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NAVIGATOR HOLDINGS LTD

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the press release issued by Navigator Holdings Ltd. (the Company) on February 29, 2016: Navigator Holdings Ltd. Preliminary Fourth Quarter and Financial Year 2015 Results.

NAVIGATOR HOLDINGS LTD. PRELIMINARY FOURTH QUARTER AND FINANCIAL YEAR 2015 RESULTS

Highlights

Navigator Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: NVGS) reports operating revenue of \$78.7 million for the three months ended December 31, 2015. Operating revenue amounted to \$315.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Net income was \$23.8 million for the three months ended December 31, 2015. Net income rose 11.8% to \$98.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Earnings per share increased 11.3% to \$1.77 for the year ended December 31, 2015 from \$1.59 for the year ended December 31, 2014.⁽¹⁾

EBITDA⁽²⁾ increased 12.9% to \$182.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 from \$161.3 million for 2014, notwithstanding *Navigator Aries* being out of service for six months, and the sale of *Navigator Mariner* in August 2015.

Navigator Aries repairs have been completed, following the collision on June 28, 2015; the vessel is shortly expected to take up a one to two year time charter in Indonesia. It is estimated that the *Navigator Aries* incident affected the earnings per share for the full year 2015 by approximately \$0.10.

Following the delivery of four newbuilding vessels during 2015 and the sale of one of our older vessels in August, we had a total fleet of 29 vessels on the water as at December 31, 2015.

Navigator Ceto was delivered on January 15, 2016, leaving eight newbuildings on order for delivery between April 2016 and July 2017.

Following an interest capitalization restatement for 2014, the net income has increased by \$4.5 million and \$3.3 million for the full years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 respectively.

Fourth Quarter 2015 Financial Results Overview

Operating revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2015 was \$78.7 million, an increase of \$0.3 million, or 0.4%, when compared to the \$78.4 million of operating revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2014. This slight increase was due to additional vessels in the fleet; offset by a lower time charter equivalent rate and lower utilization, principally due to the off hire of *Navigator Aries* caused by the collision in June 2015.

During the fourth quarter of 2015, the average time charter equivalent rate across the entire fleet, including our fully-refrigerated vessels, was approximately \$921,069 per calendar month (\$30,282 per day), compared to \$932,170

per calendar month (\$30,646 per day) for the comparable period in 2014.

Fleet utilization across the 29 vessels operating at the year end was 92.7% for the fourth quarter of 2015, a reduction from 94.8% for the fourth quarter of 2014. This was primarily as a result of Navigator Aries being off hire while it was undergoing collision repairs, in the fourth quarter of 2015 which we estimate reduced utilization by 3.6%.

Following an interest capitalization restatement for 2014, the net income has increased by \$1.2 million and \$1.1 million for the three months ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 respectively.

¹ Financial data contained herein for the three months ended and the year ended December 31, 2014 have been restated as described in Appendix B hereto.

² EBITDA represents net income before net interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization. EBITDA does not represent and should not be considered as an alternative to consolidated net income or cash generated from operations, as determined by U.S. GAAP, and our calculation of EBITDA may not be comparable to that reported by other companies. EBITDA is not a recognized measurement under U.S. GAAP. Please see Appendix A here to for a reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

Total operating expenses for the three months ended December 31, 2015 included a \$0.6 million insurance claim write off for *Navigator Aries* as the estimated costs and corresponding insurance claim for the repair of the vessel were less than previously estimated.

Net operating revenue, which is operating revenue less voyage expenses, amounted to \$72.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2015, up from \$69.2 million for the same period in 2014. \$5.6 million of the increase in net operating revenue resulted from having additional vessels in the fleet in 2015, offset by \$(0.9) million from a decrease in charter rates and \$(1.6) million from a decrease in vessel utilization.

Net income was \$23.8 million for the three months ended December 31, 2015, or \$0.43 per share, a reduction from \$25.3 million or \$0.46 per share for the same period in 2014. It is estimated that the *Navigator Aries* incident affected the earnings per share for the fourth quarter 2015 by approximately \$0.05.

