial institution.

The availability of financing alternatives for future investment opportunities may be unavailable at sufficiently attractive terms. The Company is also exposed to general movements on the Oslo Stock Exchange, which may limit the possibility of raising new equity at attractive prices.

With the increased use of technologies such as the internet to conduct business, the Group, service providers to the Group and Oslo Børs are susceptible to operational, information security and related "cyber" risks both directly and indirectly, which could result in material adverse consequences for

the Group and the shareholders, such as causing disruptions and impacting business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses. Unlike many other types of risks faced by the Group, these risks are typically not covered by any insurance. In general, cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber incidents include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to digital systems (e.g., through "hacking" or malicious software coding) for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data, or causing operational disruption. Cyberattacks may also be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites (i.e., efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users).

Norwegian authorities amended Norway's tax code in 2018, by including a provision in the tax rules whereby a non-Norwegian company (such as the Company or a subsidiary) may be considered tax resident in Norway if it has its "effective place of management in Norway". The interpretation of this principle is functional and shall "take into account the management at the level of the Board of Directors and daily management but also other factors pertaining to the company's organisation and activities". No assurance can be given that Norway will not claim that the Company or any subsidiary is tax resident in its jurisdiction, which may increase taxes payable.

## IMPACT OF COVID-19

Port restrictions, including immigration restrictions and quarantine measures related to Covid-19, continue to create challenges for crew changes on regular intervals. The Company estimates that operating expenses was negatively impacted by approximately US\$325 per day per ship on average during the third and fourth quarter due to increased costs related to travel, quarantines and testing of crews.



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Additionally, the Company recorded approximately 6 days of off-hire in the third and fourth quarter due to vessels deviating from their optimal route in conjunction with crew changes.

We expect to continue to incur higher than normal operating expenses as well as

some off-hire related to crew changes for as long as Covid-19 continues to have an impact.

We continue to work closely with our technical managers to protect the safety and well-being of our crews while minimizing potential off-hire related to crew changes.

The Board would like to thank the dedicated seafarers aboard our vessels. These seafarers, many of whom have had their terms of service onboard extended due to logistical difficulties, are critical to the success of the Company.

**March 11, 2021**

/s/ Kate Blankenship  
Kate Blankenship  
*Director*

/s/ Georgina Sousa  
Georgina Sousa  
*Director*

/s/ Neil Glass  
Neil Glass  
*Director*

/s/ Jens Martin Jensen  
Jens Martin Jensen  
*Director*

# RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge, that the consolidated financial statements for 2020, which have been prepared in accordance with US GAAP,

give a true and fair view of the Company's consolidated assets, liabilities, financial position and result of operations, and that the 2020 report includes a fair review of the

information required under the Norwegian Securities Trading Act section 5-6 fourth paragraph.

**March 11, 2021**

/s/ Kate Blankenship  
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*Director*

/s/ Georgina Sousa  
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*Director*

/s/ Neil Glass  
Neil Glass  
*Director*

/s/ Jens Martin Jensen  
Jens Martin Jensen  
*Director*

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

2020 Bulkers Ltd. (“2020 Bulkers” or “the Company”) is a company organized and existing under the laws of Bermuda. The corporate governance principles applicable to it are set out in the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, its bye-laws (the “Bye-laws”) and its memorandum of association.

As a consequence of the listing of the Company’s shares on the Oslo Stock Exchange (the “OSE”), certain aspects of Norwegian law, notably the Norwegian Securities Trading Act and the Norwegian Stock Exchange Regulations are also relevant for its corporate governance policy.

## 1. 2020 BULKERS CORPORATE GOVERNANCE POLICY

The overall corporate governance policy of 2020 Bulkers is the responsibility of its board of directors (the “Board”).

In defining this policy, the Board will observe the requirements set out in applicable laws, cf. above, relevant recommendations and the specific requirements arising from the Company’s business activities.

The most important recommendation of relevance to the Company’s corporate governance is the Norwegian Code of Practice for Corporate Governance of 30 October 2014 (the “Code”).

The Board recognizes that the Code represents an important standard for corporate governance for companies whose shares are listed on the OSE. Most of the principles and recommendations in the Code are included in the Company’s corporate governance policy. There are, however, some areas where the Company’s governance principles differ from those of the Code, primarily due to differences between the Bermuda Companies Act and/or the Bye-laws and the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act.

The Board has codified certain corporate governance principles in a “Code of Con-

duct,” applicable to all employees in the Company and its subsidiaries (the “2020 Bulkers Group”).

The Code of Conduct can be found on the Company’s website (<https://2020bulkers.com/company/>).

The Board has formulated the Company’s overall mission and the core values on which all of the activities of the 2020 Bulkers Group shall be based. These can be found in the Company’s website.

The Board has, in line with the Code’s recommendations, prepared this report in order to disclose those of its corporate governance principles which do not comply with the recommendations of the Code.

## 2. THE BUSINESS

The Company’s memorandum of association describes the Company’s objects and purposes as unrestricted. This deviates from the recommendation in the Code but is in line with the requirements of the Bermuda Companies Act.

The Company has clear objectives and strategies for its business. These are described in the Company’s annual report and on its website.

## 3. EQUITY AND DIVIDENDS

The Board strives to identify and pursue clear business goals and strategies for the Company, to assess and manage the risks associated with these, and to maintain an equity capital and liquidity position which are sufficient to match the same.

Under the Bye-laws, the Board may declare dividends and distributions without the approval of the shareholders in general meetings. This differs from the recommendation in the Code.

The Company’s aim is to provide its shareholders with a competitive return

on their investment through a positive development in the price of the Company’s shares and, when the Company’s cash flow so allows, dividends or cash distributions to its shareholders.

The Company’s shareholders may, by way of a resolution in a general meeting of all shareholders (a “General Meeting”) increase the Company’s authorized share capital, reduce the authorized share capital (by reducing the number of unissued but authorized shares) and increase or reduce the issued share capital. The procedures and ratifications of this are set out in the Bye-laws and the Bermuda Companies Act.

The Board has, under Bermuda law, wide powers to issue authorized but unissued shares in the Company. The Board is also authorized in the Bye-laws to purchase the Company’s shares and hold these in treasury. These powers are not restricted to any specific purposes nor to a specific period as the Code recommends.

## 4. EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH CLOSE ASSOCIATES

The Company has one class of shares only. Each share carries one vote. All shares have equal rights. All shares give a right to participate in General Meetings.

Under the Bermuda Companies Act, no shareholder has a pre-emptive right to subscribe for new shares in a limited company unless (and only to the extent that) the right is expressly granted to the shareholder under the bye-laws of such company or under any contract between the shareholder and such company. The Bye-laws do not provide for pre-emptive rights.

