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☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended **December 31, 2023**

OR

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If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards[†] provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

[†] The term “new or revised financial accounting standard” refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to its Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management’s assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

Yes ☒ No ☐

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements. [☐]

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☐ Item 17 ☐ Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ☐ No ☒

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements in order to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their business. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical facts. This document includes assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions and beliefs about future events. These statements are intended as “forward-looking statements.” We desire to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are including this cautionary statement in connection therewith. This report and any other written or oral statements made by us or on our behalf may include forward-looking statements, which reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance, and are not intended to give any assurance as to future results. We caution that assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions and beliefs about future events may and often do vary from actual results and the differences can be material. When used in this document, the words “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “intend,” “seek,” “plan,” “potential,” “continue,” “contemplate,” “possible,” “target,” “project,” “likely,” “may,” “might,” “would,” “could” and similar expressions, terms, or phrases may identify forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but rather are based on current expectations, estimates, assumptions and projections about the business and our future financial results and readers should not place undue reliance on them. The forward-looking statements in this report are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, management’s examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although we believe that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

In addition to important factors and matters discussed elsewhere in this report, and in the documents incorporated by reference herein, important factors that, in our view, could cause our actual results and developments to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include:

- our future operating or financial results;
- the strength of world economies and currencies;
- fluctuations in interest rates and foreign exchange rates;
- general market conditions, including the market for our vessels, fluctuations in spot and charter rates and vessel values;
- availability of financing and refinancing;
- our business strategy and other plans and objectives for growth and future operations, including planned and unplanned capital expenditures;
- our ability to successfully employ our vessels;
- planned, pending or recent acquisitions, business strategy and expected capital spending or operating expenses, including drydocking, surveys, upgrades and insurance costs;
- potential liability from pending or future litigation;
- the impact of increasing scrutiny and changing expectations from investors, lenders and other market participants with respect to our Environmental, Social and Governance, or ESG, policies;
- general domestic and international political conditions, including ongoing armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the developments in the Middle East, such as the armed conflict between Israel and Hamas and the related Houthi vessel attacks in the Red Sea;
- potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents or political events;
- the length and severity of epidemics and other public health concerns, including any impact on the demand for seaborne transportation of petroleum products;
- vessel breakdowns and instances of off-hire;
- competition within our industry;
- the supply of and demand for vessels comparable to ours;
- corruption, piracy, militant activities, political instability, terrorism, and ethnic unrest in locations where we may operate;
- delays and cost overruns in drydocks or other capital projects;
- our level of indebtedness;
- our ability to obtain financing and to comply with the restrictive and other covenants in our financing arrangements;
- our need for cash to meet our debt service obligations;

- our levels of operating and maintenance costs, including bunker prices, drydocking and insurance costs;
- our ability to successfully identify, consummate, integrate, and realize the expected benefits from acquisitions;
- reputational risks;
- availability of skilled workers and the related labor costs and related costs;
- compliance with governmental, tax, environmental and safety regulation;
- any non-compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (FCPA) or other applicable regulations relating to bribery;
- general economic conditions and conditions in the oil and natural gas industry;
- effects of new products and new technology in our industry;
- the failure of counterparties to fully perform their contracts with us;
- our dependence on key personnel;
- adequacy of insurance coverage;
- our ability to obtain indemnities from customers;
- changes in laws, treaties or regulations applicable to us;
- the volatility of the price of our common shares and our other securities;
- other factors that may affect our future results; and
- these factors and other risk factors described in this annual report and other reports that we furnish or file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC.

These factors and the other risk factors described in this report are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause actual results or developments to differ materially from those expressed in any of our forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors also could harm our results. Consequently, there can be no assurance that actual results or developments anticipated by us will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, us. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of our future performance, and actual results and future developments may vary materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Given these uncertainties, prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates. We undertake no obligation, and specifically decline any obligation, except as required by law, to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Please see our Risk Factors in "Item 3. Key Information - D. Risk Factors" of this annual report for a more complete discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties.

PART I

ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS

Not applicable.

ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION

Unless the context otherwise requires, when used in this annual report, the terms “Scorpio Tankers,” the “Company,” “we,” “our” and “us” refer to Scorpio Tankers Inc. and its subsidiaries. “Scorpio Tankers Inc.” refers only to Scorpio Tankers Inc. and not its subsidiaries. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to “dollars,” “US dollars” and “\$” in this annual report are to the lawful currency of the United States. We use the term deadweight tons, or dwt, expressed in metric tons, each of which is equivalent to 1,000 kilograms, in describing the size of tankers.

As used herein, “SLR2P” refers to the Scorpio LR2 Pool, “MPL” refers to the Mercury Pool, “SLR1P” refers to the Scorpio LR1 Pool, “SMRP” refers to the Scorpio MR Pool, and “SHTP” refers to the Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool, which are spot market-oriented tanker pools in which certain of our vessels operate.

A. [Reserved]

Not applicable.

B. Capitalization and Indebtedness

Not applicable.

C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

D. Risk Factors

The following risks relate principally to the industry in which we operate and our business in general. Other risks relate principally to the securities market and ownership of our securities. The occurrence of any of the events described in this section could significantly and negatively affect our business, financial condition, operating results or cash available for the payment of dividends on our common shares and interest on our debt securities, or the trading price of our securities.

The following is a summary of the risk factors which are described in further detail in subsequent sections.

- The tanker industry is cyclical and volatile, which may adversely affect our earnings and available cash flow.
- We are dependent on spot-oriented pools and spot charters and any decrease in spot charter rates in the future may adversely affect our earnings.
- An over-supply of tanker capacity may depress charter rates, which may limit our ability to operate our tankers profitably.
- Acts of piracy on ocean-going vessels could adversely affect our business.
- Changes in fuel, or bunkers, prices may adversely affect our profits.
- Tanker rates also fluctuate based on seasonal variations in demand.
- A shift in consumer demand from oil towards other energy sources or changes to trade patterns for refined oil products may have a material adverse effect on our business.
- An inability to effectively time investments could negatively impact our results of operations and financial condition.
- Volatility in economic conditions throughout the world could have an adverse impact on our results of operations and financial condition.
- If we, including the Scorpio Pools, cannot meet our customers' quality and compliance requirements we may not be able to operate our vessels profitably which could have an adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position.
- We are subject to complex laws and regulations, including environmental laws and regulations, that can increase our liability and adversely affect our business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition and our available cash.
- If we fail to comply with international safety regulations, we may be subject to increased liability, which may adversely affect our insurance coverage and may result in a denial of access to, or detention in, certain ports.
- Developments in safety and environmental requirements relating to the recycling of vessels may result in escalated and unexpected costs.
- We operate tankers worldwide, and as a result, we are exposed to inherent operational and international risks, which may adversely affect our business and financial condition.
- Increased inspection procedures could increase costs and disrupt our business.
- Outbreaks of epidemic and pandemic diseases and governmental responses thereto could adversely affect our business.

- Our operations outside the United States expose us to global risks, such as political instability, terrorist or other attacks, war, international hostilities and economic sanction restrictions which may affect the tanker industry and adversely affect our business.
- If our vessels call on ports located in countries or territories that are subject to sanctions or embargoes imposed by the U.S. government, the European Union, the United Nations, or other governments, it could result in monetary fines or other penalties imposed on us and may adversely affect our reputation and the market for our securities.
- Maritime claimants could arrest or attach our vessels, which would have a negative effect on our cash flows.
- Governments could requisition our vessels during a period of war or emergency, which may negatively impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and available cash.
- Technological innovation could reduce our charterhire income and the value of our vessels.
- Breakdowns in our information technology, including as a result of cyberattacks, may negatively impact our business, including our ability to service customers, and may have a material adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flow and financial position.
- Increasing scrutiny and changing expectations from investors, lenders and other market participants with respect to our Environmental, Social and Governance policies may impose additional costs on us or expose us to additional risks.
- If labor interruptions are not resolved in a timely manner, they could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and available cash.
- We may not realize all of the anticipated benefits of our investment in exhaust gas cleaning systems, or 'scrubbers'.
- We cannot assure you that our internal controls and procedures over financial reporting will be sufficient.
- We may have difficulty managing our planned growth properly.
- We operate secondhand vessels, which exposes us to increased operating costs which could adversely affect our earnings and, as our fleet ages, the risks associated with older vessels could adversely affect our ability to obtain profitable charters.
- An increase in operating costs would decrease earnings and available cash.
- We will be required to make additional capital expenditures should we determine to expand the number of vessels in our fleet and to maintain all our vessels.
- Declines in charter rates and other market deterioration have caused, and could cause, us to incur impairment charges.
- Our stock price has fluctuated in the past, has recently been volatile and may be volatile in the future, and as a result, investors in our common stock could incur substantial losses.
- The market values of our vessels may decrease, which could limit the amount of funds that we can borrow or trigger certain financial covenants under our current or future debt facilities and we may incur a loss if we sell vessels following a decline in their market value.
- If we are unable to operate our vessels profitably, we may be unsuccessful in competing in the highly competitive international tanker market, which would negatively affect our financial condition and our ability to expand our business.
- If we do not set aside funds and are unable to borrow or raise funds for vessel replacement, at the end of a vessel's useful life, our revenue will decline, which would adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and available cash.
- Our ability to obtain additional financing may be dependent on the performance of our then existing charters and the creditworthiness of our charterers.
- We cannot guarantee that our Board of Directors will declare dividends.
- United States tax authorities could treat us as a "passive foreign investment company," which could have adverse United States federal income tax consequence to United States shareholders.
- We may have to pay tax on United States source shipping income, which would reduce our earnings.
- We are subject to certain risks with respect to our counterparties on contracts, including our vessel employment arrangements, and failure of such counterparties to meet their obligations could cause us to suffer losses or negatively impact our results of operations and cash flows.
- Our insurance may not be adequate to cover our losses that may result from our operations due to inherent operational risks of the tanker industry.
- Because we obtain some of our insurance through protection and indemnity associations, which result in significant expenses to us, we may be required to make additional premium payments.
- Failure to comply with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act could result in fines, criminal penalties, contract terminations and an adverse effect on our business.

- Changes in tax laws and unanticipated tax liabilities could materially and adversely affect the taxes we pay, results of operations and financial results.
- We are incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, which does not have a well-developed body of corporate law and, as a result, shareholders may have fewer rights and protections under Marshall Islands law than under a typical jurisdiction in the United States.
- As a Marshall Islands corporation with our headquarters in Monaco, and with a majority of our subsidiaries being Marshall Islands entities and also having subsidiaries in other offshore jurisdictions, our operations may be subject to economic substance requirements, which could impact our business.
- It may be difficult to serve process on or enforce a United States judgment against us, our officers and our directors because we are a foreign corporation.
- The international nature of our operations may make the outcome of any bankruptcy proceedings difficult to predict.
- We are dependent on our managers and their ability to hire and retain key personnel, and there may be conflicts of interest between us and our managers that may not be resolved in our favor.
- Our founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Vice President have affiliations with our administrator and commercial and technical managers which may create conflicts of interest.
- Certain of our officers do not devote all of their time to our business, which may hinder our ability to operate successfully.
- Our commercial and technical managers are each privately held companies and there is little or no publicly available information about them.
- Servicing our current or future indebtedness limits funds available for other purposes and if we cannot service our debt, we may lose our vessels.
- Our debt and lease financing agreements contain restrictive and financial covenants which may limit our ability to conduct certain activities, and further, we may be unable to comply with such covenants, which could result in a default under the terms of such agreements.

RISKS RELATED TO OUR INDUSTRY

The tanker industry is cyclical and volatile, which may adversely affect our earnings and available cash flow.

The tanker industry is both cyclical and volatile in terms of charter rates and profitability. Periodic adjustments to the supply of and demand for oil tankers can cause the industry to be cyclical in nature. We expect continued volatility in market rates for our vessels in the foreseeable future with a consequential effect on our short and medium-term liquidity. A worsening of current global economic conditions may cause tanker charter rates to decline and thereby adversely affect our ability to charter or re-charter our vessels or to sell them on the expiration or termination of their charters, and the rates payable in respect of our vessels currently operating in tanker pools, or any renewal or replacement charters that we enter into, may not be sufficient to allow us to operate our vessels profitably. In addition, conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East are disrupting energy production and trade patterns, including shipping in the Black Sea, Red Sea, and elsewhere, and its continued impact on energy prices and tanker rates is uncertain. Fluctuations in charter rates and vessel values result from changes in the supply and demand for tanker capacity and changes in the supply and demand for oil and petroleum products. The factors affecting the supply and demand for tankers are outside of our control, and the nature, timing and degree of changes in industry conditions are unpredictable.

The factors that influence demand for tanker capacity include:

- supply of and demand for energy resources and oil and petroleum products;
- changes in the consumption of oil and petroleum products due to availability of new, alternative energy sources or changes in the price of oil and petroleum products relative to other energy sources or other factors making consumption of oil and petroleum products less attractive;
- regional availability of refining capacity and inventories compared to geographies of oil production regions;
- national policies regarding strategic oil inventories (including if strategic reserves are set at a lower level in the future as oil decreases in the energy mix);
- global and regional economic and political conditions, including armed conflicts, terrorist activities, embargoes and strikes;
- currency exchange rates;
- the distance over which oil and petroleum products are to be moved by sea;
- changes in seaborne and other transportation patterns;
- changes in governmental or maritime self-regulatory organizations' rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities;
- environmental and other legal and regulatory developments;
- business disruptions, including supply chain issues, due to natural or other disasters, or otherwise;

- developments in international trade, including those relating to the imposition of tariffs;
- competition from alternative sources of energy; and
- international sanctions, embargoes, import and export restrictions, nationalizations and wars.

The factors that influence the supply of tanker capacity include:

- supply of and demand for energy resources and oil and petroleum products;
- demand for alternative sources of energy;
- the number of newbuilding orders and deliveries, including slippage in deliveries;
- the number of vessel casualties;
- technological advances in tanker design and capacity;
- the number of shipyards and ability of shipyards to deliver vessels;
- availability of financing for new vessels and shipping activity;
- the degree of scrapping or recycling rate of older vessels, depending, amongst other things, on scrapping or recycling rates and international scrapping or recycling regulations;
- price of steel and vessel equipment;
- the number of conversions of tankers to other uses or conversions of other vessels to tankers;
- the number of product tankers trading crude or "dirty" oil products (such as fuel oil);
- the number of vessels that are out of service, namely those that are laid up, drydocked, awaiting repairs or otherwise not available for hire;
- changes in government and industry environmental and other regulations that may limit the useful lives of tankers and environmental concerns and regulations;
- product imbalances (affecting the level of trading activity);
- developments in international trade, including refinery additions and closures;
- port or canal congestion, including reduction in the transits of the Panama or Suez Canals; and
- speed of vessel operation.

In addition to the prevailing and anticipated freight rates, factors that affect the rate of newbuilding, scrapping and laying-up include newbuilding prices, secondhand vessel values in relation to scrap prices, costs of bunkers and other operating costs, costs associated with classification society surveys, normal maintenance costs, insurance coverage costs, the efficiency and age profile of the existing tanker fleet in the market, and government and industry regulation of maritime transportation practices, particularly environmental protection laws and regulations. These factors influencing the supply of and demand for shipping capacity are outside of our control, and we may not be able to correctly assess the nature, timing and degree of changes in industry conditions.

We anticipate that the future demand for our tankers will be dependent upon economic growth in the world's economies, seasonal and regional changes in demand, changes in the capacity of the global tanker fleet and the sources and supply of oil and petroleum products to be transported by sea. Given the number of new tankers currently on order with shipyards, the capacity of the global tanker fleet seems likely to increase and there can be no assurance as to the timing or extent of future economic growth. Adverse economic, political, social or other developments could also have a material adverse effect on our industry and, as a result, our business and operating results.

Declines in oil and natural gas prices for an extended period of time, or market expectations of potential decreases in these prices, could negatively affect our future growth in the tanker and offshore sector. Sustained periods of low oil and natural gas prices typically result in reduced exploration and extraction because oil and natural gas companies' capital expenditure budgets are subject to cash flow from such activities and are therefore sensitive to changes in energy prices. These changes in commodity prices can have a material effect on demand for our services, and periods of low demand can cause excess vessel supply and intensify the competition in the industry, which often results in vessels, particularly older and less technologically-advanced vessels, being idle for long periods of time. We cannot predict the future level of demand for our services or future conditions of the oil and natural gas industry and decrease in exploration, development or production expenditures by oil and natural gas companies could reduce our revenues and materially harm our business, results of operations and cash available for distribution.

We are dependent on spot-oriented pools and spot charters and any decrease in spot charter rates in the future may adversely affect our earnings.

As of March 21, 2024, 95 of our vessels were employed in either the spot market or in spot market-oriented tanker pools such as the SLR2P, SMRP, SHTP or Mercury Pool, which we refer to collectively as the Scorpio Pools and which are managed by companies that are members of the Scorpio group of companies, exposing us to fluctuations in spot market charter rates. The spot charter market may fluctuate significantly based upon tanker and oil supply and demand. The successful operation of our vessels in the competitive spot charter market, including within the Scorpio Pools, depends on, among other things, obtaining profitable spot charters and minimizing, to the extent possible, time spent waiting for charters and time spent traveling unladen to pick up cargo. The spot market is very volatile, and, in the past, there have been periods when spot charter rates have declined below the operating cost of vessels. If spot charter rates decline, then we may be unable to operate our vessels trading in the spot market profitably, meet our obligations, including payments on indebtedness, or pay dividends in the future. Furthermore, as charter rates for spot charters are fixed for a single voyage which may last up to several weeks, during periods in which spot charter rates are rising, we will generally experience delays in realizing the benefits from such increases.

Our ability to renew expiring charters or obtain new charters will depend on the prevailing market conditions at the time. If we are not able to obtain new charters in direct continuation with existing charters or upon taking delivery of a newly acquired vessel, or if new charters are entered into at charter rates substantially below the existing charter rates or on terms otherwise less favorable compared to existing charter terms, our revenues and profitability could be adversely affected.

An over-supply of tanker capacity may depress charter rates, which may limit our ability to operate our tankers profitably.

The market supply of tankers is affected by a number of factors, such as supply and demand for energy resources, including oil and petroleum products, supply and demand for seaborne transportation of such energy resources, and the current and expected purchase orders for newbuildings. If the capacity of new tankers delivered exceeds the capacity of tankers being scrapped and converted to non-trading tankers, tanker capacity will increase. According to Drewry Shipping Consultants Ltd., or Drewry, as of February 29, 2024, the newbuilding order book, which extends to 2026 and beyond, equaled approximately 7.0% of the existing world tanker fleet and the order book may increase further in proportion to the existing fleet. If the supply of tanker capacity increases and if the demand for tanker capacity does not increase correspondingly or declines, charter rates could materially decline. A reduction in charter rates and the value of our vessels may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and available cash.

In addition, product tankers may be "cleaned up" from "dirty/crude" trades and swapped back into the "clean" product tanker market which would increase the available product tanker tonnage which may in turn affect the supply and demand balance for product tankers. This could have an adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

Acts of piracy on ocean-going vessels could adversely affect our business.

Acts of piracy have historically affected ocean-going vessels trading in regions of the world such as the South China Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Guinea, the Gulf of Aden and the Sulu Sea. Sea piracy incidents continue to occur, with commercial tankers and drybulk vessels particularly vulnerable to such attacks.

Additionally, since December 2023, there have been multiple drone and missile attacks on commercial vessels transiting international waters in the southern Red Sea by groups believed to be affiliated with the Yemen-based Houthi rebel group purportedly in response to the ongoing military conflict between Israel and Hamas. Recent attacks on U.S. military installations in Jordan and other locations in the Middle East, the continuing military actions by the U.S. government and certain of its allies against the Houthi rebel group, which the U.S. government believes to be supported by the government of Iran, and the ongoing military conflict between Israel and Hamas continue to threaten the political stability of the region and may lead to further military conflicts, including continued hostile actions towards commercial shipping in the region. We cannot predict the severity or length of the current conditions impacting international shipping in this region and the continuing disruption of the trade routes in the region of the Red Sea. While thus far the impact of these events has been favorable to the demand for our vessels, it is also possible that they could have a material and adverse impact on our results of operations in the future.

If piracy attacks continue or result in regions in which our vessels are deployed being characterized by insurers as "war risk" zones or Joint War Committee "war and strikes" listed areas, premiums payable for such coverage could increase significantly and such insurance coverage may be more difficult to obtain. In such circumstances, crew and security equipment costs, including costs which may be incurred to the extent we employ onboard security guards, could increase. We may not be adequately insured to cover losses from these incidents, which could have a material adverse effect on us. In addition, detention or hijacking as a result of an act of piracy against our vessels, or increases in cost associated with seeking to avoid such events (including increased bunker costs resulting from vessels being rerouted or travelling at increased speeds as recommended by BMP5), or unavailability of insurance for our vessels, could have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, ability to pay dividends, cash flows and financial condition and may result in loss of revenues, increased costs and decreased cash flows to our customers, which could impair their ability to make payments to us under our charters.

Changes in fuel, or bunkers, prices may adversely affect our profits.

Since we primarily employ our vessels in the spot market or in spot market oriented pools, fuel, or bunkers, is typically the largest expense affecting our shipping operations for our vessels and changes in the price of fuel may adversely affect our profitability. The cost of fuel, including the fuel efficiency or capability to use lower priced fuel, can also be an important factor considered by charterers in negotiating charter rates. While we believe that we can transfer increased costs to the customer, and will experience a competitive advantage as a result of increased bunker prices due to the greater fuel efficiency of our vessels compared to the average global fleet, changes in the price of fuel may adversely affect our profitability. The price and supply of fuel is unpredictable and fluctuates based on events outside our control, including geopolitical developments, such as the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the military conflict between Israel and Hamas, supply and demand for oil and gas, actions by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC, and other oil and gas producers, war and unrest in oil producing countries and regions, regional production patterns and environmental concerns.