EBITDA for the fourth quarter of 2015 was \$45.6 million, compared to \$44.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2014.

Conference Call Details:

Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 9:00 A.M. ET, the Company's management team will host a conference call to discuss the financial results.

Participants should dial into the call 10 minutes before the scheduled time using the following numbers: 1 (866) 819-7111 (US Toll Free Dial In), 0(800) 953-0329 (UK Toll Free Dial In) or +44 (0)1452-542-301 (Standard International Dial In). Please quote Navigator to the operator.

A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available until Tuesday, March 8, 2016 by dialing 1(866) 247-4222 (US Toll Free Dial In), 0(800) 953-1533 (UK Toll Free Dial In) or +44 (0)1452 550-000 (Standard International Dial In).

Access Code: 11870348#

Audio Webcast:

There will also be a live, and then archived, webcast of the conference call, available through the Company's website (www.navigatorgas.com). Participants to the live webcast should register on the website approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the webcast.

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About Us

Navigator Gas is the owner and operator of the world's largest fleet of handysize liquefied gas carriers and provides international and regional seaborne transportation of liquefied petroleum gas, petrochemical gases and ammonia for energy companies, industrial users and commodity traders. Navigator's fleet consists of 38 semi- or fully-refrigerated liquefied gas carriers, including eight newbuildings scheduled for delivery by July 2017.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements included in this press release concerning plans and objectives of management for future operations or economic performance, or assumptions related thereto, including our financial forecast, contain forward-looking statements. In addition, we and our representatives may from time to time make other oral or written statements that are also forward-looking statements. Such statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies, business prospects, changes and trends in our business and the markets in which we operate as described in this press release. In some cases, you can identify the forward-looking statements by the use of words such as may, could, should, would, expect, plan, anticipate, intend, forecast, believe, estimate, predict, propose, or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

future operating or financial results;

pending acquisitions, business strategy and expected capital spending;

operating expenses, availability of crew, number of off-hire days, drydocking requirements and insurance costs;

general market conditions and shipping market trends, including charter rates and factors affecting supply and demand;

our financial condition and liquidity, including our ability to obtain additional financing in the future to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions and other corporate activities;

estimated future capital expenditures needed to preserve our capital base;

our expectations about the receipt of our eight newbuildings and the timing of the receipt thereof;

our expectations about the availability of vessels to purchase, the time that it may take to construct new vessels, or the useful lives of our vessels;

our continued ability to enter into long-term, fixed-rate time charters with our customers;

changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities;

our expectation that in 2016 we will begin providing in-house technical management for one or more vessels in our fleet;

potential liability from future litigation;

our expectations relating to the payment of dividends; and

other factors discussed in other periodic filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

We expressly disclaim any obligation to update or revise any of these forward-looking statements, whether because of future events, new information, a change in our views or expectations, or otherwise. We make no prediction or statement about the performance of our common stock.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015
(in thousands except share data)		
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 62,526	\$ 87,779
Accounts receivable, net	7,195	9,050
Accrued income	3,642	5,647
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	6,323	8,754
Inventories	4,811	3,480
Insurance recoverable		10,289
Total current assets	84,497	124,999
Non-current assets		
Long-term accounts receivable	198	
Vessels in operation, net	1,146,999	1,264,451
Vessels under construction	134,246	170,776
Property, plant and equipment, net	284	279
Deferred finance costs, net	9,066	10,139
Total assets	\$ 1,375,290	\$ 1,570,644
Liabilities and stockholders equity		
Current liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 58,350	\$ 61,979
Accounts payable	6,448	11,471
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	5,312	9,065
Accrued interest	3,012	3,117
Deferred income	7,095	6,606
Total current liabilities	80,217	92,238
Non-current liabilities		
Secured term loan facilities, net of current portion	359,509	443,315
Senior unsecured bond	125,000	125,000
Total non-current liabilities	484,509	568,315
Total liabilities	564,726	660,553
Commitments and contingencies		