The Board will only transact in the Company’s shares at their market value (as reflected in the share price quoted on the OSE from time to time).

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Members of the Board (each a “Director”) and the Company’s senior management shall notify the Board if they have any material interest, whether direct or indirect, in any transaction which the 2020 Bulkiers Group intends to conclude.

Following these guidelines, any Directors and/or member of the Company’s senior management who have an interest in any such transaction shall always refrain from participating in the discussions on whether to conclude such transaction or not in the relevant corporate bodies in the 2020 Bulkiers Group.

Further, the Board shall always consider whether it is appropriate to obtain an independent third-party valuation of the object of any material transaction between the Company and any of its close associates.

## 5. FREELY NEGOTIABLE SHARES

The Company’s shares are, subject to the exception set out below, freely tradable.

The Bye-laws requires the Board to decline to register a transfer of the Company’s shares in a situation where the Board is of the opinion that such transfer might breach any applicable law or requirement of any authority or the OSE until it has received such evidence as it needs to satisfy itself that no such breach will occur.

## 6. GENERAL MEETINGS

The Code requires that notice of General Meetings, (including any supporting documents for the resolutions to be considered therein) is made available on the Company’s website no later than 21 days prior to the date of the General Meeting.

The Bye-laws allows, in accordance with Bermuda law, for notice to be given no less than 7 days (excluding the day on which the notice is served and the day on which the General Meeting to which it relates is to be held) prior to a General Meeting.

This differs from the recommendation of the Code.

The Board aspires to maintain good relations with its shareholders and possible investors in its shares, and to have an investor relation policy which complies with the OSE’s Code of Practice for Investor Relations.

The Board shall ensure that as many shareholders as possible are able to participate in the General Meetings. To achieve a high rate of shareholder attendance therein the Company shall:

- provide, on its website, the date of and, if possible, further information on each General Meeting as early as possible, and at the latest 7 days in advance thereof;
- provide, together with or before the notice is given, sufficient supporting documentation for any resolution proposed to be made therein in order for the shareholders to prepare;
- ensure that any registration deadline is set as close to the General Meeting as possible; and
- ensure that the shareholders may vote for each and all of the candidates for the Board.

## 7. NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Code recommends that the Company has a nomination committee.

The Company is not, under Bermuda law, obliged to establish a nomination committee. The Board is of the opinion that there are, for the time being, not sufficient reasons to establish a nomination committee.

The Board will consult with the Company’s main shareholders prior to proposing candidates for Directors and will ensure that the Board consists of Directors with

the expertise and competence as shall be required by the Company from time to time.

## 8. CORPORATE ASSEMBLY AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMPOSITION AND INDEPENDENCE

The Company does not have a corporate assembly.

According to the Bye-laws the Board shall consist of not less than two Directors. Currently the Board consists of four Directors.

It is the view of the Board that at least two of its Directors are independent of the Company’s main shareholders. Further, it is the view of the Board that a majority of the Directors are independent of the Company’s senior managers and main business partners. No Director is employed by the 2020 Group.

The Board will, in accordance with normal procedures for Bermuda companies, elect its chairman. This differs from the recommendation in the Code that the General Meeting shall elect their chairman of the Board.

The Directors shall, subject to applicable law and the Bye-laws, hold office until the first General Meeting following such Director’s election. The Directors may be re-elected.

A short description of the current Directors is available on the Company’s website – <https://2020bulkiers.com/team/>.

## 9. THE WORK OF THE BOARD

The Code recommends that the Board develops and approves written guidelines for its own work as well as the work of the Company’s senior managers with particular emphasis on establishing clear internal allocation of responsibilities and duties.

The Bermuda Companies Act does not require the Board to prepare such guidelines.

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The Board is of the opinion that there are no reasons to issue such guidelines at present.

The Code recommends that the Board establishes an audit committee and a remuneration committee.

Although the Bermuda Companies Act does not require the Company to establish such committees, the Board has established an Audit Committee, but the Board is of the opinion that there is no reason to establish a remuneration committee at present.

## 10. RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board is focused on ensuring that the 2020 Bulkiers Group's business practices are sound and that adequate internal control routines are in place. The Board continuously assesses the possible consequences of and the risks related to the 2020 Bulkiers Group's operations.

The 2020 Bulkiers Group is committed to protecting the health and safety of all of its employees and contractors in all their activities for the 2020 Bulkiers Group and is committed to ensure generally accepted QHSE principles are integrated in everything the 2020 Bulkiers Group does.

The Board supervises the Company's internal control systems. These cover both the 2020 Bulkiers Group's operations and its guidelines for ethical conduct and social responsibility.

## 11. REMUNERATION OF THE DIRECTORS

The remuneration of the Directors is set by the General Meeting. The Company may, on occasion, pay Directors their fee in the Company's shares and/or grant Directors under the Company's share option scheme.

Section 11 of the Code requires that Directors should not take on specific assignments for the Company in addition to their appointment as Directors.

The 2020 Bulkiers Group will not refrain from engaging Directors for specific assignments for the Company if such engagement is considered beneficial to the Company. This differs from the recommendation in the Code. However, such assignments will be disclosed to the Board and the Board shall approve the assignment, as well as the remuneration.

## 12. REMUNERATION OF LEADING EMPLOYEES

The remuneration of the 2020 Bulkiers Group's senior managers is based on four components. The first component is each individual's fixed salary. This is set based on the individual's position and responsibility and the international salary level for comparable positions.

The second component is local compensation such as mandatory pension payments.

The third component is a variable, discretionary bonus. Bonuses will be granted based on the performance of the 2020 Bulkiers Group as a whole and each individual in relation to targets set annually.

The fourth component is a share option scheme established by the Company where share options can be issued to senior managers in the 2020 Bulkiers Group.

The Code recommends that guidelines for the remuneration of executive personnel are prepared and approved by the General Meeting. Such guidelines should set forth an absolute limit to performance related remuneration. The 2020 Bulkiers Group's remuneration policy does not require such a procedure, nor does it contain any such limit. This differs from the recommendation in the Code.

The Bye-laws permits the Board to issue share options to the Company's employees, including members of the 2020 Bulkiers Group's senior management team, without requiring that the General Meeting approves the number of options granted or the terms and conditions of such. In addition, the share option scheme is an incentive program rather than remuneration directly limited to the Company's results.

## 13. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

The Company is committed to provide information on its financial situation, ongoing projects and other circumstances relevant for the valuation of the Company's shares to the financial markets on a regular basis.

The Company is also committed to disclose all information necessary to assess the value of its shares on its website. Interested parties will find the Company's latest news releases, financial calendar, company presentations, share and shareholder information, information about analyst coverage and other relevant information here.