In addition, the entry into force, on January 1, 2020, of the 0.5% global sulfur cap in marine fuels used by vessels that are not equipped with sulfur oxide ("SOx") exhaust gas cleaning systems ("scrubbers") under the International Convention for Prevention of Pollution from Ships ("MARPOL") Annex VI may lead to changes in the production quantities and prices of different grades of marine fuel by refineries and introduces an additional element of uncertainty in fuel markets, which could result in additional costs and adversely affect our cash flows, earnings and results from operations.

Furthermore, since the implementation of the IMO's sulfur oxide emission limits on January 1, 2020, we have been using compliant low sulfur fuels for some of our vessels that have not yet been retrofitted with scrubbers or that are trading in regions where the use of scrubbers is not permitted, the price of which has increased as a result of increased demand. Fuel may continue to become much more expensive in the future, which may adversely affect the competitiveness of our business compared to other forms of transportation and reduce our profitability.

In addition, if the recent sharp increase in crude oil prices and widening of the spread between the prices of high sulfur fuel and low sulfur fuel resulting from conflict between Russia and Ukraine continues, this might lead to a decrease in the economic viability of older vessels that lack fuel efficiency and a reduction of useful lives of these vessels.

Tanker rates also fluctuate based on seasonal variations in demand.

Tanker markets are typically stronger in the winter months as a result of increased oil consumption in the northern hemisphere but weaker in the summer months as a result of lower oil consumption in the northern hemisphere and refinery maintenance that is typically conducted in the summer months. In addition, unpredictable weather patterns during the winter months in the northern hemisphere tend to disrupt vessel routing and scheduling. The oil price volatility resulting from these factors has historically led to increased oil trading activities in the winter months. As a result, revenues generated by our vessels have historically been weaker during the quarters ended June 30 and September 30, and stronger in the quarters ended March 31 and December 31.

A shift in consumer demand from oil towards other energy sources or changes to trade patterns for refined oil products may have a material adverse effect on our business.

A significant portion of our earnings are related to the oil industry. We rely almost exclusively on the cash flows generated from the employment of our vessels that operate in the tanker sector of the shipping industry. Due to our lack of diversification, adverse developments in the tanker shipping industry have a significantly greater impact on our financial condition and results of operations than if we maintained more diverse assets or lines of business. Adverse developments in the tanker business could therefore reduce our ability to meet our payment obligations and our profitability.

A shift in or disruption of the consumer demand from oil towards other energy resources such as electricity, natural gas, liquefied natural gas or hydrogen will potentially affect the demand for our product tankers. A shift from the use of internal combustion engine vehicles to electric vehicles may also reduce the demand for oil. These factors could have a material adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

"Peak oil" is the year when the maximum rate of extraction of oil is reached. Recent forecasts of "peak oil" range from the 2020s to the 2040s, depending on economics and how governments respond to global warming. Irrespective of "peak oil", the continuing shift in consumer demand from oil towards other energy resources such as wind energy, solar energy, hydrogen energy or nuclear energy, as well as shifts in government commitments and support for energy transition programs, may have a material adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

Seaborne trading and distribution patterns are primarily influenced by the relative advantage of the various sources of production, locations of consumption, pricing differentials and seasonality. Changes to the trade patterns of refined oil products may have a significant negative or positive impact on the ton-mile and therefore the demand for our product tankers. This could have a material adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

An inability to effectively time investments in and divestments of vessels could prevent the implementation of our business strategy and negatively impact our results of operations and financial condition.

Our strategy is to own and operate a fleet large enough to provide global coverage, but no larger than what the demand for our services can support over a longer period by both contracting newbuildings and through acquisitions and disposals in the second-hand market. Our business is greatly influenced by the timing of investments and/or divestments and contracting of newbuildings. If we are unable to identify the optimal timing of such investments, divestments or contracting of newbuildings in relation to the shipping value cycle due to capital restraints, this could have a material adverse effect on our competitive position, future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

Volatility in economic conditions throughout the world could have an adverse impact on our results of operations and financial condition.

Our business and profitability are affected by the overall level of demand for our vessels, which in turn is affected by trends in global economic conditions. There has historically been a strong link between the development of the world economy and demand for energy, including oil and gas. In the past, declines in global economic activity significantly reduced the level of demand for our vessels. While market conditions have improved, continued adverse and developing economic and governmental factors, together with the concurrent volatility in charter rates and vessel values, may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows, and could cause the price of our ordinary shares to decline.

Also, as a result of concerns about the stability of financial markets generally, and the solvency of counterparties specifically, the availability and cost of obtaining money from the public and private equity and debt markets may become more difficult. We cannot be certain that financing will be available if needed and to the extent required, or that we will be able to refinance our existing and future credit facilities, on acceptable terms or at all. If financing or refinancing is not available when needed, or is available only on unfavorable terms, we may be unable to meet our obligations as they come due or we may be unable to enhance our existing business, complete additional vessel acquisitions or otherwise take advantage of business opportunities as they arise. These risks factors, overall, may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition and may cause the price of our common shares to decline.

If there is an economic slowdown in the Asia Pacific region, especially in China, it may have a negative effect on our industry and financial condition. In recent history, China has had one of the world's fastest growing economies in terms of gross domestic product, or GDP, which has had a significant impact on shipping demand. While the growth rate of China's GDP for the year ended December 31, 2023 is estimated to be approximately 5.1%, up from a growth rate of approximately 3.0% for the year ended December 31, 2022, the market is still subject to volatility. For example, following the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, China experienced reduced industrial activity with temporary closures of factories and other facilities, labor shortages and restrictions on travel, resulting in a global economic slowdown.

In addition, in 2020 President Xi Jinping committed China to achieving carbon neutrality by 2060 at the UN General Assembly despite that carbon emissions are currently a prominent part of China's economic and industrial structure as it relies heavily on nonrenewable energy sources, generally lacks energy efficiency, and has a rapidly growing energy demand. The method by which China attempts to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060, and any attendant reduction in the demand for oil, petroleum and related products, could have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flows and results of operations.

If we, including the Scorpio Pools, cannot meet our customers' quality and compliance requirements we may not be able to operate our vessels profitably which could have an adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

Customers, in particular those in the oil industry, have an increasingly high focus on quality and compliance standards with their suppliers across the entire value chain, including the shipping and transportation segment. Our, and the Scorpio Pools', continuous compliance with these standards and quality requirements is vital for our operations. Related risks could materialize in multiple ways, including a sudden and unexpected breach in quality and/or compliance concerning one or more vessels, or a continuous decrease in the quality concerning one or more vessels occurring over time. Moreover, continuous increasing requirements from oil industry constituents can further complicate our ability to meet the standards. Any noncompliance by us, or the Scorpio Pools, either suddenly or over a period of time, on one or more vessels, or an increase in requirements by oil operators above and beyond what we deliver, may have a material adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

We are subject to complex laws and regulations, including environmental laws and regulations that can increase our liability and adversely affect our business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition, and our available cash.

Our operations are subject to numerous laws and regulations in the form of international conventions and treaties, national, state and local laws and national and international regulations in force in the jurisdictions in which our vessels operate or are registered, which can significantly affect the ownership and operation of our vessels. Compliance with such laws and

regulations, where applicable, may require installation of costly equipment or operational changes and may affect the resale value or useful lives of our vessels. We may also incur additional costs in order to comply with other existing and future regulatory obligations, including, but not limited to, costs relating to air emissions including greenhouse gases, the management of ballast and bilge waters, maintenance and inspection, elimination of tin-based paint, development and implementation of emergency procedures and insurance coverage or other financial assurance of our ability to address pollution incidents.

A failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations may result in administrative and civil penalties, criminal sanctions or the suspension or termination of our operations. Environmental requirements can also affect the resale value or useful lives of our vessels, could require a reduction in cargo capacity, ship modifications or operational changes or restrictions, could lead to decreased availability of insurance coverage for environmental matters or could result in the denial of access to certain jurisdictional waters or ports or detention in certain ports. Under local, national and foreign laws, as well as international treaties and conventions, we could incur material liabilities, including clean-up obligations and natural resource damages liability, in the event that there is a release of hazardous materials from our vessels or otherwise in connection with our operations. Environmental laws often impose strict liability for remediation of spills and releases of oil and hazardous substances, which could subject us to liability without regard to whether we were negligent or at fault. We could also become subject to personal injury or property damage claims relating to the release of hazardous substances associated with our existing or historic operations. Violations of, or liabilities under, environmental requirements can result in substantial penalties, fines and other sanctions, including, in certain instances, seizure or detention of our vessels, and could harm our reputation with current or potential charterers of our tankers.

In addition, many environmental requirements are designed to reduce the risk of pollution, such as from oil spills, and our compliance with these requirements could be costly. To comply with these and other regulations, including: (i) the sulfur emission requirements of Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships, or MARPOL, which instituted a global 0.5% (lowered from 3.5% as of January 1, 2020) sulfur cap on marine fuel consumed by a vessel, unless the vessel is equipped with a scrubber, and (ii) the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments of the International Maritime Organization, or the IMO, which requires vessels to install expensive ballast water treatment systems, we may be required to incur additional costs to meet new maintenance and inspection requirements, develop contingency plans for potential spills, and obtain insurance coverage. The increased demand for low sulfur fuels may increase the costs of fuel for our vessels that do not have scrubbers. Additional conventions, laws and regulations may be adopted that could limit our ability to do business or increase the cost of doing business and which may materially and adversely affect our operations. Further, we are required to satisfy insurance and financial responsibility requirements for potential oil (including marine fuel) spills and other pollution incidents. Although we have arranged insurance to cover certain environmental risks, there can be no assurance that such insurance will be sufficient to cover all such risks or that any claims will not have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition and available cash.

Please see "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Environmental and Other Regulations in the Shipping Industry" for a discussion of the environmental and other regulations applicable to us.

If we fail to comply with international safety regulations, we may be subject to increased liability, which may adversely affect our insurance coverage and may result in a denial of access to, or detention in, certain ports.

The operation of our vessels is affected by the requirements set forth in the IMO's International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention, or the ISM Code, promulgated by the IMO and the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea of 1974, or SOLAS Convention. The ISM Code requires the party with operational control of a vessel to develop and maintain an extensive "safety management system" that includes, among other things, the adoption of a safety and environmental protection policy setting forth instructions and procedures for safe operation and describing procedures for dealing with emergencies. Failure to comply with the ISM Code may subject us to increased liability and may invalidate existing insurance or decrease available insurance coverage for our affected vessels and such failure may result in a denial of access to, or detention in, certain ports. The U.S. Coast Guard and European Union authorities enforce compliance with the ISM and International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, or the ISPS Code, and prohibit non-compliant vessels from trading in U.S. and European Union ports. This could have a material adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position. Given that the IMO continues to review and introduce new regulations, it is impossible to predict what additional regulations, if any, may be passed by the IMO and what effect, if any, such regulations might have on our operations.

Because such conventions, laws, and regulations are often revised, we cannot predict the ultimate cost of complying with such conventions, laws and regulations or the impact thereof on the resale prices or useful lives of our vessels. Additional conventions, laws and regulations may be adopted which could limit our ability to do business or increase the cost of our doing business and which may materially adversely affect our operations. We are required by various governmental and quasigovernmental agencies to obtain certain permits, licenses, certificates, and financial assurances with respect to our operations.

Recent action by the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee and United States agencies indicate that cybersecurity regulations for the maritime industry are likely to be further developed in the near future in an attempt to combat cybersecurity threats. By IMO resolution, administrations are encouraged to ensure that cyber-risk management systems are incorporated by ship-owners and managers by their first annual Document of Compliance audit after January 1, 2021. In February 2021, the U.S. Coast Guard published guidance on addressing cyber risks in a vessel's safety management system. This might cause companies to cultivate additional procedures for monitoring cybersecurity, which could require additional expenses and/or capital expenditures.

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Developments in safety and environmental requirements relating to the recycling of vessels may result in escalated and unexpected costs.

The 2009 Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, or the Hong Kong Convention, aims to ensure ships being recycled once they reach the end of their operational lives, do not pose any unnecessary risks to the environment, human health and safety. In June 2023, the Hong Kong Convention was ratified by the required number of countries, and thus will enter into force in June 2025. Upon the Hong Kong Convention's entry into force, each ship sent for recycling will have to carry an inventory of its hazardous materials. The hazardous materials, whose use or installation are prohibited in certain circumstances, are listed in an appendix to the Hong Kong Convention. Ships will be required to have surveys to verify their inventory of hazardous materials initially, throughout their lives and prior to the ship being recycled.

On November 20, 2013, the European Parliament and the Council of the EU adopted the Ship Recycling Regulation, which retains the requirements of the Hong Kong Convention and requires that certain commercial seagoing vessels flying the flag of an EU member state may be recycled only in facilities included on the European list of permitted ship recycling facilities.

Apart from that, any vessel, including ours, is required to set up and maintain an Inventory of Hazardous Materials from December 31, 2018 for EU flagged new ships and from December 31, 2020 for EU flagged existing ships and Non-EU flagged ships calling at a port or anchorage of an EU member state. Such a system includes information on the hazardous materials with a quantity above the threshold values specified in relevant EU Resolution and that are identified in ship's structure and equipment. This inventory should be properly maintained and updated, especially after repairs, conversions or unscheduled maintenance on board the ship.

These regulatory requirements may lead to cost escalation by shipyards, repair yards and recycling yards. This may then result in a decrease in the residual recycling value of a vessel, which could potentially not cover the cost to comply with the latest requirements, which may have an adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

We operate tankers worldwide, and as a result, we are exposed to inherent operational and international risks, which may adversely affect our business and financial condition.

The operation of an ocean-going vessel carries inherent risks. Our vessels and their cargoes will be at risk of being damaged or lost because of events such as marine disasters, bad weather, and other acts of nature, business interruptions caused by mechanical failures, grounding, fire, explosions and collisions, human error, war, terrorism, piracy and other circumstances or events. Changing economic, regulatory and political conditions in some countries, including political and military conflicts, have from time to time resulted in attacks on vessels, mining of waterways, piracy, terrorism, labor strikes and boycotts. For example, there have been recent threats, including piracy and drone and missile attacks on commercial vessels transiting the Red Sea and surrounding waterways, which are believed to be led by the Yemen-based Houthi rebel group purportedly in response to the armed conflict between Israel and Hamas. Such hazards may result in death or injury to persons, loss of revenues or property, payment of ransoms, environmental damage, higher insurance rates, damage to our customer relationships, market disruptions, and interference with shipping routes (such as delay or rerouting), any of which may reduce our revenue or increase our expenses and also subject us to litigation. Epidemics and other public health incidents may also lead to crew member illness, which can disrupt the operations of our vessels, or to public health measures, which may prevent our vessels from calling on ports or discharging cargo in the affected areas or in other locations after having visited the affected areas. In addition, the operation of tankers has unique operational risks associated with the transportation of oil. An oil spill may cause significant environmental damage, and the associated costs could exceed the insurance coverage available to us. Compared to other types of vessels, tankers are exposed to a higher risk of damage and loss by fire, whether ignited by a terrorist attack, collision, or other cause, due to the high flammability and high volume of the oil transported in tankers.

If our vessels suffer damage, they may need to be repaired at a drydocking facility. The costs of drydock repairs are unpredictable and may be substantial. We may have to pay drydocking costs that our insurance does not cover in full. The loss

of revenues while these vessels are being repaired and repositioned, as well as the actual cost of these repairs, may adversely affect our business and financial condition. In addition, space at drydocking facilities is sometimes limited and not all drydocking facilities are conveniently located. We may be unable to find space at a suitable drydocking facility or our vessels may be forced to travel to a drydocking facility that is not conveniently located to our vessels' positions. The loss of earnings while these vessels are forced to wait for space or to travel to more distant drydocking facilities may adversely affect our business and financial condition. Further, the total loss of any of our vessels could harm our reputation as a safe and reliable vessel owner and operator. If we are unable to adequately maintain or safeguard our vessels, we may be unable to prevent any such damage, costs, or loss which could negatively impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and available cash.

Increased inspection procedures could increase costs and disrupt our business.

International shipping is subject to various security and customs inspection and related procedures in countries of origin and destination and other trans-shipment points. Inspection procedures can result in the seizure of the cargo and/or our vessels, delays in loading, offloading or delivery and the levying of customs duties, fines or other penalties against us. Under the U.S. Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, the U.S. Coast Guard issued regulations requiring the implementation of certain security requirements aboard vessels operating in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and at certain ports and facilities. These security procedures can result in delays in the loading, offloading or trans-shipment and the levying of customs duties, fines or other penalties against exporters or importers and, in some cases, carriers.

It is possible that changes to inspection procedures could impose additional financial and legal obligations on us. Furthermore, changes to inspection procedures could also impose additional costs and obligations on our customers and may, in certain cases, render the shipment of certain types of cargo uneconomical or impractical. Any such changes or developments may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and available cash.

Outbreaks of epidemic and pandemic diseases and governmental responses thereto could adversely affect our business.

Our operations are subject to risks related to pandemics, epidemics or other infectious disease outbreaks and government responses thereto. COVID-19, which was initially declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020 and was declared no longer a global health emergency on May 5, 2023, negatively affected economic conditions, supply chains, labor markets, and demand for certain shipped goods both regionally and globally as a result of government efforts to combat the pandemic, including the enactment or imposition of travel bans, quarantines and other emergency public health measures.

The extent to which our business, the global economy and the petroleum product transportation industry may be negatively affected by future pandemics, epidemics or other outbreaks of infectious diseases is highly uncertain and will depend on numerous evolving factors that we cannot predict, including, but not limited to (i) the duration and severity of the infectious disease outbreak; (ii) the imposition of restrictive measures to combat the outbreak and slow disease transmission; (iii) the introduction of financial support measures to reduce the impact of the outbreak on the economy; (iv) volatility in the demand for and price of oil and gas; (v) shortages or reductions in the supply of essential goods, services or labor; and (vi) fluctuations in general economic or financial conditions tied to the outbreak, such as a sharp increase in interest rates or reduction in the availability of credit. We cannot predict the effect that an outbreak of a new COVID-19 variant or strain, or any future infectious disease outbreak, pandemic or epidemic may have on our business, results of operations and financial condition, which could be material and adverse.

Our operations outside the United States expose us to global risks, such as political instability, terrorist or other attacks, war, international hostilities and economic sanctions restrictions which may affect the tanker industry and adversely affect our business.

We are an international company and primarily conduct our operations outside of the United States, and our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends, if any, may be adversely affected by changing economic, political and government conditions in the countries and regions where our vessels are employed or registered. Moreover, we operate in a sector of the economy that is likely to be adversely impacted by the effects of political conflicts, including the current political instability in the Middle East and the South China Sea region and other geographic countries and areas, geopolitical events such as terrorist or other attacks, war (or threatened war) or international hostilities, such as those between the United States and North Korea, and Russia and Ukraine. Terrorist attacks, as well as the frequent incidents of terrorism in the Middle East and recently in the Red Sea region, and the continuing response of the United States and other countries to these attacks, as well as the threat of future terrorist attacks around the world, continue to cause uncertainty in the world's financial markets and may affect our business, operating results and financial condition. Continuing conflicts and recent developments in Ukraine and the Middle East, including the military conflict between Israel and Hamas, may lead to additional acts of terrorism and armed conflict around the world, which may disrupt international shipping and contribute to further economic instability in the global financial markets.

Specifically, the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine has had a significant direct and indirect impact on the trade of refined petroleum products. This conflict has resulted in the United States, United Kingdom, and the European Union, among other countries, implementing sanctions and executive orders against citizens, entities, and activities connected to Russia. Some of these sanctions and executive orders target the Russian oil sector, including a prohibition on the import of oil and refined petroleum products from Russia to the United States, United Kingdom or the European Union. We cannot foresee what other sanctions or executive orders may arise that affect the trade of petroleum products and it is possible that the current conflict in Ukraine could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, financial position and future performance.

Additionally, since December 2023, there have been multiple drone and missile attacks on commercial vessels transiting international waters in the southern Red Sea by groups believed to be affiliated with the Yemen-based Houthi rebel group purportedly in response to the ongoing military conflict between Israel and Hamas. Recent attacks on U.S. military installations in Jordan and other locations in the Middle East, the continuing military actions by the U.S. government and certain of its allies against the Houthi rebel group, which the U.S. government believes to be supported by the government of Iran and the ongoing military conflict between Israel and Hamas continue to threaten the political stability of the region and may lead to further military conflicts, including continued hostile actions towards commercial shipping in the region. We cannot predict the severity or length of the current conditions impacting international shipping in this region and the continuing disruption of the trade routes in the region of the Red Sea. It is also possible that these conditions could have a material and adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations, and future performance.

Further, governments may turn and have turned to trade barriers to protect their domestic industries against foreign imports, thereby depressing shipping demand. Increasing trade protectionism may cause an increase in (a) the cost of goods exported from regions globally, (b) the length of time required to transport goods and (c) the risks associated with exporting goods. Such increases may significantly affect the quantity of goods to be shipped, shipping time schedules, voyage costs and other associated costs, which could have an adverse impact on our charterers' business, operating results and financial condition and could thereby affect their ability to make timely charter hire payments to us and to renew and increase the number of their time charters with us. This could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

In the past, political instability has also resulted in attacks on vessels, mining of waterways and other acts of terrorism or piracy to disrupt international shipping. For more information see the risk factor entitled "*acts of piracy on ocean-going vessels could adversely affect our business.*"

In February of 2022, President Biden and several European leaders also announced various economic sanctions against Russia in connection with the aforementioned conflicts in the Ukraine region, which have continued to expand over the past year and may adversely impact our business, given Russia's role as a major global exporter of crude oil and natural gas. The Russian Foreign Harmful Activities Sanctions program includes prohibitions on the import of certain Russian energy products into the United States, including crude oil, petroleum, petroleum fuels, oils, liquefied natural gas and coal, as well as prohibitions on all new investments in Russia by U.S. persons, among other restrictions. Furthermore, the United States has also prohibited a variety of specified services related to the maritime transport of Russian Federation origin crude oil and petroleum products, including trading/commodities brokering, financing, shipping, insurance (including reinsurance and protection and indemnity), flagging, and customs brokering. These prohibitions took effect on December 5, 2022 with respect to the maritime transport of crude oil and on February 5, 2023 with respect to the maritime transport of other petroleum products. An exception exists to permit such services when the price of the seaborne Russian oil does not exceed the relevant price cap; but implementation of this price exception relies on a recordkeeping and attestation process that allows each party in the supply chain of seaborne Russian oil to demonstrate or confirm that oil has been purchased at or below the price cap. Violations of the price cap policy or the risk that information, documentation, or attestations provided by parties in the supply chain are later determined to be false may pose additional risks adversely affecting our business. Our business could also be adversely impacted by trade tariffs, trade embargoes or other economic sanctions that limit trading activities by the United States or other countries against countries in the Middle East, Asia or elsewhere as a result of terrorist attacks, hostilities or diplomatic or political pressures, which may, among other things, impair or prevent certain of our counterparties from performing their obligations under contracts with us or with the pools in which our vessels operate.