Stockholders equity

Common stock \$.01 par value; 400,000,000 shares authorized; 55,363,467 shares issued and outstanding, (2014: 55,346,613)	553	554
Additional paid-in capital	584,808	586,451
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(254)	(465)
Retained earnings	225,457	323,551
Total stockholders equity	810,564	910,091
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 1,375,290	\$ 1,570,644

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Consolidated Statements of Income

(Unaudited)

	Three months ended		Year ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	(in thousands except share data)		(in thousands except share data)	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
Revenues				
Operating revenue	\$ 78,374	\$ 78,670	\$ 304,875	\$ 315,223
Expenses				
Address and brokerage commissions	1,686	1,804	6,697	6,995
Voyage expenses	9,128	6,325	45,003	33,687
Charter-in costs	2,814		9,111	
Vessel operating expenses	17,482	21,150	70,198	78,842
Depreciation and amortization	12,082	14,515	45,809	53,453
General and administrative costs	2,636	2,915	10,335	11,011
Other corporate expenses	509	239	2,260	2,553
Profit from sale of vessel				(550)
Vessel write down following collision				10,500
Insurance recoverable from vessel repairs		608		(9,892)
Total operating expenses	46,337	47,556	189,413	186,599
Operating income	32,037	31,114	115,462	128,624
Other income/(expense)				
Interest expense	(6,314)	(7,166)	(27,051)	(28,085)
Write off of deferred financing costs				(1,797)
Interest income	4	63	230	152
Income before income taxes	25,727	24,011	88,641	98,894
Income taxes	(399)	(190)	(904)	(800)
Net income	\$ 25,328	\$ 23,821	\$ 87,737	\$ 98,094
Earnings per share:				
Basic:	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.43	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.77
Diluted:	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.43	\$ 1.58	\$ 1.76

Weighted average number of shares
outstanding:

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Basic:	55,342,184	55,363,467	55,336,402	55,360,004
Diluted:	55,561,565	55,741,907	55,483,478	55,704,104

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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**(Unaudited)**

	Three months ended		Year ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
Net income	\$ 25,328	\$ 23,821	\$ 87,737	\$ 98,094
Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)				
Foreign currency translation (loss)/gain	(38)	(135)	(166)	(211)
Total Comprehensive Income	25,290	23,686	87,571	97,883

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

(Unaudited)

(in thousands except share data)

	Number of shares	Common Stock at 0.01 par value	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss)	Retained Earnings	Total
January 1, 2014	55,326,765	\$ 553	\$ 584,031	\$ (88)	\$ 137,720	\$ 722,216
Issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs			(345)			(345)
Restricted shares issued						
April 14, 2014	12,348					
November 21, 2014	5,000					
December 1, 2014	2,500					
Net income					87,737	87,737
Foreign currency translation				(166)		(166)
Share-based compensation plan			1,122			1,122
December 31, 2014	55,346,613	\$ 553	\$ 584,808	\$ (254)	\$ 225,457	\$ 810,564
Restricted shares issued						
March 17, 2015	16,854	1				1
Net income					98,094	98,094
Foreign currency translation				(211)		(211)
Share-based compensation plan			1,643			1,643
December 31, 2015	55,363,467	\$ 554	\$ 586,451	\$ (465)	\$ 323,551	\$ 910,091

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**(Unaudited)**

	Twelve months ended December 31, 2014 (in thousands)	Twelve months ended December 31, 2015 (in thousands)
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 87,737	\$ 98,094
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	45,809	53,453
Payment of drydocking costs	(5,320)	(11,558)
Amortization of share-based compensation	1,122	1,643
Amortization of deferred financing costs	2,853	4,806
Profit on sale of vessel		(550)
Vessel write down following collision		10,500
Insurance recoverable from vessel repairs		(10,289)
Unrealized foreign exchange		