Such information may also be found on the website of the OSE – <https://www.euronext.com/nb/markets/oslo>.

Information to the 2020 Bulkiers Group's shareholders shall be published on the Company's website at the same time as it is sent to the shareholders.

## 14. TAKEOVER OFFER

The Board will seek to ensure that the Company's business activities are not disrupted unnecessarily in the event a general offer is made for the Company's shares. The Board will, furthermore, strive to ensure that shareholders are given sufficient information and time to form a view of the terms of such offer.

If a takeover offer is made, the Board will issue a statement on its merits in accor-

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dance with statutory requirements and the recommendations in the Code.

The Board will consider obtaining a valuation of the Company's equity capital from an independent expert if a takeover offer is made in order to provide guidance to its shareholders as to whether to accept such offer or not.

Any transaction that is in effect a disposal of all of the Company's activities will be submitted to the General Meeting for its approval.

## **15. AUDITOR**

The Board will, each year, agree a plan for the audit of the 2020 Bulkers Group's accounts with its auditor. The Board will

furthermore interact regularly with the auditor within the scope of this plan.

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For the years ended December 31, 2020  
and 2019

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In millions of US\$ except per share data)	12 months to December 31, 2020	12 months to December 31, 2019
<b>Operating revenues</b>		
Time charter revenues	48.9	9.1
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Vessel operating expenses	(13.2)	(2.1)
Voyage expenses and commission	(1.2)	(0.2)
General and administrative expenses	(3.5)	(4.7)
Depreciation and amortization	(9.9)	(1.2)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>(27.8)</b>	<b>(8.2)</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Financial expenses, net</b>		
Interest expense, net of capitalised interest	(9.6)	(0.5)
Write off deferred loan costs	-	(0.8)
Other financial income (expense)	(0.4)	0.1
<b>Total financial expenses, net</b>	<b>(10.0)</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>
<b>Net income (loss) before income taxes</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>(0.3)</b>
Income tax	-	(0.1)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>
<b>Per share information:</b>		
Basic earnings (loss) per share	0.50	(0.02)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	0.50	(0.02)
<b>Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)</b>		
<b>Net profit (loss)</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>
Unrealized loss on interest rate swaps	(1.3)	-
Translation adjustments	(0.1)	-
<b>Other comprehensive loss</b>	<b>(1.4)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>

See accompanying notes that are an integral part of these Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.



# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions of US\$)	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	19.9	20.1
Restricted cash	0.1	0.1
Trade receivables	0.6	0.9
Accrued revenues	0.1	-
Other current assets	2.5	1.8
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>22.9</b>
<b>Long term assets</b>		
Vessels and equipment, net	372.3	188.8
Newbuildings	-	69.5
Other long-term assets	0.2	1.9
<b>Total long-term assets</b>	<b>372.5</b>	<b>260.2</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>395.7</b>	<b>283.1</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Current portion of long-term debt	14.8	8.1
Accounts payable	0.6	0.7
Accrued expenses	3.0	2.7
Declared cash distribution	0.9	-
Other current liabilities	1.7	1.2
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>Long term liabilities</b>		
Long-term debt	231.2	132.0
Other long-term liabilities	1.4	0.2
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>232.6</b>	<b>132.2</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Common shares of par value US\$1.0 per share: authorized 75,000,000 (2019:75,000,000). Issued and outstanding 22,170,906 (2019: 22,170,906)	22.2	22.2
Additional paid-in capital	105.7	120.2
Contributed surplus	11.2	-
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1.4)	-
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)	4.4	(4.3)
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>138.1</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>395.7</b>	<b>283.1</b>

**March 11, 2021**

/s/ Kate Blankenship  
Kate Blankenship  
Director

/s/ Georgina Sousa  
Georgina Sousa  
Director

/s/ Neil Glass  
Neil Glass  
Director

/s/ Jens Martin Jensen  
Jens Martin Jensen  
Director

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In millions of US\$)	12 months to December 31, 2020	12 months to December 31, 2019
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>
Share based compensation	0.5	1.6
Depreciation and amortization	9.9	1.3
Write off deferred loan costs	-	0.8
Decrease (increase) in trade receivables	0.3	(0.9)
Decrease (increase) in accrued revenues	(0.1)	-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(0.1)	0.5
Change in other current items related to operating activities	0.2	2.4
Change in other long-term items related to operating activities	-	(0.2)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Short term loan	0.8	(0.9)
Additions to newbuildings	(124.0)	(125.4)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(123.2)</b>	<b>(126.3)</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Proceeds, net of deferred loan costs, from issuance of long-term debt	118.9	86.4
Repayment of long-term debt	(12.4)	(5.9)
Dividends paid / cash distributions	(5.3)	(3.0)
Net proceeds from share issuances	-	63.6
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>141.1</b>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash	(0.2)	19.9
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	20.2	0.3
<b>Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.2</b>
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information</b>		
Non-cash settlement of convertible debt	-	(8.0)
Non-cash share issuance	-	8.0
Non-cash payment in respect of newbuildings	-	(65.1)
Issuance of debt as non-cash settlement for newbuild delivery instalment	-	65.1
Interest paid, net of capitalised interest	(7.8)	-
Income taxes paid	-	-

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHARE- HOLDERS' EQUITY

(In millions of US\$, except number of shares)	Number of shares	Share capital	Addit. paid-in capital	Contri- buted surplus	Other compre- hensive loss	Retained earnings (deficit)	Total equity
<b>Consolidated balance as of December 31, 2018</b>	<b>14 070 906</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>55.1</b>	-	-	<b>(0.9)</b>	<b>68.3</b>
Issue of common shares	8 100 000	8.1	65.1	-	-	-	73.2
Equity issuance costs	-	-	(1.6)	-	-	-	(1.6)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(3.0)	(3.0)
Share based compensation	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	1.6
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(0.4)	(0.4)
<b>Consolidated balance as of December 31, 2019</b>	<b>22 170 906</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>120.2</b>	-	-	<b>(4.3)</b>	<b>138.1</b>
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(2.4)	(2.4)
Transfer	-	-	(15.0)	15.0	-	-	-
Share based compensation	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(1.4)	11.1	9.7
Cash distributions	-	-	-	(3.8)	-	-	(3.8)
<b>Consolidated balance as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b>22 170 906</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>105.7</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>(1.4)</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>142.1</b>

See accompanying notes that are an integral part of these Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

2020 Bulkera Ltd. (together with its subsidiaries, the “Company” or the “Group” or “2020 Bulkera”) is a limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda on September 26, 2017. The Company’s shares are traded on Oslo Børs under the ticker “2020”.

2020 Bulkera is an international owner and operator of large dry bulk vessels. The Group has eight Newcastlemax dry bulk vessels in operation.