As a result of these conflicts and other potential future conflicts, insurers may increase premiums and reduce or restrict coverage for losses caused by terrorist acts generally. These uncertainties could also adversely affect our ability to obtain additional financing on terms acceptable to us or at all. Any of these occurrences could have a material adverse impact on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows, financial position and our ability to pay any cash distributions to our stockholders.

If our vessels call on ports located in countries or territories that are subject to sanctions or embargoes imposed by the U.S. government, the European Union, the United Nations, or other governments, it could result in monetary fines or other penalties imposed on us and may adversely affect our reputation and the market for our securities.

Although no vessels owned or operated by us called on ports located in countries or territories subject to country-wide or territory-wide sanctions and/or embargoes imposed by the U.S. government or other authorities (“Sanctioned Jurisdictions”) during 2023 in violation of applicable sanctions laws, and we intend to maintain compliance with all applicable sanctions and embargo laws and regulations, our vessels may call on ports in Sanctioned Jurisdictions in the future on charterers’ instructions and without our consent. If such activities result in a sanctions violation, we could be subject to monetary fines, penalties, or other sanctions, and our reputation and the market for our ordinary shares could be adversely affected. Although we endeavor to take precautions reasonably designed to mitigate such activities, including relevant provisions in charter agreements forbidding the use of our vessels in trade that would violate economic sanctions, there can be no assurance that we will maintain such compliance, particularly as the scope of certain laws may be unclear and may be subject to changing interpretations.

The laws and regulations of these different jurisdictions vary in their application and do not all apply to the same covered persons or proscribe the same activities. In addition, the sanctions and embargo laws and regulations of each jurisdiction may be amended or strengthened over time to increase or reduce the restrictions they impose over time, and the lists of persons and entities designated under these laws and regulations are amended frequently. Moreover, most sanctions regimes provide that entities owned or controlled by the persons or entities designated in such lists are also subject to sanctions. The U.S. and EU have enacted new sanctions programs in recent years. Additional countries or territories, as well as additional persons or entities within or affiliated with those countries or territories, have been, and may be in the future, the target of sanctions. Further, the U.S. has increased its focus on sanctions enforcement with respect to the shipping sector. Current or future counterparties of ours may be affiliated with persons or entities that are or may be in the future the subject of sanctions imposed by the U.S. administration, the EU, and/or other international bodies. In particular, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine could result in the imposition of further economic sanctions by the United States and the European Union against Russia. If we determine that such sanctions require us to terminate existing or future contracts to which we or our subsidiaries are party or if we are found to be in violation of such applicable sanctions, our results of operations may be adversely affected or we may suffer reputational harm. Currently, to the best of our knowledge, we do not believe that any of our existing counterparties are affiliated with persons or entities that are subject to such sanctions.

As a result of Russia’s actions in Ukraine and the armed conflict between Israel and Hamas, the U.S., EU and United Kingdom, together with numerous other jurisdictions, have imposed significant economic sanctions which may adversely affect our ability to operate in such regions and also restrict parties whose cargo our vessels may carry. Sanctions against Russia have also placed significant prohibitions on the maritime transportation of seaborne Russian oil, the importation of certain Russian energy products and other goods, and new investments in the Russian Federation. These sanctions further limit the scope of permissible operations and cargo we may carry.

Although we believe that we have been in compliance with all applicable sanctions and embargo laws and regulations in 2023, and intend to maintain such compliance, there can be no assurance that we will be in compliance in the future, particularly as the scope of certain laws may be unclear and may be subject to changing interpretations. Any future violation of applicable sanctions and embargo laws and regulations could result in fines, penalties or other sanctions that could severely impact our ability to access U.S. capital markets and conduct our business, and could result in some investors deciding, or being required, to divest their interest, or not to invest, in us. In addition, certain institutional investors may have investment policies or restrictions that prevent them from holding securities of companies that have contracts with countries identified by the U.S. government as state sponsors of terrorism. The determination by these investors not to invest in, or to divest from, our securities may adversely affect the price at which our securities trade. Additionally, some investors may decide to divest their interest, or not to invest, in our company simply because we do business with companies that do business in sanctioned countries or territories. Moreover, our charterers may violate applicable sanctions and embargo laws and regulations as a result of actions that do not involve us or our vessels, and those violations could in turn negatively affect our reputation. Our reputation and the market for our securities may also be adversely affected if we engage in certain other activities, such as entering into charters with individuals or entities in countries or territories subject to U.S. sanctions and embargo laws that are not controlled by the governments of those countries or territories, or engaging in operations associated with those countries or territories pursuant to contracts with third parties that are unrelated to those countries or territories or entities controlled by their governments. Investor perception of the value of our securities may also be adversely affected by the consequences of war, the effects of terrorism, civil unrest and governmental actions in these and surrounding countries.

Maritime claimants could arrest or attach our vessels, which would have a negative effect on our cash flows.

Crew members, suppliers of goods and services to a vessel, shippers of cargo, lenders, and other parties may be entitled to a maritime lien against a vessel for unsatisfied debts, claims or damages. In many jurisdictions, a maritime lien holder may enforce its lien by arresting or attaching a vessel through foreclosure proceedings. The arrest or attachment of one or more of our vessels could interrupt our business or require us to pay large sums of money to have the arrest lifted, which would have a negative effect on our cash flows.

In addition, in some jurisdictions, such as South Africa, under the “sister ship” theory of liability, a claimant may arrest both the vessel which is subject to the claimant’s maritime lien and any “associated” vessel, which is any vessel owned or controlled by the same owner. Claimants could try to assert “sister ship” liability against one vessel in our fleet for claims relating to another of our ships.

Governments could requisition our vessels during a period of war or emergency, which may negatively impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and available cash.

A government could requisition one or more of our vessels for title or hire. Requisition for title occurs when a government takes control of a vessel and becomes the owner. Requisition for hire occurs when a government takes control of a vessel and effectively becomes the charterer at dictated charter rates. Generally, requisitions occur during a period of war or emergency. Government requisition of one or more of our vessels may negatively impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and available cash.

Technological innovation could reduce our charterhire income and the value of our vessels.

The charterhire rates and the value and operational life of a vessel are determined by a number of factors including the vessel’s efficiency, operational flexibility and physical life. Efficiency includes speed, fuel economy and the ability to load and discharge cargo quickly. Flexibility includes the ability to enter harbors, utilize related docking facilities and pass through canals and straits. The length of a vessel’s physical life is related to its original design and construction, its maintenance and the impact of the stress of operations. We may face competition from companies owning or operating more modern vessels with more fuel efficient designs than our vessels, and if new tankers are built that are more efficient or more flexible or have longer physical lives than the current generation vessels, competition from the current vessels and any more technologically advanced vessels could adversely affect the amount of charterhire payments we receive for our vessels and the resale value of our vessels could significantly decrease. Similarly, technologically advanced vessels are needed to comply with environmental laws, the investment in which along with the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, charter hire payments and resale value of vessels. As a result, our available cash could be adversely affected.

Breakdowns in our information technology, including as a result of cyberattacks, may negatively impact our business, including our ability to service customers, and may have a material adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

Our ability to operate our business and service our customers is dependent on the continued operation of our information technology, or IT, systems, including our IT systems that relate to, among other things, the location, operation, maintenance and employment of our vessels. Our IT systems may be compromised by a malicious third party, man-made or natural events, or the intentional or inadvertent actions or inactions by our employees or third-party service providers. If our IT systems experience a breakdown, including as a result of cyberattacks, our business information may be lost, destroyed, disclosed, misappropriated, altered or accessed without consent, and our IT systems, or those of our service providers, may be disrupted.

Cybercrime attacks could cause disclosure and destruction of business databases and could expose the Company to extortion by making business data temporarily unreadable. As cyberattacks become increasingly sophisticated, and as tools and resources become more readily available to malicious third parties, there can be no guarantee that our actions, security measures and controls designed to prevent, detect or respond to intrusion, to limit access to data, to prevent destruction or alteration of data or to limit the negative impact from such attacks, can provide absolute security against compromise.

Any breakdown in our IT systems, including breaches or other compromises of information security, whether or not involving a cyberattack, may lead to lost revenues resulting from a loss in competitive advantage due to the unauthorized disclosure, alteration, destruction or use of proprietary information, including intellectual property, the failure to retain or attract customers, the disruption of critical business processes or information technology systems and the diversion of management’s attention and resources. In addition, such breakdown could result in significant remediation costs, including repairing system damage, engaging third-party experts, deploying additional personnel, training employees and compensation or incentives offered to third parties whose data has been compromised. We may also be subject to legal claims or legal proceedings, including regulatory investigations and actions, and the attendant legal fees as well as potential settlements, judgments and fines.

Moreover, cyber-attacks against the Ukrainian government and other countries in the region have been reported in connection with the recent conflict between Russia and Ukraine. To the extent such attacks have collateral effects on global critical infrastructure or financial institutions, such developments could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition. At this time, it is difficult to assess the likelihood of such threat and any potential impact on our business.

Even without actual breaches of information security, protection against increasingly sophisticated and prevalent cyberattacks may result in significant future prevention, detection, response and management costs, or other costs, including the deployment of additional cybersecurity technologies, engaging third-party experts, deploying additional personnel and training employees. Further, as cyberthreats are continually evolving, our controls and procedures may become inadequate, and we may be required to devote additional resources to modify or enhance our systems in the future. Such expenses could have a material adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

Increasing scrutiny and changing expectations from investors, lenders and other market participants with respect to our Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) policies may impose additional costs on us or expose us to additional risks.

Companies across all industries are facing increasing scrutiny relating to their ESG policies. Investor advocacy groups, certain institutional investors, investment funds, lenders and other market participants are increasingly focused on ESG practices especially as they relate to the environment health and safety, diversity, labor conditions and human rights in recent years, and have focused on the implications and social cost of their investments.

In February 2021, the Acting Chair of the SEC issued a statement directing the Division of Corporation Finance to enhance its focus on climate-related disclosure in public company filings and in March 2021 the SEC announced the creation of a Climate and ESG Task Force in the Division of Enforcement (the “Task Force”). The Task Force’s goal is to develop initiatives to proactively identify ESG-related misconduct consistent with increased investor reliance on climate and ESG-related disclosure and investment. To implement the Task Force’s purpose, the SEC has taken several enforcement actions, with the first enforcement action taking place in May 2022, and proposed new rules. On March 21, 2022, the SEC proposed that all public companies are to include extensive climate-related information in their SEC filings. On May 25, 2022, SEC proposed a second set of rules aiming to curb the practice of “greenwashing” (i.e., making unfounded claims about one’s ESG efforts) and would add proposed amendments to rules and reporting forms that apply to registered investment companies and advisers, advisers exempt from registration, and business development companies. On March 6, 2024, the SEC voted to adopt the proposed climate-related disclosure requirements with certain significant modifications but keeping intact the requirements to disclose, among others, Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions. The implementation date of these rules is expected for fiscal years beginning in 2025.

MEPC 75 introduced draft amendments to Annex VI which impose new regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ships. These amendments introduce requirements to assess and measure the energy efficiency of all ships and set the required attainment values, with the goal of reducing the carbon intensity of international shipping. To achieve a 40% reduction in carbon emissions by 2023 compared to 2008, shipping companies are required to include: (i) a technical requirement to reduce carbon intensity based on a new Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (“EEXI”), and (ii) operational carbon intensity reduction requirements, based on a new operational carbon intensity indicator (“CII”). The EEXI is required to be calculated for ships of 400 gross tonnage and above. The IMO and MEPC will calculate “required” EEXI levels based on the vessel’s technical design, such as vessel type, date of creation, size and baseline. Additionally, an “attained” EEXI will be calculated to determine the actual energy efficiency of the vessel. A vessel’s attained EEXI must be less than the vessel’s required EEXI. Non-compliant vessels will have to upgrade their engine to continue to travel. With respect to the CII, the draft amendments would require ships of 5,000 gross tonnage to document and verify their actual annual operational CII achieved against a determined required annual operational CII. The vessel’s attained CII must be lower than its required CII. Vessels that continually receive subpar CII ratings will be required to submit corrective action plans to ensure compliance. MEPC 79 also adopted amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, Appendix IX to include the attained and required CII values, the CII rating and attained EEXI for existing ships in the required information to be submitted to the IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database. MEPC 79 also revised the EEDI calculation guidelines to include a CO₂ conversion factor for ethane, a reference to the updated ITCC guidelines, and a clarification that in case of a ship with multiple load line certificates, the maximum certified summer draft should be used when determining the deadweight. The amendments will enter into force on May 1, 2024. In July 2023, MEPC 80 approved the plan for reviewing CII regulations and guidelines, which must be completed at the latest by January 1, 2026. There will be no immediate changes to the CII framework, including correction factors and voyage adjustments, before the review is completed.

Additionally, MEPC 75 proposed draft amendments requiring that, on or before January 1, 2023, all ships above 400 gross tonnage must have an approved Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan, or SEEMP, on board. For ships above 5,000 gross tonnage, the SEEMP would need to include certain mandatory content. MEPC 75 also approved draft amendments to MARPOL Annex I to prohibit the use and carriage for use as fuel of heavy fuel oil by ships in Arctic waters on and after July 1, 2024. The draft amendments introduced at MEPC 75 were adopted at the MEPC 76 session held in June 2021, entered into force on November 1, 2022 and became effective on January 1, 2023.

The increased attention and activism related to ESG and similar matters may hinder access to capital, as investors and lenders may decide to reallocate capital or to not commit capital as a result of their assessment of a company's ESG practices. Failure to adapt to or comply with evolving investor, lender or other industry shareholder expectations and standards, or the perception of not responding appropriately to the growing concern for ESG issues, regardless of whether there is a legal requirement to do so, may damage such a company's reputation or stock price, resulting in direct or indirect material and adverse effects on the company's business and financial condition.

The increase in shareholder proposals submitted on environmental matters and, in particular, climate-related proposals in recent years indicates that we may face increasing pressures from investors, lenders and other market participants, who are increasingly focused on climate change, to prioritize sustainable energy practices, reduce our carbon footprint and promote sustainability. As a result, we may be required to implement more stringent ESG procedures or standards so that our existing and future investors and lenders remain invested in us and make further investments in us, especially given the highly focused and specific trade of crude oil transportation in which we are engaged. If we do not meet these standards, our business and/or our ability to access capital could be harmed.

Additionally, certain investors and lenders may exclude oil transport companies, such as us, from their investing portfolios altogether due to ESG factors. These limitations in both the debt and equity capital markets may affect our ability to grow as our plans for growth may include accessing the equity and debt capital markets. If those markets are unavailable, or if we are unable to access alternative means of financing on acceptable terms, or at all, we may be unable to implement our business strategy, which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations and impair our ability to service our indebtedness. Further, it is likely that we will incur additional costs and require additional resources to monitor, report and comply with wide ranging ESG requirements. Members of the investment community are also increasing their focus on ESG disclosures, including disclosures related to greenhouse gases and climate change in the energy industry in particular, and diversity and inclusion initiatives and governance standards among companies more generally. As a result, we may face increasing pressure regarding our ESG disclosures. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

Moreover, from time to time, in alignment with our sustainability priorities, we may establish and publicly announce goals and commitments in respect of certain ESG items, such as shipping decarbonization. While we may create and publish voluntary disclosures regarding ESG matters from time to time, many of the statements in those voluntary disclosures are based on hypothetical expectations and assumptions that may or may not be representative of current or actual risks or events or forecasts of expected risks or events, including the costs associated therewith. Such expectations and assumptions are necessarily uncertain and may be prone to error or subject to misinterpretation given the long timelines involved and the lack of an established single approach to identifying, measuring and reporting on many ESG matters. If we fail to achieve or improperly report on our progress toward achieving our environmental goals and commitments, the resulting negative publicity could adversely affect our reputation and/or our access to capital.

Finally, organizations that provide information to investors on corporate governance and related matters have developed ratings processes for evaluating companies on their approach to ESG matters. Such ratings are used by some investors to inform their investment and voting decisions. Unfavorable ESG ratings and recent activism directed at shifting funding away from companies with fossil fuel-related assets could lead to increased negative investor sentiment toward us and our industry and to the diversion of investment to other, non-fossil fuel markets, which could have a negative impact on our access to and costs of capital.

If labor interruptions are not resolved in a timely manner, they could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and available cash.

We, indirectly through Scorpio Ship Management S.A.M., or SSM, our technical manager, employ masters, officers and crews to man our vessels. If not resolved in a timely and cost-effective manner, industrial action or other labor unrest could prevent or hinder our operations from being carried out as we expect and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and available cash.

RISKS RELATED TO OUR COMPANY

We may not realize all of the anticipated benefits of our investment in exhaust gas cleaning systems, or 'scrubbers.'

We have retrofitted a substantial majority of our vessels with exhaust gas cleaning systems, or scrubbers. The scrubbers enable our ships to use high sulfur fuel oil, which is less expensive than low sulfur fuel oil, in certain parts of the world. As of March 21, 2024, we have scrubbers on 85 vessels.

While we have generated positive returns on these investments thus far, there is a risk that some or all of the future expected benefits of our investment in scrubbers may fail to materialize. The realization of such benefits may be affected by a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control, including but not limited to the pricing differential between high and

low sulfur fuel oil, the availability of low sulfur fuel oil in the ports in which we operate and the impact of changes in the laws and regulations regulating the discharge and disposal of wash water.

Failure to realize future benefits of our investment in scrubbers could have an adverse impact on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and available cash.

We cannot assure you that our internal controls and procedures over financial reporting will be sufficient.

We are subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and the other rules and regulations of the SEC, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or Sarbanes-Oxley. Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley requires that we evaluate and determine the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. We dedicate a significant amount of time and resources to ensure compliance with these regulatory requirements. We work with our legal, accounting and financial advisors to identify any areas in which changes should be made to our financial and management control systems to manage our growth and our obligations as a public company. We will continue to evaluate areas such as corporate governance, corporate control, internal audit, disclosure controls and procedures and financial reporting and accounting systems. We will make changes in any of these and other areas, including our internal control over financial reporting, which we believe are necessary. However, these and other measures we may take may not be sufficient to allow us to satisfy our obligations as a public company on a timely and reliable basis. In addition, compliance with reporting and other requirements applicable to public companies do create additional costs for us and will require the time and attention of management. We may not be able to predict or estimate the amount of the additional costs we may incur, the timing of such costs or the degree of impact that our management's attention to these matters will have on our business.

We may have difficulty managing our planned growth properly.

We have and may continue to grow by expanding our operations and adding vessels to our fleet. Any future growth will primarily depend upon a number of factors, some of which may not be within our control, including our ability to effectively identify, purchase, finance, develop and integrate any tankers or businesses. Furthermore, the number of employees that perform services for us and our current operating and financial systems may not be adequate if we expand the size of our fleet, and we may not be able to effectively hire more employees or adequately improve those systems. Finally, acquisitions may require additional equity issuances or debt issuances (with amortization payments), or entry into other financing arrangements which could, among other things, reduce our available cash. If any such events occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected and the amount of cash available for distribution as dividends to our shareholders may be reduced.

Growing any business by acquisition presents numerous risks such as undisclosed liabilities and obligations, difficulty in obtaining additional qualified personnel and managing relationships with customers and suppliers and integrating newly acquired operations into existing infrastructures. The expansion of our fleet may impose significant additional responsibilities on our management and staff, and the management and staff of our commercial and technical managers, and may necessitate that we, and they, increase the number of personnel. We cannot give any assurance that we will be successful in executing our growth plans or that we will not incur significant expenses and losses in connection with our future growth.

We operate secondhand vessels, which exposes us to increased operating costs which could adversely affect our earnings and, as our fleet ages, the risks associated with older vessels could adversely affect our ability to obtain profitable charters.

We have acquired and may continue to acquire secondhand vessels. While we rigorously inspect previously owned or secondhand vessels prior to purchase, this does not normally provide us with the same knowledge about their condition and cost of any required (or anticipated) repairs that we would have had if these vessels had been built for and operated exclusively by us. Generally, we do not receive the benefit of warranties from the builders for the secondhand vessels that we acquire. A secondhand vessel may also have conditions or defects that we were not aware of when we bought the vessel and which may require us to incur costly repairs to the vessel. These repairs may require us to put a vessel into drydock, which would reduce our fleet utilization and increase our operating costs. The market prices of secondhand vessels also tend to fluctuate with changes in charter rates and the cost of newbuild vessels, and if we sell the vessels, the sales prices may not equal and could be less than their carrying values at that time.

In general, the costs to maintain a vessel in good operating condition increase with the age of the vessel. Older vessels are typically less fuel-efficient than more recently constructed vessels due to improvements in engine technology. Cargo insurance rates increase with the age of a vessel, making older vessels less desirable to charterers. Governmental regulations, safety or other equipment standards related to the age of vessels may require expenditures for alterations, or the addition of new equipment, to our vessels and may restrict the type of activities in which the vessels may engage. We cannot assure you that, as our vessels age, market conditions will justify those expenditures or enable us to operate our vessels profitably during the remainder of their useful lives. As a result, regulations and standards could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and ability to pay dividends.

An increase in operating costs would decrease earnings and available cash.

Under time charter agreements, the charterer is responsible for voyage costs and the owner is responsible for the vessel operating costs. We currently have 15 vessels on long-term time charter-out agreements (with initial terms of one year or greater). When our vessels are employed in one of the Scorpio Pools, the pool is responsible for voyage expenses and we are responsible for vessel costs. As of March 21, 2024, 95 out of 110 of our owned or lease financed vessels were employed through the Scorpio Pools. When our vessels operate directly in the spot market, we are responsible for both voyage expenses and vessel operating costs. Our vessel operating costs include the costs of crew, fuel (for spot chartered vessels), provisions, deck and engine stores, insurance and maintenance and repairs, which depend on a variety of factors, many of which are beyond our control. Further, if our vessels suffer damage, they may need to be repaired at a drydocking facility. The costs of drydocking repairs are unpredictable and can be substantial. Increases in any of these expenses would decrease earnings and available cash. Please see “We will be required to make additional capital expenditures should we determine to expand the number of vessels in our fleet and to maintain all our vessels.”

We will be required to make additional capital expenditures should we determine to expand the number of vessels in our fleet and to maintain all our vessels.

Our business strategy is based in part upon the expansion of our fleet through the purchase of additional vessels. If we are unable to fulfill our obligations under any memorandum of agreement for any current or future vessel acquisitions, the sellers of such vessels may be permitted to terminate such contracts and we may forfeit all or a portion of the down payments we have already made under such contracts, and we may be sued for, among other things, any outstanding balances we are obligated to pay and other damages.

In addition, we will incur significant maintenance costs for our existing and any newly-acquired vessels. A newbuilding vessel must be drydocked within five years of its delivery from a shipyard, and vessels are typically drydocked every 30 - 60 months thereafter, not including any unexpected repairs. We estimate the cost to drydock a vessel to be between \$1 million and \$2 million, depending on the size and condition of the vessel and the location of drydocking.

If we do not generate or reserve enough cash flow from operations to pay for our capital expenditures, we may need to incur additional indebtedness or enter into alternative financing arrangements, which may be on terms that are unfavorable to us. If we are unable to fund our obligations or to secure financing, it would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Please also see "We are subject to complex laws and regulations, including environmental laws and regulations that can adversely affect our business, results of operations, cash flows and financial conditions, and our available cash."

Declines in charter rates and other market deterioration may cause us to incur impairment charges.

We evaluate the carrying amounts of our vessels to determine if events have occurred that would require an impairment of their carrying amounts. The recoverable amount of vessels is reviewed based on events and changes in circumstances that would indicate that the carrying amount of the assets might not be recovered. The review for potential impairment indicators and projection of future cash flows related to the vessels is complex and requires us to make various estimates including future freight rates, earnings from the vessels and discount rates. All of these items have been historically volatile.

In accordance with IFRS, we evaluate the recoverable amount as the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. If the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount of the vessel, the vessel is deemed impaired. The carrying values of our vessels may not represent their fair market value at any point in time because the new market prices of secondhand vessels tend to fluctuate with changes in charter rates and the cost of newbuildings. We did not record an impairment charge during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, though we did record an aggregate net loss of \$66.5 million as a result of the sales of 18 vessels during the year ended December 31, 2022. Please see Notes 1 and 7 of our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 18 of this Annual Report on Form 20-F.

We cannot assure you that we will not recognize additional impairment losses in future years. Any impairment charges incurred as a result of further declines in charter rates could negatively affect our business, financial condition, operating results or the trading price of our securities.

Our stock price has fluctuated in the past, has recently been volatile and may be volatile in the future, and as a result, investors in our common stock could incur substantial losses.

Our stock price has fluctuated in the past, has recently been volatile and may be volatile in the future. Our stock prices may experience rapid and substantial decreases or increases in the foreseeable future that are unrelated to our operating performance or prospects. The stock market in general and the market for shipping companies in particular have experienced extreme volatility that has often been unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. As a result of this volatility, investors may experience substantial losses on their investment in our common stock. The market price for our common stock may be influenced by many factors, including the following:

- investor reaction to our business strategy;
- our continued compliance with the listing standards of the NYSE;
- regulatory or legal developments in the United States and other countries, especially changes in laws or regulations applicable to our industry;
- variations in our financial results or those of companies that are perceived to be similar to us;
- our ability or inability to raise additional capital and the terms on which we raise it;
- declines in the market prices of stocks generally;
- trading volume of our common stock;
- sales of our common stock by us or our stockholders;
- general economic, industry and market conditions; and
- other events or factors, including those resulting from such events, or the prospect of such events, including war, terrorism and other international conflicts, public health issues including health epidemics or pandemics, adverse weather and climate conditions could disrupt our operations or result in political or economic instability.

These broad market and industry factors may seriously harm the market price of our common stock, regardless of our operating performance, and may be inconsistent with any improvements in actual or expected operating performance, financial condition or other indicators of value. Since the stock price of our common stock has fluctuated in the past, has been recently volatile and may be volatile in the future, investors in our common stock could incur substantial losses. In the past, following periods of volatility in the market, securities class-action litigation has often been instituted against companies. Such litigation, if instituted against us, could result in substantial costs and diversion of management's attention and resources, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and growth prospects. There can be no guarantee that our stock price will remain at current prices.

Additionally, recently, securities of certain companies have experienced significant and extreme volatility in stock price due to short sellers of shares of common stock, known as a "short squeeze". These short squeezes have caused extreme volatility in those companies and in the market and have led to the price per share of those companies to trade at a significantly inflated rate that is disconnected from the underlying value of the company. Many investors who have purchased shares in those companies at an inflated rate face the risk of losing a significant portion of their original investment as the price per share has declined steadily as interest in those stocks has abated. While we have no reason to believe our shares would be the target of a short squeeze, there can be no assurance that we will not be in the future, and you may lose a significant portion or all of your investment if you purchase our shares at a rate that is significantly disconnected from our underlying value.

We are thus unable to predict when such instances of trading volatility will occur or how long such dynamics may last. Therefore, we cannot assure you that you will be able to sell any of our common shares you may have purchased at a price greater than or equal to its original purchase price, or that you will be able to sell our common shares at all.

The market values of our vessels may decrease, which could limit the amount of funds that we can borrow or trigger certain financial covenants under our current or future debt facilities and we may incur a loss if we sell vessels following a decline in their market value.

The fair market values of our vessels have generally experienced high volatility. The fair market values for tankers declined significantly from historically high levels reached in 2008 and remained at relatively low levels through 2021 and significantly improved in 2022 and 2023. Such prices may fluctuate depending on a number of factors including, but not limited to, the prevailing level of charter rates and day rates, general economic and market conditions affecting the international shipping industry, types, sizes and ages of vessels, supply and demand for vessels, availability of or developments in other modes of transportation, competition from other tanker companies, cost of newbuildings, applicable governmental or other regulations and technological advances. In addition, as vessels grow older, they generally decline in value. If the fair market values of our vessels decline, we may not be in compliance with certain covenants contained in our secured credit facilities, which may result in an event of default. In such circumstances, we may not be able to refinance our debt, obtain additional financing or make distributions to our shareholders and our subsidiaries may not be able to make distributions to us. The prepayment of certain debt facilities may be necessary to cause us to maintain compliance with certain covenants in the event that the value of the vessels falls below certain levels. If we are not able to comply with the covenants in our secured credit facilities, and are unable to remedy the relevant breach, our lenders could accelerate our debt and foreclose on our fleet.

Additionally, if we sell one or more of our vessels at a time when vessel prices have fallen, the sale price may be less than the vessel's carrying value on our consolidated financial statements, resulting in a loss on sale or an impairment loss being recognized, ultimately leading to a reduction in earnings. Furthermore, if vessel values fall significantly, this could indicate a decrease in the recoverable amount for the vessel which may result in an impairment adjustment in our financial statements, which could adversely affect our financial results and condition. Conversely, if vessel values are elevated at a time when we wish to acquire additional vessels, the cost of acquisition may increase and this could adversely affect our business, results of operations, cash flow and financial condition.

For further information, please see "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects."

If we are unable to operate our vessels profitably, we may be unsuccessful in competing in the highly competitive international tanker market, which would negatively affect our financial condition and our ability to expand our business.

The operation of tanker vessels and transportation of crude and petroleum products is extremely competitive, and our industry is capital intensive and highly fragmented. Demand for transportation of oil and oil products has declined in the past, and could continue to decline, which could lead to increased competition. Competition arises primarily from other tanker owners, including major oil companies as well as independent tanker companies, some of whom have substantially greater resources than we do. Competition for the transportation of oil and oil products can be intense and depends on price, location, size, age, condition and the acceptability of the tanker and its operators to the charterers. We will have to compete with other tanker owners, including major oil companies as well as independent tanker companies.

Our market share may decrease in the future. We may not be able to compete profitably as we expand our business into new geographic regions or provide new services. New markets may require different skills, knowledge or strategies than we use in our current markets, and the competitors in those new markets may have greater financial strength and capital resources than us.

If we do not set aside funds and are unable to borrow or raise funds for vessel replacement, at the end of a vessel's useful life, our revenue will decline, which would adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, and available cash.

If we do not set aside funds or are unable to borrow or raise funds, including through equity issuances, for vessel replacement, we will be unable to replace the vessels in our fleet upon the expiration of their remaining useful lives, which we expect to occur between 2037 and 2045, depending on the vessel. Our cash flows and income are dependent on the revenues earned by the chartering of our vessels. If we are unable to replace the vessels in our fleet upon the expiration of their useful lives, our business, results of operations, financial condition, and available cash per share would be adversely affected. Any funds set aside for vessel replacement will reduce available cash.

Our ability to obtain additional financing may be dependent on the performance of our then existing charters and the creditworthiness of our charterers.

The actual or perceived credit quality of our charterers, and any defaults by them, may materially affect our ability to obtain the additional capital resources that we will require to purchase additional vessels or may significantly increase our costs of obtaining such capital. Our inability to obtain additional financing at all or at a higher than anticipated cost may materially affect our results of operations and our ability to implement our business strategy.

We cannot guarantee that our Board of Directors will declare dividends.

Our Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, from time to time, declare and pay cash dividends in accordance with our organizational documents and applicable law. Our Board of Directors makes determinations regarding the payment of dividends in its sole discretion, and there is no guarantee that we will continue to pay dividends in the future. The timing and amount of any dividends declared will depend on, among other things, our earnings, financial condition and cash requirements and availability, our ability to obtain debt and equity financing on acceptable terms as contemplated by our growth strategy. In addition, other external factors, such as our lenders imposing restrictions on our ability to pay dividends under the terms of future loan facilities we may enter into, may limit our ability to pay dividends.

In addition, the markets in which we operate our vessels are volatile and we cannot predict with certainty the amount of cash, if any, that will be available for distribution as dividends in any period. We may also incur expenses or liabilities or be subject to other circumstances in the future that reduce or eliminate the amount of cash that we have available for distribution as dividends, including as a result of the risks described herein. If additional financing is not available to us on acceptable terms or at all, our Board of Directors may determine to finance or refinance asset acquisitions with cash from operations, which would reduce the amount of any cash available for the payment of dividends. Please see “Item 8. Financial Information - A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information - Dividend Policy.”

United States tax authorities could treat us as a “passive foreign investment company,” which could have adverse United States federal income tax consequences to United States shareholders.

A foreign corporation will be treated as a “passive foreign investment company,” or PFIC, for United States federal income tax purposes if either (1) at least 75% of its gross income for any taxable year consists of certain types of “passive income” or (2) at least 50% of the average value of the corporation’s assets produce or are held for the production of those types of “passive income.” For purposes of these tests, “passive income” includes dividends, interest, and gains from the sale or exchange of investment property and rents and royalties other than rents and royalties which are received from unrelated parties in connection with the active conduct of a trade or business. For purposes of these tests, income derived from the performance of services does not constitute “passive income.” United States shareholders of a PFIC are subject to a disadvantageous United States federal income tax regime with respect to the income derived by the PFIC, the distributions they receive from the PFIC and the gain, if any, they derive from the sale or other disposition of their shares in the PFIC.

Based on our current and proposed method of operation, we do not believe that we will be a PFIC with respect to any taxable year. In this regard, we intend to treat the gross income we derive or are deemed to derive from our time or voyage chartering activities as services income, rather than rental income. Accordingly, our income from our time and voyage chartering activities should not constitute “passive income,” and the assets that we own and operate in connection with the production of that income should not constitute assets that produce or are held for the production of “passive income.”

There is substantial legal authority supporting this position, consisting of case law and United States Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, pronouncements concerning the characterization of income derived from time charters and voyage charters as services income for other tax purposes. However, it should be noted that there is also authority that characterizes time charter income as rental income rather than services income for other tax purposes. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the IRS or a court of law will accept this position, and there is a risk that the IRS or a court of law could determine that we are a PFIC. Moreover, no assurance can be given that we would not constitute a PFIC for any future taxable year if the nature and extent of our operations change.

If the IRS were to find that we are or have been a PFIC for any taxable year, our United States shareholders would face adverse United States federal income tax consequences and incur certain information reporting obligations. Under the PFIC rules, unless those shareholders make an election available under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code (which election could itself have adverse consequences for such shareholders), such shareholders would be subject to United States federal income tax at the then prevailing rates on ordinary income plus interest, in respect of excess distributions and upon any gain from the disposition of their common shares, as if the excess distribution or gain had been recognized ratably over the shareholder’s holding period of the common shares. See “Item 10. Additional Information - E. Taxation - Passive Foreign Investment Company Status and Significant Tax Consequences” for a more comprehensive discussion of the United States federal income tax consequences to United States shareholders if we are treated as a PFIC.

We may have to pay tax on United States source shipping income, which would reduce our earnings.

Under the Code, 50% of the gross shipping income of a corporation that owns or charters vessels, as we and our subsidiaries do, that is attributable to transportation that begins or ends, but that does not both begin and end, in the United States may be subject to a 4% United States federal income tax without allowance for deductions, unless that corporation qualifies for exemption from tax under Section 883 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the United States Department of the Treasury.

We and our subsidiaries intend to take the position that we qualify for this statutory tax exemption for United States federal income tax return reporting purposes. However, there are factual circumstances beyond our control that could cause us to lose the benefit of this tax exemption and thereby become subject to United States federal income tax on our United States source shipping income. For example, we may no longer qualify for exemption under Section 883 of the Code for a particular taxable year if shareholders with a five percent or greater interest in our common shares, or 5% Shareholders, owned, in the aggregate, 50% or more of our outstanding common shares for more than half the days during the taxable year, and there do not exist sufficient 5% Shareholders that are qualified shareholders for purposes of Section 883 of the Code to preclude nonqualified 5% Shareholders from owning 50% or more of our common shares for more than half the number of days during such taxable year or we are unable to satisfy certain substantiation requirements with regard to our 5% Shareholders. Due to the factual nature of the issues involved, there can be no assurances on the tax-exempt status of us or any of our subsidiaries.

If we or our subsidiaries were not entitled to exemption under Section 883 of the Code for any taxable year, we or our subsidiaries could be subject for such year to an effective 2% United States federal income tax on the shipping income we or they derive during such year which is attributable to the transport of cargoes to or from the United States. The imposition of this tax would have a negative effect on our business and would decrease our earnings available for distribution to our shareholders.

We are subject to certain risks with respect to our counterparties on contracts, including our vessel employment arrangements, and failure of such counterparties to meet their obligations could cause us to suffer losses or negatively impact our results of operations and cash flows.

We have entered into, and may enter into in the future, various contracts that are material to the operation of our business, including, without limitation, charter and pooling agreements relating to the employment of our vessels, newbuilding contracts, debt and lease financing facilities, and other agreements. Such agreements subject us to counterparty risks. The ability and willingness of each of our counterparties to perform its obligations under a contract with us will depend on a number of factors that are beyond our control and may include, among other things, general economic or political conditions, the condition of the maritime and offshore industries, and the overall financial condition of the counterparty. Should a counterparty fail to honor its obligations under any such contract or attempt to renegotiate our agreements, we could sustain significant losses which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, ability to pay dividends to holders of our common shares in the amounts anticipated or at all and compliance with covenants in our secured loan agreements.

In addition, with respect to our charter arrangements, in depressed market conditions, our charterers may no longer need a vessel that is then under charter or may be able to obtain a comparable vessel at lower rates. As a result, charterers may seek to renegotiate the terms of their existing charter agreements or avoid their obligations under those contracts. Furthermore, it is possible that parties with whom we have charter contracts may be impacted by events in Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East, including in the Red Sea area, and any resulting sanctions. If our charterers fail to meet their obligations to us or attempt to renegotiate our charter agreements, it may be difficult to secure substitute employment for such vessel, and any new charter arrangements we secure in the spot market or on time charters may be at lower rates. As a result, we could sustain significant losses which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, as well as our ability to pay dividends on our common shares and interest on our debt securities and comply with covenants in our credit facilities.

Although we assess the creditworthiness of our counterparties, a prolonged period of difficult industry conditions could lead to changes in a counterparty's liquidity and increase our exposure to credit risk and bad debts. In addition, we may offer extended payment terms to our customers in order to secure contracts, which may lead to more frequent collection issues and adversely affect our financial results and liquidity.

Our insurance may not be adequate to cover our losses that may result from our operations due to the inherent operational risks of the tanker industry.

We carry insurance to protect us against most of the accident-related risks involved in the conduct of our business, including marine hull and machinery insurance, protection and indemnity insurance, which includes pollution risks, crew insurance and war risk insurance. However, we may not be adequately insured to cover losses from our operational risks, which could have a material adverse effect on us. Additionally, our insurers may refuse to pay particular claims and our insurance may be voidable by the insurers if we take, or fail to take, certain action, such as failing to maintain certification of our vessels with applicable maritime regulatory organizations. Any significant uninsured or under-insured loss or liability could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition and our available cash. In addition, we may not be able to obtain adequate insurance coverage at reasonable rates in the future during adverse insurance market conditions.

Changes in the insurance markets attributable to terrorist attacks may also make certain types of insurance more difficult for us to obtain due to increased premiums or reduced or restricted coverage for losses caused by terrorist acts generally.

Because we obtain some of our insurance through protection and indemnity associations, which result in significant expenses to us, we may be required to make additional premium payments.

We may be subject to increased premium payments, or calls, in amounts based on our claim records, the claim records of our managers, as well as the claim records of other members of the protection and indemnity associations through which we receive insurance coverage for tort liability, including pollution-related liability. In addition, our protection and indemnity associations may not have enough resources to cover claims made against them. Our payment of these calls could result in significant expense to us, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition, available cash and ability to pay dividends.

Failure to comply with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act could result in fines, criminal penalties, contract terminations and an adverse effect on our business.

We may operate in a number of countries throughout the world, including countries known to have a reputation for corruption. We are committed to doing business in accordance with applicable anti-corruption laws and have adopted a code of conduct and ethics which is consistent and in full compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, or as amended (the "FCPA"). We are subject, however, to the risk that we, our affiliated entities or our or their respective officers, directors, employees and agents may take actions determined to be in violation of such anti-corruption laws, including the FCPA. Any such violation could result in substantial fines, sanctions, civil and/or criminal penalties and curtailment of operations in certain jurisdictions, and might adversely affect our business, results of operations or financial condition. In addition, actual or alleged violations could damage our reputation and ability to do business. Furthermore, detecting, investigating, and resolving actual or alleged violations is expensive and can consume significant time and attention of our senior management. Though we have implemented monitoring procedures and required policies, guidelines, contractual terms and audits, these measures may not prevent or detect failures by our agents or intermediaries regarding compliance.

Changes in tax laws and unanticipated tax liabilities could materially and adversely affect the taxes we pay, results of operations and financial results.

We are subject to income and other taxes in the United States and foreign jurisdictions, and our results of operations and financial results may be affected by tax and other initiatives around the world. For instance, there is a high level of uncertainty in today's tax environment stemming from global initiatives put forth by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's ("OECD") two-pillar base erosion and profit shifting project. In October 2021, members of the OECD put forth two proposals: (i) Pillar One reallocates profit to the market jurisdictions where sales arise versus physical presence; and (ii) Pillar Two compels multinational corporations with €750 million or more in annual revenue to pay a global minimum tax of 15% on income received in each country in which they operate. The reforms aim to level the playing field between countries by discouraging them from reducing their corporate income taxes to attract foreign business investment. Over 140 countries agreed to enact the two-pillar solution to address the challenges arising from the digitalization of the economy and, in 2024, these guidelines were declared effective and must now be enacted by those OECD member countries. It is possible that these guidelines, if adopted in jurisdictions in which we operate including the global minimum corporate tax rate measure of 15%, could increase the burden and costs of our tax compliance, the amount of taxes we incur in those jurisdictions and our global effective tax rate, which could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations and financial results.

We are incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, which does not have a well-developed body of corporate law and, as a result, shareholders may have fewer rights and protections under Marshall Islands law than under a typical jurisdiction in the United States.

Our corporate affairs are governed by our articles of incorporation and bylaws and by the Marshall Islands Business Corporations Act, or the BCA. The provisions of the BCA resemble provisions of the corporation laws of a number of states in the United States. However, there have been few judicial cases in the Republic of the Marshall Islands interpreting the BCA. The rights and fiduciary responsibilities of directors under the law of the Republic of the Marshall Islands are not as clearly established as the rights and fiduciary responsibilities of directors under statutes or judicial precedent in existence in certain United States jurisdictions. Shareholder rights may differ as well. While the BCA does specifically incorporate the non-statutory law, or judicial case law, of the State of Delaware and other states with substantially similar legislative provisions, our public shareholders may have more difficulty in protecting their interests in the face of actions by management, directors or controlling shareholders than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a United States jurisdiction.

As a Marshall Islands corporation with our headquarters in Monaco, and with a majority of our subsidiaries being Marshall Islands entities and also having subsidiaries in other offshore jurisdictions, our operations may be subject to economic substance requirements, which could impact our business.