### Basis of presentation

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The consolidated financial statements include the assets and liabilities of the parent company and wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation.

## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Fair values

We have determined the estimated fair value amounts presented in these consolidated financial statements using available market information and appropriate methodologies. However, considerable judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value. The estimates presented in these consolidated financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that we could realize in a current market exchange. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

### Reporting and functional currency

The Company and the majority of its subsidiaries have the US\$ as their functional currency because the majority of their revenues, expenses and financing are denominated in US\$. Accordingly, the Group’s reporting currency is also US\$. Foreign currency gains or losses on consolidation are recorded as a separate component of other comprehensive income (loss) in shareholders’ equity for subsidiaries that have functional currencies other than US\$.

### Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies during the year are recognized at the rates of exchange in effect at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are revalued using rates of exchange at the balance sheet date. Foreign currency transaction gains or losses are included in the consolidated statements of operations.

### Revenue and expense recognition

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (“ASC 606”), which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The core principle is that a company should recognize revenue when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled for those goods or services. Under ASC 606, an entity is required to perform the following five steps: (1) identify the contract(s) with a customer; (2) identify the performance obligations of the contract; (3) determine the transaction price; (4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and (5) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfied a performance obligation. Additionally, the guidance requires improved disclosures as to the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue that is recognized.

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Our shipping revenues are primarily generated from time charters. In a time charter voyage, the vessel is hired by the charterer for a specified period of time in exchange for consideration which is based on a daily hire rate. The charterer has the full discretion over the ports visited, shipping routes and vessel speed. In a time charter contract, we are responsible for all the costs incurred for running the vessel such as crew costs, vessel insurance, repairs and maintenance and lubes. The charterer bears the voyage related costs such as bunker expenses, port charges, canal tolls during the hire period. The performance obligations in a time charter contract are satisfied over the term of the contract beginning when the vessel is delivered to the charterer until it is redelivered back to the Group. The time charter contracts are considered operating leases and therefore do not fall under the scope of ASC 606 because (i) the vessel is an identifiable asset (ii) we do not have substantive substitution rights and (iii) the charterer has the right to control the use of the vessel during the term of the contract and derives the economic benefits from such use. Time charter contracts are accounted for as operating leases in accordance with ASC 842 Leases and related interpretations. For arrangements where the Company is the lessor, the Company utilizes the practical expedient for its time charter contracts and has therefore not separated the non-lease component, or service element, from the lease.

Income from time charter voyages is recognized on a straight line basis over the period of the time charter contract (or lease contract) and at the prevailing rate for the relevant assessment period for variable or index-linked time charter contracts. During 2020 and 2019, the Company only had revenues from time charter voyages.

### Share-based compensation

The cost of equity settled transactions is measured by reference to the fair value at the date on which the share options are granted. The fair value of the share options issued under the Company's employee share option plans is determined at the grant date taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options are granted, and using a valuation technique that is consistent with generally accepted valuation methodologies for pricing financial instruments, and that incorporates all factors and assumptions that knowledgeable, willing market participants would consider in determining fair value. The fair value of the share options is recognized as a general and administrative expense with a corresponding increase in equity over the period during which the employees become unconditionally entitled to the options. Compensation cost is initially recognized based upon options expected to vest, excluding forfeitures, with appropriate adjustments to reflect actual forfeitures.

### Interest cost capitalized

Interest costs are capitalized on all qualifying assets that require a period of time to get them ready for their intended use. Qualifying assets consisted of Newcastlemax dry bulk vessels under construction. The interest costs capitalized are calculated using the weighted average cost of borrowings from commencement of the asset development until substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use are complete. The Company does not capitalize amounts beyond the actual interest expense incurred in the period.

### Sale lease-back transactions

When a sale and leaseback transaction does not qualify for sale accounting, the transaction is accounted for as a financing transaction by the seller-lessee and a lending transaction by the buyer-lessor, as discussed in ASC 842-40-25-5. To account for a failed sale and leaseback transaction as a financing arrangement, the seller-lessee does not derecognize the underlying asset; the seller-lessee continues depreciating the asset as if it was the legal owner. The sales proceeds received from the buyer-lessor are recognized as a financial liability. A seller-lessee will make rental payments under the leaseback. These payments are allocated between interest expense and principal repayment of the financial liability. The amount allocated to interest expense is determined by the incremental borrowing rate or imputed interest rate. Each sale and lease back transaction that the Company had entered into as of December 31, 2020, involved a purchase obligation and was therefore treated as a financing arrangement. Please refer to note 13.

### Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is computed based on the income available to common stockholders and the weighted average number of shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share includes the effect of the assumed conversion of potentially dilutive instruments.

### Vessels and equipment, net

Vessels and equipment are recorded at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and, if appropriate, impairment charges. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the assets based on cost less estimated residual values. The estimated useful life for our vessels is 25 years. The estimated residual values are based on ten year average steel price and lightweight ton of the vessels.

### Newbuildings

The carrying value of the vessels and vessels under construction ("Newbuildings") represents the accumulated costs to the balance sheet date which we have had to pay by way of purchase installments and other capital expenditures together with capitalized interest. No charge for depreciation is made until a newbuilding is put into operation.

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## Impairment of vessels and newbuildings

We continually monitor events and changes in circumstances that could indicate carrying amounts of long-lived assets may not be recoverable. Among other indicators we look at the market capitalization of the Company against the net book value of equity. In assessing the recoverability of our vessels and newbuildings carrying amounts, we make assumptions regarding estimated future cash flows and estimates in respect of residual or scrap value. When such events or changes in circumstances are present, we assess the recoverability of long-lived assets by determining whether the carrying value of such assets will be recovered through undiscounted expected future cash flows. If the total of the future cash flows is less than the carrying amount of those assets, we recognize an impairment loss based on the excess of the carrying amount over the lower of the fair market value of the assets, less cost to sell, and the net present value ("NPV") of estimated future undiscounted cash flows from the employment of the asset ("value-in-use").

As of December 31, 2020, and December 31, 2019, the Company has no indications that the carrying amount of a particular vessel may not be fully recoverable.

## Drydocking

Maintenance of class certification requires expenditure and can require taking a vessel out of service from time to time for survey, repairs or modifications to meet class requirements. When delivered, the Group's vessels can generally be expected to have to undergo a class survey once every five years. The Group's vessels are being built to the classification requirements of ABS and the Liberian Ship Register. Normal vessel repair and maintenance costs are expensed when incurred. We recognize the cost of a drydocking at the time the drydocking takes place. The Group capitalizes a substantial portion of the costs incurred during drydocking, including the survey costs and depreciates those costs on a straight-line basis from the time of completion of a drydocking or intermediate survey until the next scheduled drydocking or intermediate survey.