We are a Marshall Islands corporation with our headquarters in Monaco. A majority of our subsidiaries are Marshall Islands entities. These jurisdictions have enacted economic substance laws and regulations with which we may be obligated to comply. We believe that we and our subsidiaries are compliant with Marshall Islands economic substance requirements. However, if there were a change in the requirements or interpretation thereof, or if there were an unexpected change to our

operations, any such change could result in noncompliance with the economic substance legislation and related fines or other penalties, increased monitoring and audits, and dissolution of the non-compliant entity, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition or operating results.

EU Finance ministers rate jurisdictions for tax rates and tax transparency, governance and real economic activity. Countries that are viewed by such finance ministers as not adequately cooperating, including by not implementing sufficient standards in respect of the foregoing, may be put on a “grey list” or a “blacklist”. On February 14, 2023, the Marshall Islands was placed by the EU on its list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes, with the EU listing the Marshall Islands, among others, as “facilitating offshore structures and arrangements aimed at attracting profits without real economic substance”. On October 17, 2023, the Council of the EU issued a press release removing the Republic of the Marshall Islands from the list of non-cooperative jurisdictions stating it “has made significant progress in enforcement of economic substance requirements”.

If the Marshall Islands is added to the list of non-cooperative jurisdictions in the future and sanctions or other financial, tax or regulatory measures were applied by European Member States to countries on the list or further economic substance requirements were imposed by the Marshall Islands, our business could be harmed.

EU member states have agreed upon a set of measures, which they can choose to apply against grey- or blacklisted countries, including increased monitoring and audits, withholding taxes, special documentation requirements and anti-abuse provisions. The European Commission has stated it will continue to support member states' efforts to develop a more coordinated approach to sanctions for the listed countries. EU legislation prohibits EU funds from being channeled or transited through entities in countries on the blacklist. Other jurisdictions in which we operate could be put on the blacklist in the future.

It may be difficult to serve process on or enforce a United States judgment against us, our officers and our directors because we are a foreign corporation.

We are a corporation formed in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and some of our directors and officers and certain of the experts named in this report are located outside the United States. In addition, a substantial portion of our assets and the assets of our directors, officers and experts are located outside of the United States. As a result, you may have difficulty serving legal process within the United States upon us or any of these persons. You may also have difficulty enforcing, both in and outside the United States, judgments you may obtain in U.S. courts against us or any of these persons in any action, including actions based upon the civil liability provisions of U.S. federal or state securities laws. Furthermore, there is substantial doubt that the courts of the Republic of the Marshall Islands or of the non-U.S. jurisdictions in which our offices are located would enter judgments in original actions brought in those courts predicated on U.S. federal or state securities laws.

The international nature of our operations may make the outcome of any bankruptcy proceedings difficult to predict.

We are incorporated under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and we conduct operations in countries around the world. Consequently, in the event of any bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or similar proceeding involving us or any of our subsidiaries, bankruptcy laws other than those of the United States could apply. If we become a debtor under U.S. bankruptcy law, bankruptcy courts in the United States may seek to assert jurisdiction over all of our assets, wherever located, including property situated in other countries. There can be no assurance, however, that we would become a debtor in the United States, or that a U.S. bankruptcy court would be entitled to, or accept, jurisdiction over such a bankruptcy case, or that courts in other countries that have jurisdiction over us and our operations would recognize a U.S. bankruptcy court's jurisdiction if any other bankruptcy court would determine it had jurisdiction.

RISKS RELATED TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SCORPIO AND ITS AFFILIATES

We are dependent on our managers and their ability to hire and retain key personnel, and there may be conflicts of interest between us and our managers that may not be resolved in our favor.

Our success depends to a significant extent upon the abilities and efforts of our technical manager, SSM, our commercial manager, Scorpio Commercial Management S.A.M., or SCM, and our management team. Our success will depend upon our and our managers' ability to hire and retain key members of our management team. The loss of any of these individuals could adversely affect our business prospects and financial condition.

In addition, difficulty in hiring and retaining personnel could adversely affect our results of operations. We do not maintain “key man” life insurance on any of our officers.

Our technical and commercial managers are members of the Scorpio group of companies, which is owned and controlled by the Lolli-Ghetti family, of which our founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Emanuele Lauro, and our Vice President, Mr. Filippo Lauro, are members. In addition, certain of our executive officers serve in similar management positions in certain other companies within the Scorpio group of companies. These relationships may create conflicts of interest in matters involving or affecting us and our customers, including in the chartering, purchase, sale and operation of the vessels in our fleet versus vessels managed by other entities within the Scorpio group of companies. Conflicts of interest may arise

between us, on the one hand, and our commercial and technical managers, on the other hand. As a result of these conflicts, our commercial and technical managers, who have limited contractual duties, may favor their own or other owner's interests over our interests. These conflicts may have unfavorable results for us.

Our founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Vice President have affiliations with our administrator and commercial and technical managers which may create conflicts of interest.

Emanuele Lauro, our founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Filippo Lauro, our Vice President, are members of the Lolli-Ghetti family which owns and controls the entities within the Scorprio group of companies. Annalisa Lolli-Ghetti is the majority owner of the Scorprio group of companies (of which our administrator and commercial and technical managers are members) and beneficially owns approximately 7.0% of our outstanding common shares. These responsibilities and relationships could create conflicts of interest between us, on the one hand, and our administrator and/or commercial and technical managers, on the other hand. These conflicts may arise in connection with the chartering, purchase, sale and operations of the vessels in our fleet versus vessels managed by other companies affiliated with our commercial or technical managers. Our commercial and technical managers may give preferential treatment to vessels that are time chartered-in by related parties because our founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and members of his family may receive greater economic benefits. In particular, as of the date of this annual report, our commercial and technical managers provide commercial and technical management services to approximately 47 and 17 vessels respectively, other than the vessels in our fleet, that are owned, operated or managed by entities affiliated with Messrs. Lauro, and such entities may operate or acquire additional vessels that will compete with our vessels in the future. Such conflicts may have an adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition, certain entities within the Scorprio group of companies may benefit from economies of scale all of which may not be passed along to us.

Certain of our officers do not devote all of their time to our business, which may hinder our ability to operate successfully.

Our Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Operating Officer, and Vice President participate in business activities not associated with us, and as a result, they may devote less time to us than if they were not engaged in other business activities and may owe fiduciary duties to the shareholders of both us as well as shareholders of other companies with which they may be affiliated, including other entities within the Scorprio group of companies. This may create conflicts of interest in matters involving or affecting us and our customers and it is not certain that any of these conflicts of interest will be resolved in our favor. This could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our commercial and technical managers are each privately held companies and there is little or no publicly available information about them.

SCM is our commercial manager and SSM is our technical manager. SCM's and SSM's ability to render management services will depend in part on their own financial strength. Circumstances beyond our control could impair our commercial manager's or technical manager's financial strength, and because each is a privately held company, information about the financial strength of our commercial manager and technical manager is not available. As a result, we and our shareholders might have little or no advance warning of financial or other problems affecting our commercial manager or technical manager even though their financial or other problems could have a material adverse effect on us.

RISKS RELATED TO OUR INDEBTEDNESS

Servicing our current or future indebtedness limits funds available for other purposes and if we cannot service our debt, we may lose our vessels.

As of December 31, 2023, we had approximately \$1.6 billion in interest-bearing debt or obligations due under leasing arrangements. Borrowings under our debt facilities and lease financing arrangements require us to dedicate a part of our cash flow from operations to the payment of interest and principal on our debt. These payments limit funds available for working capital, capital expenditures and other purposes, including further equity or debt financing in the future. Amounts borrowed under our secured debt facilities and certain of our lease financing arrangements bear interest at variable rates. As described in Item 11 - Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, increases in prevailing rates could increase the amounts that we would have to pay to our lenders, even though the outstanding principal amount remains the same, and our net income and cash flows would decrease. We expect our earnings and cash flow to vary from year to year due to the cyclical nature of the tanker industry. If we do not generate or reserve enough cash flow from operations to satisfy our debt obligations, we may have to undertake alternative financing plans, such as seeking to raise additional capital, refinancing or restructuring our debt, selling tankers, or reducing or delaying capital investments. However, these alternative financing plans, if necessary, may not be sufficient to allow us to meet our debt obligations.

If we are unable to meet our debt obligations or if some other default occurs under our debt facilities, our lenders could elect to declare that debt, together with accrued interest and fees, to be immediately due and payable and proceed against the

collateral vessels securing that debt even though the majority of the proceeds used to purchase the collateral vessels did not come from our debt facilities.

Our debt and lease financing agreements contain restrictive and financial covenants which may limit our ability to conduct certain activities, and further, we may be unable to comply with such covenants, which could result in a default under the terms of such agreements.

Our debt and lease financing agreements impose operating and financial restrictions on us. These restrictions may limit our ability, or the ability of our subsidiaries party thereto, to, among other things:

- pay dividends and make capital expenditures if we do not repay amounts drawn under our debt facilities or if there is another default under our debt facilities;
- incur additional indebtedness, including the issuance of guarantees;
- create liens on our assets;
- change the flag, class or management of our vessels or terminate or materially amend the management agreement relating to each vessel;
- sell our vessels;
- merge or consolidate with, or transfer all or substantially all our assets to, another person; or
- enter into a new line of business.

Therefore, we will need to seek permission from our lenders in order to engage in some corporate actions. Our lenders' interests may be different from ours and we may not be able to obtain our lenders' permission when needed. This may limit our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders if we determine to do so in the future, finance our future operations or capital requirements, make acquisitions or pursue business opportunities.

In addition, the terms and conditions of certain of our borrowings require us to maintain specified financial ratios and satisfy financial covenants, including ratios and covenants based on the market value of the vessels in our fleet. Should our charter rates or vessel values materially decline in the future, we may seek to obtain waivers or amendments from our lenders with respect to such financial ratios and covenants, or we may be required to take action to reduce our debt or to act in a manner contrary to our business objectives to meet any such financial ratios and satisfy any such financial covenants. Events beyond our control, including changes in the economic and business conditions in the shipping markets in which we operate, may affect our ability to comply with these covenants. We cannot assure you that we will meet these ratios or satisfy these covenants or that our lenders will waive any failure to do so or amend these requirements. A breach of any of the covenants in, or our inability to maintain the required financial ratios under, our credit facilities would prevent us from borrowing additional money under our credit facilities or lease financing arrangements and could result in a default under our credit facilities. If a default occurs under our credit facilities or lease financing arrangements, the counterparties could elect to declare the outstanding debt, together with accrued interest and other fees, to be immediately due and payable and foreclose on the collateral securing that debt, which could constitute all or substantially all of our assets. Moreover, in connection with any waivers or amendments to our credit facilities or lease financing arrangements that we may obtain, our lenders may impose additional operating and financial restrictions on us or modify the terms of our existing credit facilities or lease financing arrangements. These restrictions may further restrict our ability to, among other things, pay dividends, repurchase our common shares, make capital expenditures, or incur additional indebtedness.

Furthermore, our debt and lease financing agreements contain cross-default provisions that may be triggered if we default under the terms of any one of our financing agreements. In the event of default by us under one of our debt agreements, the lenders under our other debt or lease financing agreements could determine that we are in default under such other financing agreements. Such cross defaults could result in the acceleration of the maturity of such indebtedness under these agreements and the lenders thereunder may foreclose upon any collateral securing that indebtedness, including our vessels, even if we were to subsequently cure such default. In addition, our credit facilities and lease financing arrangements contain subjective acceleration clauses under which the debt could become due and payable in the event of a material adverse change in our business. In the event of such acceleration or foreclosure, we might not have sufficient funds or other assets to satisfy all of our obligations, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

ITEM 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

A. History and Development of the Company

Scorpio Tankers Inc. was incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands pursuant to the BCA on July 1, 2009. We provide seaborne transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products worldwide. We began our operations in October 2009 with three vessels. In April 2010, we completed our initial public offering, and our common stock commenced trading on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol “STNG.” We have since expanded, and as of March 21, 2024, our fleet consisted of 110 wholly owned or leased financed tankers (39 LR2, 57 MR and 14 Handymax) with a weighted average age of approximately 8.1 years.

Our principal executive offices are located at 99 Boulevard du Jardin Exotique Monaco 98000 and our telephone number at that address is +377-9798-5716. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The address of the SEC's Internet site is <http://www.sec.gov>. The address of the Company's Internet site is <http://www.scorpiotankers.com>. None of the information contained on these websites is incorporated into or forms a part of this annual report.

Fleet Development

For information regarding our fleet please see “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects-B. Liquidity and Capital Resources-Capital Expenditures-Vessel acquisitions and payments for vessels under construction.”

Recent Developments

Vessel Sales

In March 2024, we sold the 2015 built MR vessel, *STI Tribeca*, for \$39.1 million. There was no debt repayment as a result of this sale, as this vessel has been replaced by *STI Galata* as collateral on the 2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility.

In March 2024, we entered into an agreement to sell a 2013 built MR tanker, *STI Larvotto*, for \$36.15 million. The sale of this vessel is expected to close before the end of April 2024. There will be no debt repayment as a result of this sale as the vessel is currently unencumbered.

In March 2024, we entered into an agreement to sell a 2013 built MR tanker, *STI Le Rocher* for \$36.15 million. The sale of this vessel is expected to close in the second quarter of 2024. There will be no debt repayment as a result of this sale as the vessel is currently unencumbered.

Debt Activity

During 2024 through the date of this report, and in addition to our regularly scheduled debt and lease repayments, we have closed or committed to the following:

- The early repayment of debt on three 2014 built Handymax product tankers (*STI Acton*, *STI Camden* and *STI Clapham*) under our Prudential Credit Facility. These repayments were made in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$33.7 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on two MR product tankers (*STI Jardins* and *STI San Telmo*) under our 2020 SPDBFL Lease Financing. These purchases closed in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$38.3 million, which excludes deposits held by the lessor of \$1.4 million and purchase option fees of \$0.8 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on three MR product tankers (*STI Soho*, *STI Osceola* and *STI Memphis*) and one LR2 product tanker (*STI Lombard*) under the 2021 AVIC Lease Financing. These purchases closed in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$77.4 million, which excludes deposits held by the lessor of \$1.0 million and purchase option fees of \$1.2 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on three 2012 built MR product tankers (*STI Topaz*, *STI Garnet* and *STI Onyx*) under the BCFL Lease Financing (MRs). These purchases closed in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$21.7 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on three 2015 built MR product tankers (*STI Black Hawk*, *STI Notting Hill* and *STI Pontiac*) that are currently financed on the 2021 TSFL Lease Financing. The notices were delivered in December 2023 and the purchases are expected to close in the first quarter of 2024, and the aggregate lease liability at the date of repurchase is expected to be \$45.6 million and excludes purchase option fees of \$0.9 million.

- The exercise of the purchase options on one 2015 built MR product tanker (*STI Westminster*) and four 2014 built Handymax product tankers (*STI Brixton*, *STI Comandante*, *STI Pimlico* and *STI Finchley*) which are currently financed on the 2021 CMBFL Lease Financing. The notices were delivered in January 2024 and the purchases are expected to close in the first half of 2024. The aggregate lease liabilities at the dates of repurchase are expected to be \$61.1 million. Additionally, purchase option fees are expected to be \$0.7 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on four lease financed product tankers consisting of two MRs (*STI Gramercy* and *STI Queens*) and two LR2s (*STI Oxford* and *STI Selatar*) that are currently financed under the 2022 AVIC Lease Financing. The notices were delivered in February 2024 and the purchases are expected to close in the first half of 2024. The aggregate lease liabilities at the dates of repurchase are expected to be \$102.4 million, which excludes deposits held by the lessor of \$1.2 million. Additionally, purchase option fees are expected to be \$1.5 million.

In January 2024, the Company drew down \$99.0 million from the 2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility and placed two Handymax (*STI Acton* and *STI Camden*) and four MR (*STI Jardins*, *STI San Telmo*, *STI Soho* and *STI Osceola*) product tankers as collateral under the facility.

Declaration of dividend

On February 13, 2024, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.40 per common share, which is expected to be paid on March 27, 2024 to all shareholders of record as of March 8, 2024.

2013 Equity Incentive Plan

On February 13, 2024, the Company's Board of Directors reserved an additional 1,463,294 common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, for issuance pursuant to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan. All other terms of the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan remained unchanged.

Related Party Transactions

Our vessels are commercially managed by SCM and technically managed by SSM pursuant to the revised master agreement as defined in Item 7B - Related Party Transactions. Effective January 1, 2024, under the 2024 Revised Master Agreement, the flat fees payable per day charged by SCM were increased by \$35 per vessel per day. Under this agreement, commercial management fees on vessels that are not operating in any of the Scorpio Pools will be \$285 per vessel per day for each LR1 and LR2 vessel and \$335 per vessel per day for each Handymax and MR vessel on the effective date of January 1, 2024. For vessels operating in one of the Scorpio Pools, SCM, the pool manager, is expected to increase its fees during 2024 to \$285 per vessel per day with respect to our LR2 vessels and \$360 per vessel per day with respect to each of our Handymax and MR vessels. Commissions on gross revenues per charter fixture remain unchanged.

In addition, effective January 1, 2024, the fixed annual technical management fee payable to SSM was increased by \$12,500 to \$187,500 plus additional amounts for certain itemized services per vessel to provide technical management services for each of our owned vessels.

The EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), which came into effect on January 1, 2024, is a cap-and-trade system designed to limit greenhouse gas emissions from industries in the European Union. It sets a cap on the total amount of certain greenhouse gases that can be emitted by covered entities, and these entities are allocated or required to purchase permits (allowances) for their emissions. The system aims to incentivize emission reductions by allowing companies to trade allowances, creating a market-based approach to reducing emissions. In March 2024, we entered into an agreement with Geoserve Energy Transport DMCC ("Geoserve"), effective January 1, 2024, which is majority owned by the Lolli-Ghetti family, to serve as our emissions manager. Geoserve's services will include, among others, emission data monitoring and correction for commercial and regulatory compliance and procurement of carbon credits from EU approved carbon traders. Under this agreement, we will pay Geoserve emissions management fees of \$350 per vessel per month and a rate of 1.25% per carbon trade.

We expect to enter into a licensing agreement with Fowe Eco Solutions Ltd. ("FOWE"), or a direct subsidiary of FOWE, whereby FOWE's fuel oil-water emulsion Cavitech systems will be installed across our entire fleet. Cavitech is FOWE's proprietary technical solution that enables cavitation treatment on various materials for instantaneous mixing, heat treatment, dispersion, and alteration of chemical bonds, the benefits of which include the elimination of unwanted sludge deposits, a cleaner and more efficient fuel burn and reduced nitrogen oxide emissions. Under the terms of the licensing agreement, we will pay FOWE approximately 33% of realized savings. Cavitech devices are expected to be installed on all of our vessels during 2024. No material upfront costs are required and an overall reduction of at least 3% in fuel costs and 100,000 tons of carbon emissions annually is expected. Scorpio Holdings Limited, a related party, owns a minority interest in FOWE.

B. Business Overview

We provide seaborne transportation of refined petroleum products worldwide. As of March 21, 2024, our fleet consisted of 110 wholly owned or leased financed product tankers (39 LR2, 57 MR and 14 Handymax) with a weighted average age of approximately 8.1 years, which we refer to collectively as our Operating Fleet.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding our Operating Fleet as of March 21, 2024:

Vessel Name	Year Built	DWT	Ice class	Employment	Vessel type	Scrubber
<i>Owned or lease financed</i>						
1 STI Brixton	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
2 STI Comandante	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
3 STI Pimlico	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
4 STI Hackney	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
5 STI Acton	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
6 STI Fulham	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
7 STI Camden	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
8 STI Battersea	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
9 STI Wembley	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
10 STI Finchley	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
11 STI Clapham	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
12 STI Poplar	2014	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
13 STI Hammersmith	2015	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
14 STI Rotherhithe	2015	38,734	1A	SHTP (1)	Handymax	No
15 STI Topaz	2012	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
16 STI Ruby	2012	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	No
17 STI Garnet	2012	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
18 STI Onyx	2012	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
19 STI Beryl	2013	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	No
20 STI Le Rocher	2013	49,990	—	SMRP (2) (7)	MR	No
21 STI Larvotto	2013	49,990	—	SMRP (2) (7)	MR	No
22 STI Duchessa	2014	49,990	—	Time Charter (5)	MR	No
23 STI Opera	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	No
24 STI Texas City	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
25 STI Meraux	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
26 STI San Antonio	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
27 STI Venere	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
28 STI Virtus	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
29 STI Aqua	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
30 STI Dama	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
31 STI Regina	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
32 STI St. Charles	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
33 STI Mayfair	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
34 STI Yorkville	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
35 STI Milwaukee	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
36 STI Battery	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
37 STI Soho	2014	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
38 STI Memphis	2014	49,990	—	Time Charter (6)	MR	Yes
39 STI Gramercy	2015	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes

40	STI Bronx	2015	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
41	STI Pontiac	2015	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
42	STI Manhattan	2015	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
43	STI Queens	2015	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
44	STI Osceola	2015	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
45	STI Notting Hill	2015	49,687	1B	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
46	STI Seneca	2015	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
47	STI Westminster	2015	49,687	1B	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
48	STI Brooklyn	2015	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
49	STI Black Hawk	2015	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
50	STI Galata	2017	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
51	STI Bosphorus	2017	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	No
52	STI Leblon	2017	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
53	STI La Boca	2017	49,990	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
54	STI San Telmo	2017	49,990	1B	SMRP (2)	MR	No
55	STI Donald C Trauscht	2017	49,990	1B	SMRP (2)	MR	No
56	STI Esles II	2018	49,990	1B	SMRP (2)	MR	No
57	STI Jardins	2018	49,990	1B	SMRP (2)	MR	No
58	STI Magic	2019	50,000	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
59	STI Mystery	2019	50,000	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
60	STI Marvel	2019	50,000	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
61	STI Magnetic	2019	50,000	—	Time Charter (8)	MR	Yes
62	STI Millennia	2019	50,000	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
63	STI Magister	2019	50,000	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
64	STI Mythic	2019	50,000	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
65	STI Marshall	2019	50,000	—	Time Charter (9)	MR	Yes
66	STI Modest	2019	50,000	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
67	STI Maverick	2019	50,000	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
68	STI Miracle	2020	50,000	—	Time Charter (10)	MR	Yes
69	STI Maestro	2020	50,000	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
70	STI Mighty	2020	50,000	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
71	STI Maximus	2020	50,000	—	SMRP (2)	MR	Yes
72	STI Elysees	2014	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
73	STI Madison	2014	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
74	STI Park	2014	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
75	STI Orchard	2014	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
76	STI Sloane	2014	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
77	STI Broadway	2014	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
78	STI Condotti	2014	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
79	STI Rose	2015	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
80	STI Veneto	2015	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
81	STI Alexis	2015	109,999	—	MPL (4)	LR2	Yes
82	STI Winnie	2015	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
83	STI Oxford	2015	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
84	STI Lauren	2015	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
85	STI Connaught	2015	109,999	—	Time Charter (11)	LR2	Yes
86	STI Spiga	2015	109,999	—	MPL (4)	LR2	Yes
87	STI Kingsway	2015	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes

88	STI Solidarity	2015	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
89	STI Lombard	2015	109,999	—	Time Charter (12)	LR2	Yes
90	STI Grace	2016	109,999	—	Time Charter (13)	LR2	Yes
91	STI Jermyn	2016	109,999	—	Time Charter (14)	LR2	Yes
92	STI Sanctity	2016	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
93	STI Solace	2016	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
94	STI Stability	2016	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
95	STI Steadfast	2016	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
96	STI Supreme	2016	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
97	STI Symphony	2016	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
98	STI Gallantry	2016	113,000	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
99	STI Goal	2016	113,000	—	MPL (4)	LR2	Yes
100	STI Guard	2016	113,000	—	Time Charter (15)	LR2	Yes
101	STI Guide	2016	113,000	—	Time Charter (16)	LR2	Yes
102	STI Selatar	2017	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
103	STI Rambla	2017	109,999	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
104	STI Gauntlet	2017	113,000	—	Time Charter (17)	LR2	Yes
105	STI Gladiator	2017	113,000	—	Time Charter (16)	LR2	Yes
106	STI Gratitude	2017	113,000	—	Time Charter (18)	LR2	Yes
107	STI Lobelia	2019	110,000	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
108	STI Lotus	2019	110,000	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
109	STI Lily	2019	110,000	—	SLR2P (3)	LR2	Yes
110	STI Lavender	2019	110,000	—	Time Charter (19)	LR2	Yes

Total owned or lease financed

7,702,212

- (1) This vessel operates in the Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool, or SHTP. SHTP is operated by Scorpio Commercial Management S.A.M. (SCM). SHTP and SCM are related parties to the Company.
- (2) This vessel operates in the Scorpio MR Pool, or SMRP. SMRP is operated by SCM. SMRP and SCM are related parties to the Company.
- (3) This vessel operates in the Scorpio LR2 Pool, or SLR2P. SLR2P is operated by SCM. SLR2P and SCM are related parties to the Company.
- (4) This vessel operates in the Mercury Pool Limited, or MPL. MPL is operated by SCM. MPL and SCM are related parties to the Company.
- (5) This vessel commenced a time charter in October 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$25,000 per day.
- (6) This vessel commenced a time charter in June 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$21,000 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three year period, which is payable during the first six months at \$30,000 per day, the next 6 months are payable at \$20,000 per day, and years two and three are payable at \$19,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$22,500 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,000 per day.
- (7) The Company has entered into an agreement to sell this vessel which is expected to close within the first half of 2024.
- (8) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$23,000 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three year period, which is payable in years one, two, and three at \$30,000 per day, \$20,000 per day, and \$19,000 per day, respectively. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,500 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$26,000 per day.
- (9) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for three years at a rate of \$23,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$25,000 per day. If this second option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$26,000 per day.
- (10) This vessel commenced a time charter in August 2022 for three years at a rate of \$21,000 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three year period, which is payable during the first six months at \$30,000 per day, the next 6 months are payable at \$20,000 per day, and years two and three are payable at \$19,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$22,500 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,000 per day.
- (11) In April 2023, *STI Connaught* replaced *STI Goal* on a time charter which initially commenced in August 2022 for three years at a rate of \$30,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$32,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$34,000 per day.
- (12) This vessel commenced a time charter in September 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$32,750 per day. The charterer has the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$34,750 per day. If this option is declared, the charterer has the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$36,750 per day.
- (13) This vessel commenced a time charter in December 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$37,500 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three-year period, which is payable during the first six months at \$47,000 per day, the next 6 months are payable at \$28,000 per day, and years two and three are payable at \$37,500 per day.
- (14) This vessel commenced a time charter in April 2023 for three years at a rate of \$40,000 per day. The charterer has the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$42,500 per day.
- (15) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for five years at a rate of \$28,000 per day. The charterers have the option to convert the term of this agreement to three years at \$30,000 per day, which must be declared within 30 months after the delivery date.
- (16) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$28,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$31,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$33,000 per day.
- (17) This vessel commenced a time charter in November 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$32,750 per day.
- (18) This vessel commenced a time charter in May 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$28,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$31,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$33,000 per day.
- (19) This vessel commenced a time charter in December 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$35,000 per day.

Chartering Strategy

Generally, we operate our vessels in commercial pools operated by related entities, on time charters or in the spot market. The overall mix of how our vessels are employed varies from time to time based on many factors including our view of the future market conditions.

Commercial Pools

To increase vessel utilization and thereby revenues, we participate in commercial pools with other shipowners of similar modern, well-maintained vessels. By operating a large number of vessels as an integrated transportation system, commercial pools offer customers greater flexibility and a higher level of service while achieving scheduling efficiencies. Pools employ experienced commercial managers and operators who have close working relationships with customers and brokers, while technical management is performed by each shipowner. Pools negotiate charters with customers primarily in the spot market, but may also arrange time charter agreements. The size and scope of these pools enable them to enhance utilization rates for pool vessels by securing backhaul voyages and contracts of affreightment, or COAs, thus generating higher effective TCE revenues than otherwise might be obtainable in the spot market. As of March 21, 2024, 95 of the vessels in our Operating Fleet operate in one of the Scorpio Pools.

Time Charters

Time charters give us a fixed and stable cash flow for a known period of time. Time charters also mitigate in part the seasonality of the spot market business, which is generally weaker in the second and third quarters of the year. As of December 31, 2023, 15 of our vessels (ten LR2s and five MRs) were operating on long-term charter-out agreements with terms of three years or greater. In the future, we may opportunistically look to enter more of our vessels into time charter contracts. We may also enter into time charter contracts with profit sharing agreements, which enable us to benefit if the spot market increases.

Spot Market

A spot market voyage charter is generally a contract to carry a specific cargo from a load port to a discharge port for an agreed freight per ton of cargo or a specified total amount. Under spot market voyage charters, we pay voyage expenses such as port, canal and bunker costs. Spot charter rates are volatile and fluctuate on a seasonal and year-to-year basis. Fluctuations derive from imbalances in the availability of cargoes for shipment and the number of vessels available at any given time to transport these cargoes. Vessels operating in the spot market generate revenue that is less predictable but may enable us to capture increased profit margins during periods of improvements in tanker rates. We also consider short-term time charters (with initial terms of less than one year) as spot market voyages.

Management of our Fleet

Commercial and Technical Management

Our vessels are commercially managed by SCM and technically managed by SSM pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth under a revised master agreement which, for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, was effective as from January 1, 2018 (the "2018 Revised Master Agreement"). In 2024, certain terms of the 2018 Revised Master Agreement were amended and restated with an effective date of January 1, 2024 (the "2024 Revised Master Agreement"). The 2024 Revised Master Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 24 months' notice, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the 2024 Revised Master Agreement. In the event of the sale of one or more vessels, a notice period of three months and a payment equal to three months of management fees will apply, provided that the termination does not amount to a change in control, including a sale of all or substantially all of our vessels, in which case a payment equal to 24 months of management fees will apply. SCM and SSM are related parties of ours. We expect that additional vessels that we may acquire in the future will also be managed under the 2024 Revised Master Agreement or on substantially similar terms.

SCM's services include securing employment, in the spot market and on time charters, for our vessels. SCM also manages the Scorpio Pools. Under the 2018 Revised Master Agreement, during the year ended December 31, 2023, when our vessels were operating in one of the Scorpio Pools, SCM, the pool manager, charged fees of \$300 per vessel per day with respect to our LR1 vessels, \$250 per vessel per day with respect to our LR2 vessels, and \$325 per vessel per day with respect to each of our Handymax and MR vessels, plus a 1.50% commission on gross revenues per charter fixture. These were the same fees that SCM charged other vessel owners in these pools, including third-party owned vessels. For commercial management of our vessels that were not operating in any of the Scorpio Pools, we paid SCM a fee of \$250 per vessel per day for each LR1 and LR2 vessel and \$300 per vessel per day for each Handymax and MR vessel, plus 1.25% commission on gross revenues per charter fixture.

Effective January 1, 2024, under the 2024 Revised Master Agreement, the flat fees payable per day charged by SCM were increased by \$35 per vessel per day. Under this agreement, commercial management fees on vessels that are not operating in any of the Scorpio Pools will be \$285 per vessel per day for each LR1 and LR2 vessel and \$335 per vessel per day for each Handymax and MR vessel on the effective date of January 1, 2024. For vessels operating in one of the Scorpio Pools, SCM, the pool manager, is expected to increase its fees during 2024 to \$285 per vessel per day with respect to our LR2 vessels and \$360 per vessel per day with respect to each of our Handymax and MR vessels. Commissions on gross revenues per charter fixture remain unchanged.

SSM's services include day-to-day vessel operations, performing general maintenance, monitoring regulatory and classification society compliance, customer vetting procedures, supervising the maintenance and general efficiency of vessels, arranging the hiring of qualified officers and crew, arranging and supervising drydocking and repairs, purchasing supplies, spare parts and new equipment for vessels, appointing supervisors and technical consultants and providing technical support. Under the 2018 Revised Master Agreement, we paid SSM an annual fee of \$175,000 plus additional amounts for certain itemized services per vessel to provide technical management services for each of our owned or bareboat chartered vessels. Effective January 1, 2024, under the 2024 Revised Master Agreement, the annual fees were increased to \$187,500 plus additional amounts for certain itemized services per vessel.

Amended Administrative Services Agreement

We have an Amended Administrative Services Agreement with Scorpio Services Holding Limited ("SSH"), or our Administrator, for the provision of administrative staff and office space, and administrative services, including accounting, legal

compliance, financial and information technology services. SSH is a related party to us. We reimburse our Administrator for the reasonable direct or indirect expenses it incurs in providing us with the administrative services described above. The services provided to us by our Administrator may be sub-contracted to other entities within Scorpio.

Further, pursuant to our Amended Administrative Services Agreement, our Administrator, on behalf of itself and other entities within the Scorpio group of companies, has agreed that it will not directly own product or crude tankers ranging in size from 35,000 dwt to 200,000 dwt.

Our Amended Administrative Services Agreement may be terminated by us upon two years' notice.

The International Oil Tanker Shipping Industry

All the information and data presented in this section, including the analysis of the oil tanker shipping industry, has been provided by Drewry. The statistical and graphical information contained herein is drawn from Drewry's database and other sources. According to Drewry: (i) certain information in Drewry's database is derived from estimates or subjective judgments; (ii) the information in the databases of other maritime data collection agencies may differ from the information in Drewry's database; and (iii) while Drewry has taken reasonable care in the compilation of the statistical and graphical information and believes it to be accurate and correct, data compilation is subject to limited audit and validation procedures.

Oil Tanker Demand

In broad terms, the demand for oil products traded by sea is primarily affected by global and regional economic conditions, as well as other factors such as changes in the location of productive capacity and variations in regional prices. The demand for shipping capacity is a product of the physical quantity of the cargo (measured in terms of tons or cubic metrics, depending on the cargo), together with the distance the cargo is carried. Demand cycles move broadly in line with developments in the global economy, with growth rate of demand for products slowing significantly and becoming negative in some years in the period immediately after the global economic downturn in late 2008. Thereafter, demand started recovering gradually from 2011 with general improvement in the global macro-economic environment. Low crude prices between 2015 and 2017 induced greater consumption and thereby higher seaborne trade of crude oil as well as refined products, but this growth slowed down in 2018 because of inventory drawdown in crude as well as refined products. This decline continued in 2019 on account of lower refinery runs and weaker economic growth.

The outbreak of Covid severely affected demand for crude oil and refined petroleum products as several major economies enforced lockdowns to contain the spread of the virus and mitigate the damage caused by the pandemic. Accordingly, the world seaborne tanker trade, including crude oil, oil products, and chemicals, fell 8.6% to 3,105 million tons in 2020. The decline in trade from 3,397 million tons in 2019 was mainly led by a plunge of 8.5% and 10.1% in both crude oil and oil products trade to 1,885 million tons and 931 million tons, respectively.

However, world seaborne tanker trade grew slightly to 3,168 million tons in 2021 mainly due to the sharp recovery in global oil demand, which increased 5.4 million barrels per day (mbpd) in 2021 fueled by robust economic growth, rising vaccination rates, and higher mobility levels. Several countries authorized emergency use of various Covid vaccines with widespread availability of these vaccines playing a key role in containing the pandemic, which supported the seaborne trade and demand for tankers. Global economic recovery coupled with the energy crisis, which started in October 2021, provided a further boost to oil demand in 2022, which grew 2.3 mbpd during the year.

The Russia-Ukraine conflict which started in February 2022 led to a change in trade patterns for both crude oil and products with trades shifting from Russia-Europe to Asia-Europe, Middle East-Europe, and US Gulf-Europe and thereby increasing the tonne-mile demand. The tanker market also benefited from the recovery in demand after economies started emerging from the impact of Covid. Overall, the world seaborne tanker trade volumes grew 3.3% in 2022. The seaborne trade of chemicals/vegetable oils declined in 2022 because of the weakness in organics and vegetable oil markets. While the demand for organics reduced due to prolonged lockdowns which lowered the demand and hence imports in China, the vegetable oil market suffered from the war between the top producers of sunflower oil coupled with production losses of soybean oil in Argentina.

Global seaborne tanker trade grew 3.2% in 2023, driven by robust oil demand and increased chemical trade. Oil demand benefited from the post-Covid rebound in China's oil consumption and a healthy growth in demand in developing countries of Asia and Latin America. Firm demand for vegetable oils from India and China strengthened the chemical trade. In 2023, 3.377 million tons of crude oil, products, and vegetable oils/chemicals moved by sea, of these crude shipments constituted 2,033 million tons of cargo, 1,025 million tons of products, with the balance made up of other liquids, including vegetable oils, chemicals, and associated products.

World Seaborne Tanker Trade

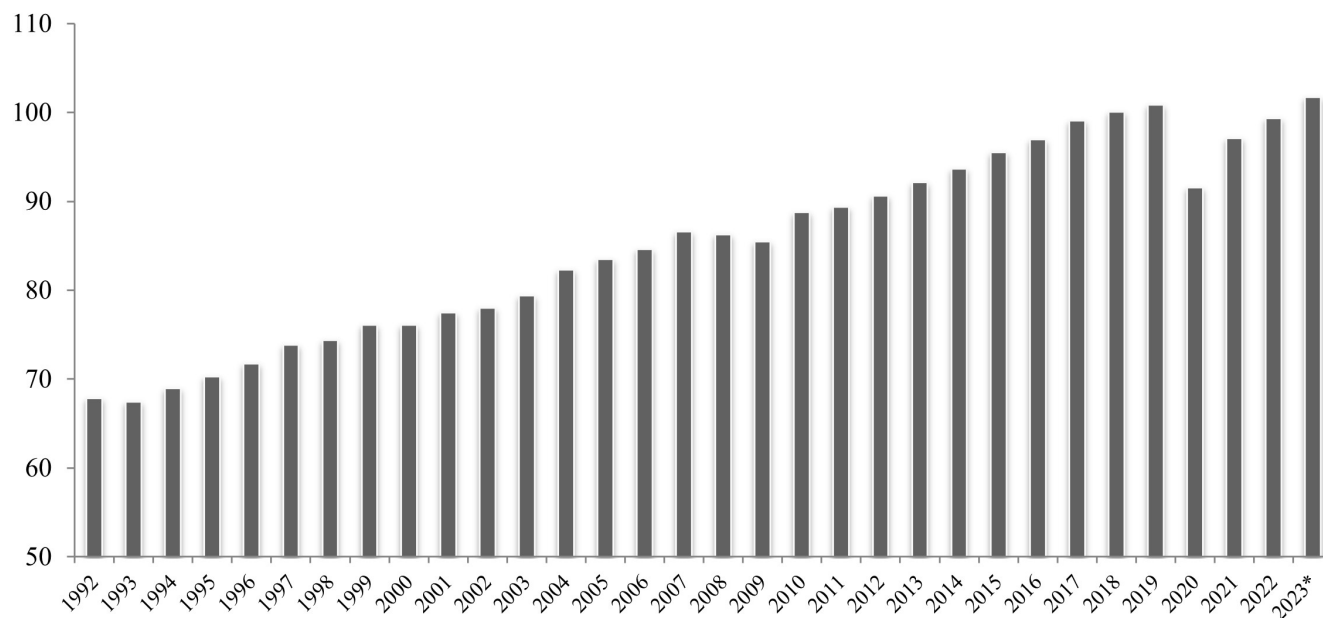
Year	Crude Oil		Refined Products		Veg Oils/ Chemicals		Total	
	Mill T	% Y-o-Y	Mill T	% Y-o-Y	Mill T	% Y-o-Y	Mill T	% Y-o-Y
2002	1,756	0.3 %	519	0.3 %	122	7.0 %	2,397	0.6 %
2003	1,860	5.9 %	550	6.0 %	129	5.9 %	2,539	5.9 %
2004	1,963	5.6 %	599	8.8 %	141	9.5 %	2,703	6.5 %
2005	1,994	1.6 %	646	8.0 %	156	10.5 %	2,796	3.5 %
2006	1,996	0.1 %	677	4.7 %	166	6.5 %	2,839	1.5 %
2007	2,008	0.6 %	723	6.8 %	176	5.9 %	2,907	2.4 %
2008	2,014	0.3 %	765	5.8 %	179	1.8 %	2,958	1.7 %
2009	1,928	(4.2)%	777	1.6 %	202	12.9 %	2,907	(1.7)%
2010	1,997	3.6 %	810	4.3 %	217	7.4 %	3,024	4.0 %
2011	1,941	(2.8)%	860	6.3 %	228	5.1 %	3,029	0.2 %
2012	1,988	2.4 %	859	(0.2)%	240	5.3 %	3,087	1.9 %
2013	1,920	(3.4)%	904	5.3 %	252	5.1 %	3,076	(0.3)%
2014	1,904	(0.9)%	914	1.1 %	252	(0.1)%	3,070	(0.2)%
2015	1,974	3.7 %	963	5.3 %	266	5.4 %	3,203	4.3 %
2016	2,050	3.9 %	999	3.8 %	267	0.5 %	3,316	3.6 %
2017	2,109	2.9 %	1,043	4.4 %	283	6.0 %	3,435	3.6 %
2018	2,096	(0.6)%	1,055	1.2 %	293	3.5 %	3,444	0.3 %
2019	2,061	(1.7)%	1,036	(1.8)%	300	2.4 %	3,397	(1.4)%
2020	1,885	(8.5)%	931	(10.1)%	289	(3.7)%	3,105	(8.6)%
2021	1,858	(1.4)%	999	7.3 %	311	7.6 %	3,168	2.0 %
2022	1,955	5.2 %	1,015	1.6 %	301	(3.3)%	3,271	3.3 %
2023*	2,033	4.0 %	1,025	1.0 %	319	6.2 %	3,377	3.2 %
2024F	2,047	0.7 %	1,043	1.7 %	307	(3.8)%	3,397	0.6 %
CAGR (2018-2023)	(0.6)%		(0.6)%		1.7%		(0.4)%	
CAGR (2013-2023)	0.6%		1.3%		2.4%		0.9%	

* Provisional estimate

Source: GTIS, Drewry

The volume of oil moved by sea was affected by the economic recession in 2008 and 2009, but since then, renewed growth in the world economy and in oil demand has had a positive impact on seaborne trade. Oil demand has benefited from economic growth in Asia, especially in China, where oil consumption increased by a compound average growth rate (CAGR) of 3.6% between 2013 and 2023 to 14.7 mbpd. Low per capita oil consumption in developing countries, such as China and India, compared with the developed world provides scope for higher oil consumption in these economies. Conversely, oil consumption in developed OECD economies declined for much of the last decade, but in 2015, this trend was reversed for the US and some European countries primarily due to the positive impact of lower oil prices on demand for products such as gasoline. Oil demand in OECD economies declined at a CAGR of 1.2% from 47.7 mbpd in 2018 to 45.7 mbpd in 2023.