## Trade receivables

Trade receivables are presented net of allowances for doubtful balances. At each balance sheet date, all potentially uncollectible accounts are assessed individually for purposes of determining the appropriate provision for doubtful accounts.

## Cash and cash equivalents

All demand and time deposits and highly liquid, low risk investments with original maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase are considered equivalent to cash.

## Interest-bearing debt

Interest-bearing debt is recognized initially at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortized cost. Transaction costs are amortized over the term of the loan.

## Current and long-term classification

Assets and liabilities are classified as current assets and liabilities respectively, if their maturity is within one year of the balance sheet date. Otherwise, they are classified as non-current assets and liabilities.

## Related parties

Parties are related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Parties are also related if they are subject to common control or common significant influence.

## Interest rate hedging

The interest rate swaps are recognized at fair value. All the interest rate swaps are designated for hedge accounting. Gains or losses on the hedging instrument are recognized in other comprehensive income (loss), to the extent that the hedge is determined to be effective. All other gains or losses are recognized immediately in the consolidated statements of operations.

The fair values of the interest rate swaps are disclosed in note 14. The fair value of the interest rate swaps is recognized and presented as a current asset or liability for maturity equal to or less than twelve months and a non-current asset or liability for maturity exceeding twelve months.

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**3. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS****Adoption of new accounting standards**

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13, Financial Instruments-Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments, which revises guidance for the accounting for credit losses on financial instruments within its scope. The new standard introduces an approach, based on expected losses, to estimate credit losses on certain types of financial instruments and modifies the impairment model for available-for-sale debt securities. The guidance became effective January 1, 2020, with early adoption permitted. Entities are required to apply the standard's provisions as a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the first reporting period in which the guidance is adopted. The adoption, effective January 1, 2020, did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

ASU 2020-04 Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848)- Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting. The amendments provide temporary optional expedients and exceptions for applying U.S. GAAP to contracts, hedging relationships, and other transactions affected by reference rate reform if certain criteria are met. The applicable expedients for us are in relation to modifications of contracts within the scope of Topics 310, Receivables, 470, Debt, and Topic 842, Leases. This optional guidance has been adopted prospectively from April 1, 2020.

ASU 2018-13 Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosure Framework-Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement removes some disclosure requirements relating to transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the FV hierarchy and introduces new disclosure requirements for Level 3 measurements. Date of adoption was January 1, 2020 and it did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

**4. INCOME TAXES****Bermuda**

2020 Bulkera Ltd. is incorporated in Bermuda. Under current Bermuda law, the Company is not required to pay taxes in Bermuda on either income or capital gains. 2020 Bulkera Ltd. have received written assurance from the Minister of Finance in Bermuda that, in the event of any such taxes being imposed, the Company will be exempted from taxation until March 31, 2035.

**Other jurisdictions**

Our subsidiary in Norway is subject to income tax. The estimated income tax expense for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 is approximately US\$0.01 million and US\$0.05 million, respectively. The Group does not have any unrecognized tax benefits, accrued interest or penalties relating to income taxes.

**5. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

Our chief operating decision maker, or the CODM, being our Board of Directors, measures performance based on our overall return to shareholders based on consolidated net income. The CODM does not review a measure of operating result at a lower level than the consolidated group and we only have one reportable segment. Our vessels operate worldwide and therefore management will not evaluate performance by geographical region as this information is not meaningful.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, two customers accounted for 10 percent or more of our consolidated revenues in the amounts of US\$25.5 million and US\$23.4 million. For the year ended December 31, 2019, two customers accounted for 10 percent or more of our consolidated revenues in the amounts of US\$7.8 million and US\$1.3 million.

**6. REVENUES**

The Company recognized revenues from time charter contracts (described in note 9) during 2020. Accrued revenues of US\$0.1 million were recognized as of December 31, 2020. The Company has invoiced US\$1.2 million to customers which is not earned as of December 31, 2020 and the amount is recognized as other current liabilities.

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## 7. INTEREST EXPENSE

(In millions of US\$)	12 months to December 31, 2020	12 months to December 31, 2019
Interest expense, gross	(10.5)	(2.0)
Capitalized interest, newbuildings	0.9	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>(9.6)</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>

## 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The computation of basic EPS is based on the weighted average number of outstanding shares during the period. Diluted EPS excludes the potential effect of conversion of 720,000 of share options (2019: 740,000) outstanding issued to employees and directors since the share options were out of the money during the period.

(In US\$, except share numbers)	12 months to December 31, 2020	12 months to December 31, 2019
Basic earnings (loss) per share	0.50	(0.02)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	0.50	(0.02)
Issued ordinary shares at the end of the period	22 170 906	22 170 906
Weighted average number of shares outstanding- basic	22 170 906	18 927 774
Weighted average number of shares outstanding- diluted	22 170 906	18 927 774

## 9. LEASES

## Lessor

The Company has the following vessels on operating lease contracts:

Vessel	Contract start	Charterer	Charter expiry	Gross rate/day, US\$
Bulk Sandefjord	13-Aug-2019	Koch Shipping	Aug 22	14 378 + scrubber benefit (1 Jun to 31 Dec 2020), index linked + premium + scrubber benefit
Bulk Santiago	21-Sep-2019	Koch Shipping	Nov 21- Jan 22	19 525 (until 15 Dec 2020), index linked + premium + scrubber benefit
Bulk Seoul	1-Nov-2019	Koch Shipping	Dec 21- Feb 22	22 250 (until 31 Dec 2020), index linked + premium + scrubber benefit
Bulk Shanghai	9-Nov-2019	Glencore	Mar- Jun 21	18 000 + scrubber benefit
Bulk Shenzhen	10-Jan-2020	Glencore	Jan 21	21 919
Bulk Sydney	23-Jan-2020	Koch Shipping	Jan 23	14 002 + scrubber benefit (1 Jun to 31 Dec 2020), index linked + premium + scrubber benefit
Bulk Sao Paulo	6-Jun-2020	Glencore	May-July 23	Index linked + premium + scrubber benefit
Bulk Santos	18-Jun-2020	Glencore	May-July 23	Index linked + premium + scrubber benefit

## Lessee

Effective January 1, 2019, the Company entered into a long-term lease contract for an office in Oslo. This contract was terminated May 1, 2020. Effective January 1, 2020, the Company leased additional office space in Oslo. The right-of-use asset as of December 31, 2020 was US\$0.2 million and the corresponding lease liability was US\$0.2 million. The amortization of right of use assets relating to office lease is presented under Depreciation and Amortization in the consolidated statements of operations.