World Oil Consumption: 1992-2023* (Million bpd)



* Provisional estimate

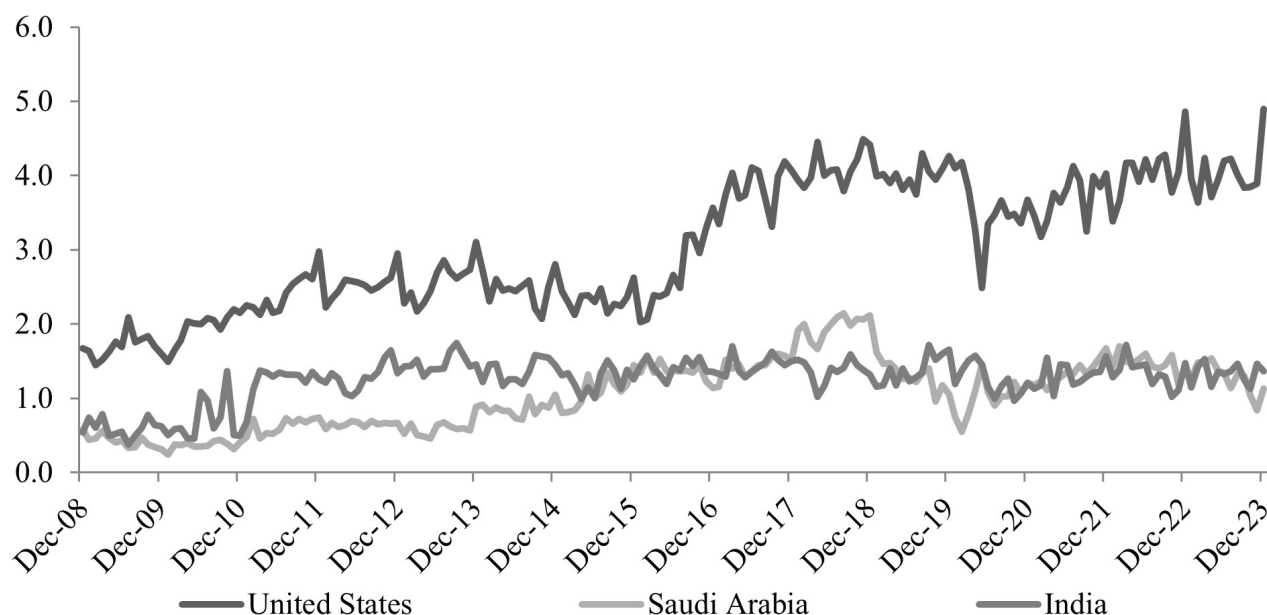
Source: IEA, Drewry

Global oil demand grew at a CAGR of 1.0% during 2013-2024, but plunged 9.2% to 91.5 mbpd in 2020 due to Covid-led demand destruction. However, easing mobility restrictions and resumption of economic activities coupled with the launch of several Covid vaccines, supported the demand in 2021 which increased from 90.9 mbpd in 2020 to 96.5 mbpd in 2021. Global economic recovery coupled with the energy crisis, which started in October 2021, further boosted oil demand in 2022, which grew 2.3 mbpd during the year. In 2023, growth in oil demand grew 2.3mbpd as it benefited from the post-Covid rebound in China's oil consumption and healthy growth in demand in the developing countries of Asia and Latin America.

Oil Product Exports & Imports

Products trade surged in the last decade following developments in E&P activity in the US. The development of shale oil deposits, increased the domestic crude oil production to 12.9 mbpd, which grew at a CAGR of 5.6% between 2013 and 2023. Horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing triggered the shale oil revolution which increased crude oil production and thereby ensured the availability of cheaper feedstocks to local refineries. As a result, the US has become a major net exporter of products.

Oil Product Exports - Major Growth Regions (Million bpd)



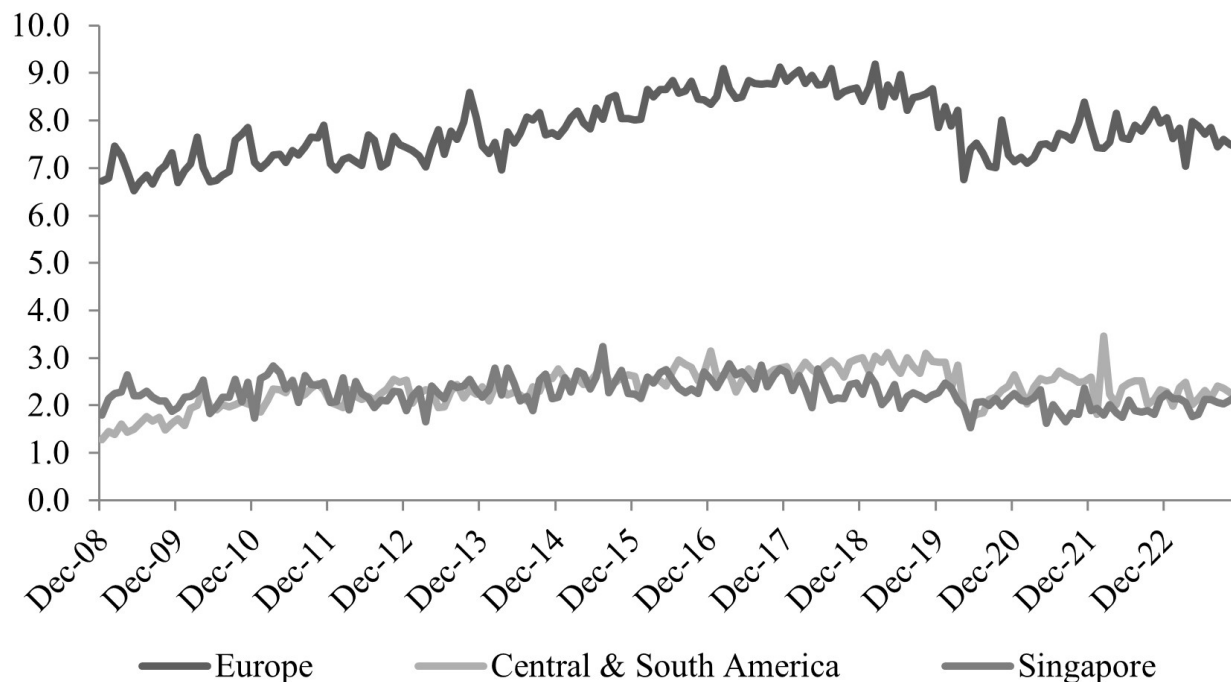
Source: JODI, Drewry

In a short span of time, the US has become the largest exporter of refined products in the world, with supplies from US Gulf Coast terminals heading to most parts of the globe. By way of illustration, US product exports grew 1.6x between 2013 and 2023 to 4.03 mbpd. A significant proportion of these exports was carried by MR product tankers, which constituted about 55% of the global product tanker fleet capacity and became the mainstay of seaborne trade of refined petroleum products. However, lower crude oil prices in 2015 and 2016 adversely impacted the country's shale oil producers, and accordingly, crude production in the region declined from May 2015 to September 2016. Nevertheless, the production cut by OPEC members from January 2017 came as a relief for domestic producers and US crude production continued to increase; the US became the largest crude producer in the world in September 2018. During this period, from 2015 to 2019, the country's crude production increased at a CAGR of 6.7%, but in 2020 US crude oil production declined 8.1% year over year to 11.3 mbpd following the sharp fall in crude oil prices amid weak global oil demand due to the pandemic. Crude oil production continued to decline in 2021, falling 1.4% to 11.2 mbpd as companies contained output due to lower demand, but increased thereafter when the country's oil demand surged 6.2% year over year to 11.9 mbpd in 2022. The oil production increased 8.5% year over year to 12.9 mbpd in 2023 due to increased demand from developing countries amid production cuts by OPEC+ members.

The shift in the location of global oil production is also being accompanied by the shift in global refinery capacity and throughput from the developed to the developing world. Between 2012 and 2022, the total OECD refining throughput declined by 4.9% CAGR to 36.0 mbpd, largely because of cutbacks in OECD Europe and OECD Americas. Refinery throughput of OECD countries, which accounted for 44.5% of the global refinery throughput, fell 13.1% year over year to 33.1 mbpd in 2020 mainly because of the pandemic which hit global oil demand and higher inventory levels. Thereafter, OECD refinery runs gathered steam in 2021 with improvement in oil demand, but high crude oil prices led to drawdowns in inventory of refined products, limiting the gains in refinery runs to some extent. OECD refinery throughput increased in 2022 driven by higher demand. OECD refinery throughput declined 0.8% in 2023 due to closure of refineries and softening of oil demand in the OECD nations.

Asia (excluding China) and the Middle East added about 3.64 mbpd refinery capacity during 2018-2023, a substantial part of which is destined for international markets. Nearly 631 thousand barrels per day (kbpd) of new refining capacity in the Middle East and another 206 kbpd in Asia (72 kbpd in China) came online in 2023 with nearly 122 kbpd of existing refinery capacity in Asia Oceania having phased out during the year. As a result of these developments, countries such as India, China, and Saudi Arabia have consolidated their positions as major exporters of refined products. Export-oriented refineries in India and the Middle East, coupled with the closure of refining capacity in the developed world, have promoted long-haul shipments to cater to the demand for products.

Oil Product Imports - Major Growth Regions (Million bpd)



Source: JODI, Drewry

Current Tanker Fleet

Crude oil is transported in uncoated vessels, which range upwards in size from 55,000 dwt. Products are carried predominantly in coated ships and include commodities such as gas oil, gasoline, jet fuel, kerosene, and naphtha (often referred to as clean products), as well as fuel oil and vacuum gas oil (often referred to as dirty products). In addition, some product tankers are also able to carry bulk liquid chemicals, and edible oils and fats if they have the appropriate certification from the International Maritime Organization (IMO). These vessels are classified as product/chemical tankers and represent a swing element in supply, having the ability to move between trades depending on market conditions. Clean petroleum products are therefore carried by non-IMO product tankers and IMO certified product/chemical tankers. Depending on their tank coatings, IMO tankers also carry a range of other products including organic and inorganic bulk liquid chemicals, vegetable oils, and animal fats in addition to special products such as molasses.

The global tanker fleet expanded 1.7% year over year (based on capacity) in 2023 mainly due to lower demolitions than in 2022. High freight rates in 2023 curbed demolitions, which had reached a five-year high in 2021. As of February 29, 2024, the total oil tanker fleet (crude, products, and product/chemical tankers) consisted of 5,624 ships with a combined capacity of 646.7 mdwt.

The Oil Tanker Fleet - February 29, 2024

Vessel Type	Deadweight Tons (Dwt)	Number of Vessels	% of Fleet	Capacity (m Dwt)	% of Fleet
Crude Tankers ⁽¹⁾					
VLCC/ULCC	200,000+	909	38.3	280.0	60.4
Suezmax	120-199,999	652	27.5	102.0	22.0
Aframax	80-119,999	690	29.1	75.8	16.3
Panamax	55-79,999	71	3.0	4.9	1.1
Handymax	40-54,999	5	0.2	0.2	—
Handy	25-39,999	4	0.2	0.1	—
Handy	10-24,999	43	1.8	0.7	0.2
Total Fleet		2,374	100.0	463.7	100.0
Product Tankers					
Long Range 3 (LR3)	120-199,999	19	1.2	3.0	2.9
Long Range 2 (LR2)	80-119,999	439	28.5	48.5	46.9
Long Range 1 (LR1)	55-79,999	347	22.5	25.5	24.7
Medium Range 2 (MR2)	40-54,999	421	27.3	19.9	19.2
Medium Range 1 (MR1)	25-39,999	101	6.6	3.4	3.3
Handy	10-24,999	213	13.8	3.0	2.9
Total Fleet		1,540	100.0	103.3	100.0
Product/Chemical Tankers ⁽²⁾					
Long Range 3 (LR3)	120-199,999	—	—	—	—
Long Range 2 (LR2)	80-119,999	2	0.1	0.2	0.3
Long Range 1 (LR1)	55-79,999	33	1.9	2.4	3.1
Medium Range 2 (MR2)	40-54,999	1,345	78.7	65.4	82.1
Medium Range 1 (MR1)	25-39,999	301	17.6	11.2	14.0
Handy	10-24,999	29	1.7	0.4	0.6
Total Fleet		1,710	100.0	79.6	100.0
Product & Product/Chemical Fleet					
Long Range 3 (LR3)	120-199,999	19	0.6	3.0	1.6
Long Range 2 (LR2)	80-119,999	441	13.6	48.7	26.6
Long Range 1 (LR1)	55-79,999	380	11.7	28.0	15.3
Medium Range 2 (MR2)	40-54,999	1,766	54.3	85.3	46.6
Medium Range 1 (MR1)	25-39,999	402	12.4	14.6	8.0
Handy	10-24,999	242	7.4	3.5	1.9
Total Fleet		3,250	100.0	183.1	100.0
Crude, Product and Product/Chemical Tanker Fleet					
VLCC/ULCC	200,000+	909	16.2	280.0	43.3
Suezmax/LR3	120-199,999	671	11.9	105.0	16.2
Aframax/LR2	80-119,999	1,131	20.1	124.5	19.2
Panamax/LR1	55-79,999	451	8.0	32.9	5.1
Handy/Medium Range	40-54,999	1,771	31.5	85.5	13.2
Handy/Medium Range	25-39,999	406	7.2	14.7	2.3
Handy/Handymax	10-54,999	285	5.1	4.2	0.6
Total Fleet		5,624	100.0	646.8	100.0

⁽¹⁾ Included shuttle tankers and tankers on storage duties

⁽²⁾ Excludes pure chemical tankers

Source: Drewry

The world product tanker fleet as on February 29, 2024, consisted of 3,250 vessels with a combined capacity of 346.9 mdt. The breakdown of the fleet by type (crude, product, and product/chemical) and by size, together with the orderbook for newbuilding tankers as on February 29, 2024, is illustrated in the table below.

The World Tanker Orderbook ⁽¹⁾ - February 29, 2024

Vessel Type	Deadweight	Orderbook		Orderbook % Fleet		2024		2025		2026+	
						No	m Dwt	No	m Dwt	No	m Dwt
	(Dwt)	No	m Dwt	No	Dwt	No	m Dwt	No	m Dwt	No	m Dwt
Crude Tankers ⁽¹⁾											
VLCC/ULCC	200,000+	23	7.2	2.5	2.6	1	—	5	0.2	17	1.1
Suezmax	120-199,999	74	11.3	11.3	11.1	10	0.5	29	1.3	35	1.6
Aframax	80-119,999	22	2.5	3.2	3.3	10	0.5	4	0.2	8	0.4
Panamax	55-79,999	3	0.2	4.2	4.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handymax	40-54,999	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	0.1
Handy	25-39,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handy	10-24,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Fleet		122	21.2	5.1	4.6	22	1.0	38	1.7	62	3.2
Product Tankers											
Long Range 3 (LR3)	120-199,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Long Range 2 (LR2)	80-119,999	117	13.2	26.7	27.3	16	0.7	53	2.4	48	2.2
Long Range 1 (LR1)	55-79,999	26	1.9	7.5	7.6	—	—	9	0.4	17	0.8
Medium Range 2 (MR2)	40-54,999	19	1.0	4.5	4.8	4	0.2	1	—	14	0.6
Medium Range 1 (MR1)	25-39,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handy	10-24,999	4	0.1	1.9	2.1	2	0.1	—	—	2	0.1
Total Fleet		166	16.2	10.8	15.7	22	1.0	63	2.8	81	3.7
Product/Chemical Tankers ⁽²⁾											
Long Range 3 (LR3)	120-199,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Long Range 2 (LR2)	80-119,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Long Range 1 (LR1)	55-79,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Medium Range 2 (MR2)	40-54,999	154	7.7	11.4	11.7	32	1.5	65	3.0	57	2.6
Medium Range 1 (MR1)	25-39,999	2	0.1	0.7	0.7	—	—	2	0.1	—	—
Handy	10-24,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Fleet		156.0	7.8	9.1	9.7	32	1.5	67	3.1	57	2.6
Product & Product/Chemical Fleet											
Long Range 3 (LR3)	120-199,999	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Long Range 2 (LR2)	80-119,999	117	13.2	26.5	27.2	16	0.7	53	2.4	48	2.2
Long Range 1 (LR1)	55-79,999	26	1.9	6.8	7.0	—	—	9	0.4	17	0.8

Medium Range 2 (MR2)	40-54,999	173	8.6	9.8	10.1	36	1.6	66	3.0	71	3.3
Medium Range 1 (MR1)	25-39,999	2	0.1	0.5	0.5	—	—	2	0.1	—	—
Handy	10-24,999	4	0.1	1.7	1.8	2	0.1	—	—	2	0.1
Total Fleet		322	23.9	9.9	13.1	54	2.4	130	5.9	138	6.4
Crude, Product and Product/Chemical Tanker Fleet											
VLCC/ULCC	200,000+	23	7.2	2.5	2.6	1	—	5	0.2	17	1.1
Suezmax/LR3	120-199,999	74	11.3	11.0	10.8	10	0.5	29	1.3	35	1.6
Aframax/LR2	80-119,999	139	15.8	12.3	12.7	26	1.2	57	2.6	56	2.6
Panamax/LR1	55-79,999	29	2.1	6.4	6.5	—	—	9	0.4	17	0.8
Handy/Medium Range	40-54,999	173	8.6	9.8	10.1	37	1.7	66	3.0	73	3.4
Handy/Medium Range	25-39,999	2	0.1	0.5	0.5	—	—	2	0.1	—	—
Handy/Handymax	10-54,999	4	0.1	1.4	1.5	2	0.1	0	—	2	0.1
Total Fleet		444	45.2	7.9	7.0	76	3.5	168	7.6	200	9.6

(1) Included shuttle tankers and tankers on storage duties

(2) Excludes pure chemical tankers

Source: Drewry

As of February 29, 2024, the orderbook for product and product/chemical tankers of above 10,000 dwt comprised 322 vessels with combined capacity of 23.9 mdwt, equivalent to 13.1% of the existing fleet in capacity terms. Based on the total orderbook and scheduled deliveries, nearly 2.4 mdwt is expected to be delivered in the remaining months of 2024, followed by 5.9 mdwt in 2025, and the remaining 6.4 mdwt in 2026 and beyond. In recent years however the orderbook has been affected by the non-delivery of vessels (sometimes referred to as slippage). Some of this slippage resulted from delays, either through mutual agreement or through shipyard problems, while others were due to vessel cancellations. Slippage is likely to remain an issue going forward, and as such, it will have a moderating effect on growth in the product tanker fleet over the next three years. After lackluster deliveries due to the closure of shipyards in 2020 on account of the pandemic, deliveries increased in 2021. Deliveries declined sharply in 2022 and 2023 due to the weak orderbook.

Ballast Water Management Convention:

All deepsea vessels engaged in international trade are required to have ballast water treatment systems before September 8, 2024. For a VLCC, the retrofit cost could be as much as US\$2.0 million per vessel, including labor cost. Expenditure of this kind has become another factor impacting the decision to scrap older vessels after the Ballast Water Management Convention came into force in 2019.

IMO 2020 regulation on low-sulfur fuel

The second regulation, which came into force on January 1, 2020, and impacted vessel supply, particularly in 2020, is the one on the use of low-sulfur fuels. For many years, high sulfur fuel oil (HSFO) has been the main fuel of the shipping industry as it is relatively inexpensive and widely available. However, it is 'dirty' from an environmental point of view as its sulfur content is extremely high and is the reason that maritime shipping accounted for 8% of global emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), a significant source for acid rain as well as respiratory diseases. According to the IMO, sulfur oxide emissions have declined 77% (annual reduction of about 8.5 million metric ton) since the implementation of the IMO 2020 regulations.

The IMO, the governing body of international shipping, has made an effort to shift the industry away from HSFO to cleaner fuels with less harmful effects on the environment and human health. Effective 2015, ships operating in the Emission Control Areas (ECAs) covering the Economic Exclusive Zone of North America, the Baltic Sea, the North Sea, and the English Channel, are required to use marine gas oil with allowable sulfur content up to 1,000 parts per million (ppm). In the lead-up to 2020, when the shipping industry started to prepare for a new low-sulfur norm, two factors were considered: (i) the spread between (expensive) very low-sulfur fuel and (cheaper) high-sulfur fuel, and (ii) scrubber retrofitting activity. Starting 2020, high and low sulfur fuel demand from the marine sector reported significant variation. The HSFO and LSFO price spread largely oscillated between US\$300 and US\$350 per ton during the initial days and hovered around US\$190-200 per ton in February 2020. Despite the initial speculation, the shipping industry did not see any systemic shortage of the new low-sulfur fuel oil. The premium commanded by low-sulfur fuel reduced to around US\$60 per ton by December 2020 as the availability of compliant fuel was not an issue due to reduced demand and increased supply across major bunkering ports. Overall, installation of scrubbers and new fuel regulations turned out to be a non-event against the backdrop of Covid and low bunker prices. However, the recent increase in crude oil prices since June 2021 and corresponding widening in the spread, improved the economic rationale for scrubber investment.

EU ETS and FuelEU

In addition to the IMO regulation, the EU has introduced a set of proposals including the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) and FuelEU Maritime Initiative. Shipping emissions will be phased into the EU ETS gradually, starting in 2024, resulting in obligations to surrender allowances covering 40% of in-scope emissions in 2024, 75% in 2025 and 100% in 2026. The EU ETS will include 100% emissions from voyages and port calls within the EU and 50% emissions from voyages between an EU port and a non-EU country. In addition, methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) will be included from 2026. The EU ETS provides rules regarding greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity with respect to energy used onboard all ships arriving in the EU. It aims to reduce net GHG emissions by at least 55% by 2030 and makes climate neutrality by 2050 legally binding. All shipowners trading in European waters will need to comply with these regulations.

The European Union's FuelEU Maritime Regulation, which will come into effect on January 1, 2025 establishes a framework for decarbonizing the maritime industry within the European Union and European Economic Area (EEA). It dictates mandatory reductions in the yearly average greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity of energy used aboard ships operating in these regions. This reduction is measured as grams of CO₂ equivalent per MegaJoule (gCO₂e/MJ) and applies to the vessel's entire energy lifecycle, encompassing "well-to-wake" emissions. This comprehensive approach includes emissions associated with fuel extraction, cultivation, production, transportation, and onboard usage.

Ships will be required to undertake a combination of initiatives in order to comply with the upcoming environmental regulations. These may range from switching to low/zero carbon alternative fuels, paying carbon taxes, retrofitting energy-saving devices, propulsion improvement devices, as well as voyage optimization techniques. The emission control regulations could slow the speed of the vessels in the next few years, reducing the supply of ships. Therefore, in the short-to- term, this will benefit shipowners as the fleets are younger since charter rates should potentially increase with lower vessel supply.

Besides the IMO regulations, the decarbonization of shipping is being propelled by various state and non-state stakeholders of the shipping industry. In recent years, there have been several developments such as the Sea Cargo Charter, Poseidon Principles for ship finance banks and Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance. In addition, there have been several industry-led initiatives to facilitate movement towards low-/zero-carbon shipping such as Getting to Zero Coalition, The Castor Initiative for Ammonia, the Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonization, and the Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping.