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## 10. VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT, NET AND NEWBUILDINGS

(In millions of US\$)	Newbuildings	Vessels and equipment, net	Total
<b>Cost as of December 31, 2018</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68.4</b>
Capital expenditures	189.6	-	189.6
Capitalized interest	1.5	-	1.5
Transfers to vessels and equipment, net	(190.0)	190.0	-
<b>Cost as of December 31, 2019</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>190.0</b>	<b>259.5</b>
Capital expenditures	122.8	0.2	123.0
Capitalized interest	0.9	-	0.9
Transfers to vessels and equipment, net	(193.2)	193.2	-
<b>Cost as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>383.4</b>	<b>383.4</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Depreciation	-	9.9	9.9
<b>Accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2019</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>188.8</b>	<b>258.3</b>
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>372.3</b>	<b>372.3</b>

In August 2019, the Company took delivery of the Bulk Sandefjord, a newcastlemax dry bulk newbuilding. Upon delivery, the Company paid US\$27.5 million and entered into a deferred payment agreement with New Times Shipyard for US\$2.6 million for 12 months. The loan from the yard was repaid in November, 2019.

In September 2019, the Company took delivery of the Bulk Santiago, a newcastlemax dry bulk newbuilding. Upon delivery, the Company paid US\$28.4 million and entered into a deferred payment agreement with New Times Shipyard for US\$1.7 million for 12 months. The loan from the yard was repaid in November, 2019.

The two Newcastlemax dry bulk vessels Bulk Seoul and Bulk Shanghai were delivered from the yard in October 2019 and November 2019, respectively. Please see note 13 for information on the sale lease back agreements.

In January 2020, the Company took delivery of the Bulk Shenzhen, a Newcastlemax dry bulk newbuilding. Upon delivery, the Company paid the delivery instalment of US\$30.4 million and utilized US\$30 million of the term loan facility (see note 13).

In January 2020, the Company took delivery of the Bulk Sydney, a Newcastlemax dry bulk newbuilding. Upon delivery, the Company paid the delivery instalment of US\$30.4 million and utilized US\$30 million of the term loan facility (see note 13).

In June 2020, the Company took delivery of the Bulk Sao Paulo, a Newcastlemax dry bulk newbuilding. Upon delivery, the Company paid the delivery instalment of US\$30.4 million and utilized US\$30 million of the term loan facility (see note 13).

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**11. OTHER LONG TERM ASSETS**

(In millions of US\$)	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Deferred loan costs	-	1.7
Right-of-use asset	0.2	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

In April 2019, the Company entered into a short-term convertible debt agreement of US\$8.0 million with the shareholders Drew Holdings Ltd., Ubon AS, Titan Credit Master Fund and MH Capital AS (a company owned by Magnus Halvorsen). The convertible debt was converted to shares in the private placement completed on May 23, 2019.

In May 2019, the Company entered into a short-term loan agreement of US\$360.0 thousand with MH Capital AS. The short-term loan was settled as part of MH Capital AS subscription of shares in the private placement completed on May 23, 2019.

In June 2019, the Company provided Magnus Halvorsen an interest-bearing loan of US\$945,827. The loan was fully repaid during 2020.

In July 2019, the Company signed a Revolving Credit Facility Agreement of US\$5.5 million with Drew Holdings Ltd. The Revolving Credit Facility agreement was cancelled during the fourth quarter of 2019.

**13. DEBT**

(In millions of US\$)	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
<i>Pledged</i>		
Term loan Tranche I ("Bulk Sandefjord"), balloon payment August 2024	27.9	29.6
Term loan Tranche II ("Bulk Santiago"), balloon payment August 2024	27.9	29.6
Term loan Tranche V ("Bulk Shenzhen"), balloon payment August 2024	28.7	-
Term loan Tranche VI ("Bulk Sydney"), balloon payment August 2024	28.7	-
Term loan Tranche VII ("Bulk Sao Paulo"), balloon payment August 2024	29.2	-
Term loan Tranche VIII ("Bulk Santos"), balloon payment August 2024	29.2	-
<i>Other long term debt</i>		
Vessel financing ("Bulk Seoul")	39.2	41.6
Vessel financing ("Bulk Shanghai")	39.2	41.6
<b>Long-term debt, gross</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>142.4</b>
Less current portion long term debt	(14.8)	(8.1)
Less deferred loan costs	(4.0)	(2.3)
<b>Total long-term debt</b>	<b>231.2</b>	<b>132.0</b>

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## Term loan facility

In February 2019, the Company signed a term loan facility agreement for US\$240 million of bank financing for its newbuilding program. When the Company entered into the sale and leaseback arrangement with Ocean Yield (described below), the Company cancelled two tranches each of US\$30 million. The term loan facility carries an interest of Libor+250 bps, has an 18-year repayment profile for the principle amount and a balloon repayment in August 2024. The term loan facility contains financial covenants for the Group (i) value adjusted equity shall be equal to or higher than 30% of value adjusted total assets, working capital (defined as consolidated current assets minus consolidated current liabilities (excluding current portion of long term debt and subordinated shareholder loans)) shall at all times be no less than US\$0 and free and available cash shall at all times be higher of (a) US\$1.25 million per delivered vessel and (b) 5% of total debt. If a dividend or cash distribution is paid, available cash shall be higher of (a) US\$2.25 million per delivered vessel and (b) 7.5% of total debt on a pro-forma basis after such distribution. As of December 31, 2020, we were compliant with the covenants and our obligations under our term loan facility agreement. The vessels are pledged upon draw down of the loan facility, with cross collateral agreements in place upon each vessel within the term loan facility.

In April 2020, the Company entered into interest rate swap agreements for a notional amount of approximately US\$177 million, effectively securing an all-in interest rate of approximately 3% for the outstanding loan under the term loan facility. The notional amounts in the interest rate swaps have the same amortization profile as the term loan facility.

In August 2019, the Company entered into a deferred payment agreement with New Times Shipyard for US\$2.6 million for 12 months. In September 2019, the Company entered into a deferred payment agreement with New Times Shipyard for US\$1.7 million for 12 months. Both loans were repaid during the fourth quarter of 2019.

## Sale and leaseback arrangement

In October 2019, the Company entered into a sale and leaseback arrangement with Ocean Yield for its two Newcastlemax vessels, Bulk Seoul and Bulk Shanghai. The vessels were delivered from the yard on October 30, 2019 and November 6, 2019, respectively, and were at delivery sold to Ocean Yield for a price per vessel of US\$42 million, net of a US\$5 million sellers' credit. The vessels have been chartered back to the Company on thirteen years bareboat charters which include a purchase obligation at the end of the respective charter periods and certain options to either sell or acquire the vessels during the charter periods. The bareboat charter hire is US\$6,575 per day plus an adjustment based on LIBOR plus a margin of 450 basis points. Since the Company has purchase obligations at the end of the charter periods, the Company has accounted for the transaction as a financing arrangement. The Company has pledged the shares in the subsidiaries chartering the vessels back from Ocean Yield and issued certain guarantees in line with standard terms contained in sale and leaseback transactions.

The outstanding debt as of December 31, 2020 is repayable as follows:

(In millions of US\$)

2021	14.8
2022	14.8
2023	14.8
2024	146.4
Thereafter	59.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>250.0</b>

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**14. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****Foreign currency risk**

The majority of our transactions, assets and liabilities are denominated in United States dollars. However, we incur expenditure in currencies other than United States dollars, mainly in Norwegian Kroner. There is a risk that currency fluctuations in transactions incurred in currencies other than the functional currency will have a negative effect of the value of our cash flows. We are then exposed to currency fluctuations and we may enter into foreign currency swaps to mitigate such risk exposures.

**Fair values**

The guidance for fair value measurements applies to all assets and liabilities that are being measured and reported on a fair value basis. This guidance enables the reader of the financial statements to assess the inputs used to develop those measurements by establishing a hierarchy for ranking the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. The same guidance requires that assets and liabilities carried at fair value should be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories based on the inputs used to determine its fair value:

**Level 1:** Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

**Level 2:** Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data;

**Level 3:** Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The carrying value and estimated fair value of our cash and financial instruments are as follows:

(In millions of US\$)	Hierarchy	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	1	19.9	20.1
Restricted cash	1	0.1	0.1
Other current assets (interest rate swaps)	2	0.2	-
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current portion of long-term debt	2	14.8	8.1
Long-term debt*	2	231.2	132.0
Other long-term liabilities (interest rate swaps)	2	1.2	-
Other current liabilities (interest rate swaps)	2	0.3	-

\* Fair value of long-term debt is estimated at US\$235.2 million and US\$134.3 million as of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively, as the numbers in the table are presented net of deferred loan costs.

Financial instruments included in the consolidated financial statements within 'Level 1 and 2' of the fair value hierarchy are valued using quoted market prices, broker or dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources with reasonable levels of price transparency.

There have been no transfers between different levels in the fair value hierarchy during the periods presented.

**Concentrations of risk**

There is a concentration of credit risk with respect to cash and cash equivalents to the extent that nearly all of the amounts are carried with Danske Bank. However, we believe this risk is remote, as Danske Bank is an established financial institution.

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**15. SHARE BASED PAYMENT COMPENSATION**

In January 2019, the Board of Directors established a long-term incentive plan and approved a grant of 740,000 share options to employees and directors. Further, 740,000 of the Company's authorized but unissued share capital was allocated for this purpose. The share options will have a five-year term and will vest equally one quarter every six months commencing on June 30, 2019 over a two year vesting period. The exercise price is US\$10.0 and will be reduced with any dividends and cash distributions paid. The total estimated cost is approximately US\$2.1 million and will be expensed over the requisite service period. US\$0.5 million and US\$1.6 million have been expensed for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

	Outstanding share options	Weighted average remaining life	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average grant date fair value
<b>Outstanding at January 1, 2019 - unvested</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Outstanding at January 1, 2019 - exercisable</b>	-	-	-	-
Granted	740 000	5.0	10.00	9.5
Exercised	-	-	-	-
Exercisable	370 000	4.0	9.87	9.5
Forfeited	-	-	-	-
<b>Outstanding at December 31, 2019 - unvested</b>	<b>370 000</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>9.87</b>	<b>9.5</b>
<b>Outstanding at December 31, 2019 - exercisable</b>	<b>370 000</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>9.87</b>	<b>9.5</b>
Granted	-	-	-	-
Exercised	-	-	-	-
Exercisable	370 000	3.0	9.59	9.5
Forfeited	(20 000)	3.3	9.76	9.5
<b>Outstanding at December 31, 2020 - unvested</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Outstanding at December 31, 2020 - exercisable</b>	<b>720 000</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>9.59</b>	<b>9.5</b>

The exercise price of US\$10 per share was reduced with total dividends and cash distributions of US\$0.28 and US\$0.135 per share for 2020 and 2019, respectively. The fair value of the share options granted in January 2019 was calculated using the Black-Scholes method. The significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the share options are set out below:

	2019
Grant date	January 10
Risk-free rate	2.74%
Expected life	2.8 years
Expected future volatility	45%

In 2019 the expected future volatility was based on peer group volatility due to the short lifetime of the Company.

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**16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company insures the legal liability risks for its shipping activities with Assuranceforeningen SKULD and Assuranceforeningen Gard Gjensidig, both mutual protection and indemnity associations. As a member of these mutual associations, the Company is subject to calls payable to the associations based on the Company's claims record in addition to the claim records of all other members of the associations. A contingent liability exists to the extent that the claims records of the members of the associations in the aggregate show significant deterioration, which result in additional calls on the members.

To the best of our knowledge, there are no legal or arbitration proceedings existing or pending which have had or may have significant effects on our financial position or profitability and no such proceedings are pending or known to be contemplated.

**17. COMPENSATION**

During the year ended December 31, 2020, we paid our executive officers aggregate compensation of US\$1.6 million (2019: US\$1.7 million). In addition to cash compensation, we recognized US\$0.4 million (2019: US\$1.2 million) relating to share options granted to executive officers.

As of December 31, 2020, the members of Management and Directors that hold shares and share options of the Company are set out below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Share options</b>
Neil Glass	Director	-	-
Jens Martin Jensen	Director	175 972	50 000
Kate Blankenship	Director	-	75 000
Georgina Sousa	Director	-	20 000
Magnus Halvorsen*	CEO	1 582 118	400 000
Olav Eikrem	CTO	7 500	100 000
Vidar Hasund	CFO	3 000	75 000

\*1,477,026 shares held through his controlled company MH Capital AS, and 105,092 shares held privately.

**Auditors fee:**

(In millions of US\$)	<b>12 months to December 31, 2020</b>	<b>12 Months to December 31, 2019</b>
Statutory audit fee	0.1	0.1
Other non-auditing services	-	-
<b>Total fees</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>

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## 18. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Number of shares
<b>Outstanding as of January 1, 2019</b>	<b>14 070 906</b>
Share issue February: US\$10 per share	300 000
Share issue May: US\$9 per share	7 800 000
<b>Outstanding as of December 31, 2019</b>	<b>22 170 906</b>
<b>Outstanding as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b>22 170 906</b>

At the 2020 Annual General meeting of the Company it was approved to reduce the Company's additional paid-in capital by US\$15 million and to increase the Company's Contributed Surplus account by the same amount.

## Largest shareholders as of December 31, 2020:

Name	Holding of shares	In %
Drew Holdings Ltd	7 174 436	32.36
DNB Luxembourg S.A.	2 402 532	10.84
Wealins S.A.	2 034 084	9.17
MH Capital AS	1 477 026	6.66
Clearstream Banking S.A (nominee)	1 324 214	5.97
Credit Suisse (Switzerland) Ltd. (nominee)	499 600	2.25
Albemarle Ship Investments LLP	447 222	2.02
BNP Paribas Securities Services (nominee)	411 489	1.86
The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV (nominee)	361 951	1.63
Klaveness Invest AS	333 333	1.50
Halvorsens Fabrikk AS	316 239	1.43
Klaveness Marine Finance AS	308 760	1.39
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (nominee)	277 778	1.25
Tor Olav Trøim	228 342	1.03
Vicama Capital AS	222 222	1.00
Société Générale (nominee)	208 000	0.94
Illuminati AS	205 462	0.93
Avanza Bank AB (nominee)	184 020	0.83
Danske Bank A/S (nominee)	175 972	0.79
Nordnet Livsforsikring AS	164 427	0.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 757 109</b>	<b>84.60</b>
Other shareholders	3 413 797	15.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 170 906</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## 19. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

## Cash distributions

In January 2021, the Company declared a cash distribution of US\$0.06 per share for December 2020.

In February 2021, the Company declared a cash distribution of US\$0.13 per share for January 2021.

In March 2021, the Company declared a cash distribution of US\$0.03 per share for February 2021.

## RECONCILIATION OF ALTERNATIVE PERFOR- MANCE MEASURES

(In millions of US\$)	12 months to December 31, 2020	12 months to December 31, 2019
<b>Operating profit (loss)</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Depreciation and amortization	(9.9)	(1.2)
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>

(In millions of US\$, except per day data)	12 months to December 31, 2020	12 months to December 31, 2019
<b>Time charter revenues</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>9.1</b>
Address commission	(1.8)	(0.4)
Time charter equivalent revenues, gross	50.7	9.5
Fleet operational days	2 575	357
<b>Average time charter equivalent rate, gross</b>	<b>19 700</b>	<b>26 600</b>

The European Securities and Markets Authority (“ESMA”) issued guidelines on Alternative Performance Measures (“APMs”) that came into force on July 3, 2016. The Company has defined and explained the purpose of the following APMs:

EBITDA, when used by the Company, means operating profit (loss) excluding depreciation and amortization. The Company has included EBITDA as a supplemental disclosure because the Company believes that the measure provides useful information regarding the Company’s ability to service debt and pay dividends and provides a helpful measure for comparing its operating performance with that of other companies.

Average time charter equivalent rate, gross, when used by the Company, means time charter revenues excluding address commission and divided by operational days. The Company has included Average time charter equivalent rate, gross, as a supplemental disclosure because the Company believes that the measure provides useful information regarding the fleets’ daily income performance.



# AUDITORS' REPORT



To the shareholders and Board of Directors of 2020 Bulkera Ltd.

## *Independent Auditor's Report*

### *Opinion*

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of 2020 Bulkera Ltd. and its subsidiaries ("the Group"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2020, consolidated statement of operations, consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss), consolidated statement of cash flows and the consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion the accompanying consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### *Key Audit Matters*

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. This matter was addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on this matter. The Company's business activities are largely unchanged compared to last year. We have not identified regulatory changes, transactions or other events that qualified as new key audit matters. The impairment assessment for vessels and equipment have the same characteristics and risks this year as the previous year and consequently have been an area of focus also for the 2020 audit.

#### **Key Audit Matter**

#### **How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter**

##### *Impairment assessment for vessels and equipment*

Refer to note 2 (Accounting policies) and note 10 (Vessels and equipment, net and Newbuildings) where management explains how they assess the value of the vessels.

We evaluated and challenged management's assessment of indicators of impairment and the process by which this was performed. We assessed management's accounting policy against US GAAP and obtained explanations from management as to how the specific requirements of the standards, in particular ASC 360, were met. We also assessed the consistency year on year

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The Group owns eight Newcastlemax vessels, which transport dry cargoes globally. The vessels have a combined carrying amount of USD 372.3 million. The Group has not recognized an impairment on the Newcastlemax vessels in 2020.

Indicators of impairment for the Vessels were assessed and not considered present during 2020. As explained in the notes, management considered among others the conditions in dry bulk freight market, estimated fair value less cost of sale of the vessels, and market capitalization versus net book value of the Group, which gave no indication of impairment. As a result of the above factors, management has not performed an impairment test.

Management considers each vessel to be a cash generating unit ("CGU" or "vessel") in their assessment of impairment indicators, consequently we assessed for impairment indicators on the same basis.

We focused on this area due to the significant carrying value of the vessels and the judgement inherent in the assessment of indicators of impairment.

of the application of the accounting policy.

In order to assess the estimates for fair value less costs of disposal as an indicator of impairment, management compiled broker valuation certificates for the vessels and newbuildings. We satisfied ourselves that the external brokers had both the objectivity and the competence to provide the estimate. In order to assess this, we corroborated that under the terms of the bank lending facilities, specific brokers are identified as being approved for use, for purposes of minimum value clause covenant reporting. Management used brokers from this approved list. We interviewed selected brokers to understand how the estimates for fair value were compiled. We also satisfied ourselves that the brokers were provided with relevant facts in order to determine such an estimate, by testing key inputs such as build date, build location and certain key specifications back to the ships register. We concluded that management sufficiently understood the valuations from third party brokers, including having obtained an understanding of the methodology used in arriving at the valuations and performing sensitivity analysis and performing comparisons to other available market data where possible.

In order to assess each of the assumptions in the impairment indicator assessment, we interviewed management and challenged their assumptions. For certain key assumptions we specifically used current and historical external market data to corroborate the freight rates assessed by management. We challenged management on their assessment of current market rates. We also corroborated management's assessment with external market reports where possible. We considered that freight rates used by management were within an appropriate range and changes did not lead to any indication of impairment.

We have read note 10 (Vessels and equipment, net and Newbuildings) and assessed this to be in line with the requirements.

No matters of consequence arose from the procedures above.

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*Other information*

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises information in the annual report, except the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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*Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director for the Financial Statements*

The Board of Directors and the Managing Director (Management) are responsible for the preparation in accordance with law and regulations, including fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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*Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. We design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

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## Independent Auditor's Report - 2020 Bulkera Ltd

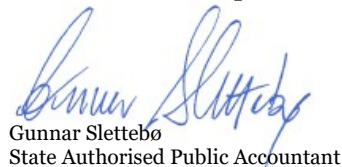
- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Board of Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Board of Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Board of Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Stavanger, 11 March 2021  
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