IMO GHG Strategy

At the MEPC 80 session in July 2023, the IMO revised its GHG emission reduction targets in line with the Paris Agreement, setting more ambitious targets compared to its 2018 initial GHG strategy. The organization now aims for net-zero emissions from the shipping industry by 2050. The IMO has added two indicative checkpoints for GHG reduction – (i) To reduce the total annual GHG emissions from international shipping by at least 20%, striving for 30% in 2030, compared to 2008, and (ii) To reduce the total annual GHG emissions from international shipping by at least 70%, striving for 80% by 2040, compared to 2008. In addition, targets have been set for 2030: (i) reduction of CO₂ emission per transport work by at least 40% compared to 2008, and (ii) uptake in zero or near-zero GHG emission fuels by at least 5% and striving for 10%.

Achieving these targets will require a combination of energy efficiency requirements and energy saving technologies, in addition to encouraging shipowners to use alternative fuels such as biofuels and electro-/synthetic fuels such as hydrogen or ammonia. It may also include limiting the speed of ships. Currently, there is uncertainty regarding the exact measures that the IMO will undertake to achieve these targets. IMO-related uncertainty is a key factor preventing shipowners from placing new orders, as the vessels with conventional propulsion systems may have a high environmental compliance cost and possibly faster depreciating asset values in the future. Some shipowners have decided to manage this risk by ordering LNG-/methanol-fueled ships to comply with stricter regulations that may be announced in future.

The IMO concluded MEPC 80, addressing the current GHG measures and an additional basket of mid-term measures, including an economic and technical measure. Details on these measures will be discussed further in the upcoming inter-sessional meetings held by the IMO. The economic measure is expected to come in the form of a GHG levy and the technical measure will introduce a Goal Based Fuel Standard (GFS), which will assess the fuels that are used onboard on a life cycle basis according to the life cycle GHG intensity of marine fuels (LCA) guidelines. Both measures are expected to be implemented in 2027.

Alternative fuels for shipping

The IMO has set a target to reduce GHG emissions by 50% in 2050, which cannot be achieved with low-sulfur fuel and so has encouraged innovation in alternative fuels. The IMO has also been planning other technical and operational measures in order to meet emission targets. Alternative fuels like LPG and methanol are mainly used on vessels carrying these as cargo while LNG is used as a fuel in LNG vessels and also in other vessels. Since hydrogen and ammonia are in the initial stages of development as marine fuel, LNG is expected to remain the preferred alternative fuel in the near-to-medium term due to its availability. However, LNG is still a fossil fuel and is unable to meet the IMO 2050 decarbonization target. Another drawback is that LNG propulsion requires an LNG-capable engine which would need additional capex and increased fuel storage space. Biofuel is another potential alternative because it requires no major modification of engine, and therefore, no significant additional capex.

Energy Transition

Traditionally, fossil fuel-based energy sources such as oil, natural gas and coal have propelled the global economy, but their share has been declining over the past few years from 86.9% in 2011 to 82.3% in 2021 with the share of oil declining from about 33% in 2011 to 31% in 2021. However, the energy transition from fossil fuel-based energy to renewable sources of energy is currently underway which has received a boost from the accelerated sales of electric vehicles (EVs), even though their share in the total sales was a meagre 2.5% in 2019. As the cost of EVs becomes competitive against internal combustion engine vehicles and charging infrastructure is developed across the world, sales of EVs are expected to gain momentum, reducing the demand for gasoline and diesel in the long run. Increasing focus on decarbonization will impact global oil demand going forward but the demand for naphtha and jet fuel is likely to remain robust and will be a key driver of global trade in crude and refined petroleum products.

Oil Tanker Freight Market

Tanker charter rates and vessel values for all tankers are influenced by the supply-demand dynamics of the tanker market. Also, in general terms, time charter rates are less volatile than spot rates as the vessel is fixed for a longer period of time. In the spot market, rates will reflect the immediate underlying conditions in vessel supply and demand, and are more volatile. The trend in spot rates since 2002 for the main vessel classes is shown in the table below.

Crude Tanker - Spot (TCE) Rates: 2002-2024*

(US\$/Day)

Year	Caribs USG	NSEA UKC	West Africa UKC	AG China
	40-70,000 DWT	70-100,000 DWT	150-160,000 DWT	280-300,000 DWT
2002	NA	22,800	NA	NA
2003	NA	41,883	NA	NA
2004	NA	55,408	NA	NA
2005	NA	57,517	NA	NA
2006	NA	47,067	NA	NA
2007	NA	41,975	NA	NA
2008	NA	56,408	NA	NA
2009	NA	19,883	NA	NA
2010	NA	27,825	NA	NA
2011	5,425	10,500	18,842	NA
2012	8,342	9,100	20,767	NA
2013	9,675	11,427	19,800	NA
2014	20,025	23,360	26,450	NA
2015	25,792	37,509	43,005	NA
2016	13,133	24,333	23,208	42,150
2017	8,942	7,643	12,092	18,342
2018	7,892	9,181	11,300	18,858
2019	17,892	23,041	25,017	39,325
2020	19,300	17,661	26,175	47,492
2021	10,458	491	3,042	(742)
2022	46,367	44,769	25,483	15,542
2023	52,967	42,511	40,475	35,742
Jan-24	69,600	72,511	47,800	35,400

*Up to January 2024 NA implies not available

Source: Drewry, Note - These rates do not account for vessel triangulation

Product Tanker - Spot (TCE) Rates: 2011-2024*

(US\$/Day)

Year	Algeria Euro Med 25-39,999 DWT	UKC USAC 40-54,999 DWT	Arabian Gulf Japan 55-79,999 DWT	Arabian Gulf Japan 80-119,000 DWT
2011	NA	9,720	3,723	7,528
2012	NA	8,064	6,379	8,106
2013	NA	9,474	7,576	8,505
2014	NA	9,435	10,523	14,163
2015	NA	18,769	23,685	28,783
2016	NA	8,508	12,290	15,006
2017	10,386	7,442	7,225	7,936
2018	10,006	6,196	8,002	9,411
2019	13,325	10,739	14,242	18,698
2020	8,617	13,117	19,949	27,777
2021	6,411	4,507	6,218	5,923
2022	42,466	22,690	30,575	33,067
2023	31,668	20,925	27,117	32,192
Jan-24	31,441	17,454	45,144	55,350

*Up to January 2024, NA implies not available

Source: Baltic, Drewry, Note - These rates do not account for vessel triangulation

Freight rates remained firm throughout 2015 and in the first half of 2016, leading to greater revenue and improved profitability for shipowners. However, in the second half of 2016, tanker freight rates declined sharply as increased tanker supply outweighed the demand for tankers. A spate of newbuilding deliveries in 2017 aggravated the situation further for shipowners and the average one-year spot charter rate declined further. The situation worsened and TCE rates were below break-even rates on key routes for the first nine months of 2018. However, towards the end of 2018, vessel earnings began to improve as supply growth moderated in the wake of record high demolitions and reduced new vessel ordering. The increase in product tanker freight rates in 2019 was driven by the slow fleet growth and a spike in diesel trade before IMO 2020 regulations came into effect on January 1, 2020. Product tanker freight rates surged to multi-year highs due to the trickle-down effect from the crude tanker market in October 2019 as well as US sanctions on Cosco Shipping Tanker (Dalian) Co, geopolitical tensions, and the resultant tight supply.

However, in 2020 the tanker market underwent an unprecedented turbulence due to the outbreak of Covid. The sudden demand destruction due to lockdown measures and limited availability of onshore storage led to a surge in demand for tankers for floating storage of crude oil as well as refined products. Accordingly, TCE rates of oil tankers rallied across vessel classes in March and April 2020; for instance, the average spot TCE rates for MR tankers shot up 131% from US\$19,289/day in February 2020 to US\$44,618/day in April 2020. However, reduced crude oil production and refinery runs since May 2020 and gradual recovery in demand led to continuous decline in vessel earnings in the latter half of the year as several vessels locked in floating storage rejoined the trading fleet. On a yearly basis though, TCE rates for MR vessels increased 74.1% year over year on average in 2020, while for LR vessels it declined 15% year over year during the same period. In 2021, freight rates declined due to inventory de-stocking and more vessels joining the supply from floating storage. Freight rates surged in 2022 as the short-haul trade between Europe and Russia was replaced by the long-haul trade between Europe and the Middle East/US following the Russia-Ukraine crisis.

With the virus spreading globally, the weak demand for refinery products led to an increase in both onshore and offshore stocking activity in early 2020 as the increasing use of product tankers as storage facilities coupled with global port congestions resulted in a surge in product tanker rates in March and April. However, offshore storage declined significantly in 2021, driving the freight rates lower. At the end of February 2024, 2.19 mdwt of non-IMO coated tankers comprising nearly 2.1% of the product tanker fleet was used for offshore storage. This figure was lower than the 6 mdwt (about 6.2% of the product tanker fleet) of non-IMO coated tankers deployed for floating storage at the peak of the contango opportunities in the oil market in April 2020, indicating a declining trend in on-the-water storage of crude oil. Product tankers coming out from floating storage increased vessel supply and adversely impacted spot rates.

The war in Ukraine which started in 2022 significantly impacted the global tanker market. The imposition of a price cap on Russian crude oil and refined products triggered a major shift in trade patterns with refined products beginning to flow towards alternative destinations like Turkey and Brazil, deviating from their previously established routes. This shift in trade patterns resulted in a surge in tonne-mile demand which substantially supported freight rates in the tanker market. Increased oil demand and the continued shift in trade patterns supported freight rates in 2023 with the Red Sea disruption further boosting spot rates in February 2024, as many Europe-bound tankers avoiding the Suez Canal and being diverted to a significantly longer route via the Cape of Good Hope.

Oil Tanker Newbuilding Prices

Newbuilding prices increased significantly between 2003 and 2007 primarily as a result of increased tanker demand and limited shipbuilding capacity. Thereafter, prices weakened in the face of a poor freight market and low new ordering. In late 2013, prices started to recover and continued to edge up slowly during 2014 before falling marginally in late 2015. Moreover, newbuilding prices fell further in 2016 because of excess capacity available at shipyards, accompanied with low steel prices. New orders declined on account of diminishing earnings potential of oil tankers and mandatory compliance to Tier III emission for ships ordered on or after January 1, 2016, as well as owners' limited access to cost-effective capital.

Newbuild prices remained stable throughout 2017, but asset values of newbuilds increased 3-13% in 2019 as they benefited from high charter rates across vessel classes. Newbuild prices declined in 2020 due to lower orders and weak market prospects. An increase in newbuild prices in 2021 despite weak vessel earnings was fueled by the higher bargaining power of shipyards that emerged as price setters with yards flushed with excess ordering, albeit from other shipping sectors. Newbuilding prices increased in 2022 due to the higher cost of raw material and limited shipyard slots. Newbuilding prices continued to rise in 2023 due to increased labor cost and high inflation. Increased tonnage utilization at yards also supported newbuilding prices.

Oil Tankers: Newbuilding Prices: 2002-2024*

(In millions of U.S. Dollars)

Year End	37,000 ⁽¹⁾ DWT	50,000 ⁽¹⁾ DWT	75,000 ⁽¹⁾ DWT	110,000 ⁽¹⁾ DWT	75,000 ⁽²⁾ DWT	110,000 ⁽²⁾ DWT	160,000 ⁽²⁾ DWT	300,000 ⁽²⁾ DWT
2002	24.5	26.5	33.0	38.0	31.0	36.0	44.0	66.0
2003	28.5	30.5	36.5	42.0	34.5	40.0	52.0	73.0
2004	34.0	39.0	43.0	59.0	41.0	57.0	68.0	105.0
2005	37.5	42.0	45.0	61.0	43.0	59.0	71.0	120.0
2006	40.5	47.5	52.0	67.0	50.0	65.0	78.0	128.0
2007	46.0	54.0	66.0	80.0	64.0	78.0	90.0	146.0
2008	40.0	46.5	59.0	73.5	57.0	71.5	87.0	142.0
2009	31.0	36.0	44.5	54.0	42.5	52.0	62.0	101.0
2010	33.0	36.0	48.0	59.0	44.6	57.0	67.0	105.0
2011	31.5	36.0	46.0	54.8	44.6	52.8	61.7	99.0
2012	30.0	33.0	44.0	50.0	42.4	48.0	56.5	92.0
2013	31.0	35.0	45.0	53.5	42.1	51.5	59.0	93.5
2014	33.0	37.0	47.5	56.0	44.9	54.0	65.0	97.0
2015	32.0	35.5	47.0	53.5	45.0	51.5	63.0	94.0
2016	30.0	32.0	41.0	47.0	39.0	45.0	54.0	83.0
2017	31.0	33.0	41.0	46.0	38.2	44.0	55.0	81.0
2018	31.4	35.3	41.4	48.8	40.8	46.8	58.7	88.0
2019	32.0	36.0	45.0	51.0	43.0	49.0	61.0	92.7
2020	31.4	34.8	44.2	50.2	42.2	48.2	58.6	88.8
2021	33.0	37.3	46.0	55.2	44.0	53.2	66.5	98.4
2022	38.5	42.5	56.5	64.0	50.0	61.0	79.0	117.5
2023	41.0	46.0	59.0	68.0	57.0	66.5	83.5	124.5
Jan-24	42.5	48.0	61.0	72.5	59.0	70.5	85.0	128.0
Feb-24	42.5	48.0	61.0	73.0	59.0	71.0	85.0	128.0
Long-term average	33.3	37.3	46.4	55.3	44.1	53.3	64.7	100.3

⁽¹⁾ Coated tankers

⁽²⁾ Uncoated tankers

*Up to February 2024

Source: Drewry

Second-hand Prices

Second-hand values primarily, albeit with a lag, reflect prevailing and expected charter rates. During extended periods of high charter rates, vessel values tend to appreciate and vice versa. However, vessel values are also influenced by other factors, including the age of the vessel and shipyard where the vessel was built. Values for young vessels, those up to five-years old, are also influenced by newbuilding prices, while values for old vessels, near the end of their useful economic life, at or in excess of 25 years, are influenced by the value of scrap steel.

The table below illustrates the movement of second-hand values of oil tankers from 2002 to February 2021. In late 2013, the values for all modern tankers increased as a result of improvement in freight rates and positive market sentiment, with further gains recorded in 2014 and 2015. However, in 2016, second-hand values saw a double-digit decline on account of weakening freight rates. For example, the second-hand value of a five-year old LR vessel of 95,000 dwt capacity fell 35% from US\$46 million in 2015 to US\$30 million in 2016. However, the market saw increased demand for modern second-hand vessels in 2017 and 2018, in anticipation of a recovery in the freight market and buyers trying to take advantage of historically low asset values. As such, second-hand modern product tanker values increased in the range of 3-10% in 2018. Second-hand values of crude and product tankers increased steeply in 2019 in tandem with a surge in charter rates. With the surge in product tanker and crude tanker freight rates due to higher demand for floating storage driven by the pandemic, second-hand values of product and crude tankers increased between 5.4% and 14.7% in April 2020 compared to the average second-hand values in full-year 2019. However, second-hand values declined in the remainder of 2020 on account of the steep fall in freight rates. The uptrend in newbuild tanker prices coupled with higher demolition prices pushed up second-hand values in 2021. An upswing in vessel values in 2022 resulted from the muted fleet expansion and higher freight rates. In 2023, buoyed by the strong charter rates, second-hand values increased in tandem with newbuild prices.

Oil Tanker Second-hand Prices for 5 year old vessels: 2002-2024*

(In millions of U.S. Dollars)

Year End	37,000 ⁽¹⁾ DWT	45,000 ⁽¹⁾ DWT	75,000 ⁽¹⁾ DWT	95,000 ⁽¹⁾ DWT	75,000 ⁽²⁾ DWT	95,000 ⁽²⁾ DWT	150,000 ⁽²⁾ DWT	300,000 ⁽²⁾ DWT
2002	15.5	21.5	23.0	31.5	21.0	29.5	39.0	55.0
2003	24.5	29.5	26.0	39.0	24.0	37.0	47.0	70.0
2004	36.0	42.0	40.0	59.0	38.0	57.0	73.0	112.0
2005	40.0	45.5	48.5	60.0	46.5	58.0	75.0	110.0
2006	40.0	47.5	50.0	65.0	48.0	63.0	77.0	115.0
2007	40.0	52.0	61.0	70.5	59.0	68.5	87.0	130.0
2008	36.0	42.0	48.0	57.0	46.0	55.0	77.0	110.0
2009	21.0	24.0	34.5	40.0	32.5	38.0	53.0	77.5
2010	21.5	24.0	37.0	44.0	35.0	42.0	58.0	85.5
2011	24.0	27.0	34.0	35.5	32.0	33.5	45.5	58.0
2012	21.0	24.0	27.0	29.5	25.0	27.5	40.0	57.0
2013	25.0	29.0	33.0	35.0	31.0	33.0	42.0	60.0
2014	23.0	24.0	35.5	44.0	33.5	42.0	57.0	76.0
2015	26.0	27.0	38.0	48.0	36.0	46.0	60.0	80.0
2016	20.0	22.0	30.0	32.0	28.0	30.0	42.0	60.0
2017	21.0	24.0	29.0	32.0	27.0	30.0	40.0	62.0
2018	23.0	27.0	31.0	34.0	29.0	32.0	44.0	64.0
2019	24.7	28.8	33.2	39.5	31.2	37.5	49.7	70.8
2020	24.3	28.0	32.6	40.0	30.6	38.0	49.2	70.4
2021	24.5	27.8	33.2	40.3	31.3	38.3	46.8	69.0
2022	29.5	34.5	40.0	52.5	38.0	50.5	55.0	80.0
2023	36.0	41.5	48.5	65.0	46.5	64.0	71.5	99.0
Jan-24	40.0	45.5	53.0	73.5	51.0	72.0	80.5	107.5
Feb-24	40.5	45.5	53.0	73.5	51.0	72.0	83.0	109.5
Long-term average	26.7	31.2	36.5	44.8	34.5	42.8	55.2	79.7

⁽¹⁾ Coated tankers

⁽²⁾ Uncoated tankers

*Up to February 2024

Source: Drewry

Sustainability Initiatives and Focus on ESG

We aim to uphold and advance a set of principles and practices regarding Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) matters and have developed, adopted, and implemented ESG initiatives within our operations and business culture. In adopting these initiatives, our primary goals are to reduce the environmental impact of our operations, create a safe and healthy work environment, both at sea and onshore, and engage in responsible corporate governance practices. Our Board of Directors, which includes six independent members, oversees our ESG strategy, evaluates and adopts ESG initiatives including those relating to sustainability and climate change, assesses ESG risks and opportunities, and promotes responsible ESG practices within our Company. In May 2023, we published our fourth comprehensive sustainability report, which was prepared in accordance with the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (“SASB”) Marine Transportation standard, and which disclosed our ESG performance in 2022. The sustainability report is available on our website at www.scorpiotankers.com. The information included on or accessible through our website is not incorporated by reference into this annual report.

ESG initiatives we have undertaken include, among others:

- Signing the Call to Action for Shipping Decarbonization, pledging to offer net zero emission shipping services by 2030, measure carbon intensity and assess climate alignment of our vessels on an annual basis, develop and improve digital and other management tools to measure greenhouse gas emissions from the full supply chain to compare activities and optimize operations.
- Our continuing membership in:
 - The International Seafarers’ Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)
 - The Trident Alliance (Sulphur Enforcement)
 - Intertanko ESG Working Group
 - Marine Anti-Corruption Network (MACN)
- Aligning our internal policies with certain UN Sustainable Development Goals relating to work and economic growth, climate action, and life below water.
- Updating our Code of Ethics supported our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives.
- Supporting the principles of the Sea Cargo Charter.
- Creating a direct reporting line from our environmental compliance audit and training team (SECAT) to our Board of Directors.
- Signing the Neptune Declaration on Seafarer Wellbeing and Crew Change.
- Committing to responsible ship recycling in accordance with the Hong Kong Convention and conducted in compliance with the IMO Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships.
- Equipping all vessels with appropriate ballast water treatment systems.

Environmental and Other Regulations in the Shipping Industry

Government regulation and laws significantly affect the ownership and operation of our fleet. We are subject to international conventions and treaties, national, state and local laws and regulations in force in the countries in which our vessels may operate or are registered relating to safety and health and environmental protection including the storage, handling, emission, transportation and discharge of hazardous and non-hazardous materials and the remediation of contamination and liability for damage to natural resources. Compliance with such laws, regulations and other requirements entails significant expense, including vessel modifications and implementation of certain operating procedures.

A variety of government and private entities subject our vessels to both scheduled and unscheduled inspections. These entities include the local port authorities (applicable national authorities such as the United States Coast Guard (“USCG”), harbor master or equivalent), classification societies, flag state administrations (countries of registry) and charterers, particularly terminal operators. Certain of these entities require us to obtain permits, licenses, certificates and other authorizations for the operation of our vessels. Failure to maintain necessary permits or approvals could require us to incur substantial costs or result in the temporary suspension of the operation of one or more of our vessels.

Increasing environmental concerns have created a demand for vessels that conform to stricter environmental standards. We are required to maintain operating standards for all of our vessels that emphasize operational safety, quality maintenance, continuous training of our officers and crews and compliance with United States and international regulations. We believe that the operation of our vessels is in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations and that our vessels have all material permits, licenses, certificates or other authorizations necessary for the conduct of our operations. However, because such laws and regulations frequently change and may impose increasingly stricter requirements, we cannot predict the ultimate cost of complying with these requirements, or the impact of these requirements on the resale value or useful lives of our vessels. In addition, a future serious marine incident that causes significant adverse environmental impact could result in additional legislation or regulation that could negatively affect our profitability.

International Maritime Organization

The International Maritime Organization, or the IMO, the United Nations agency for maritime safety and the prevention of pollution by vessels, has adopted the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, collectively referred to as MARPOL 73/78 and herein as “MARPOL,” the SOLAS Convention, and the International Convention on Load Lines of 1966 (the “LL Convention”). MARPOL establishes environmental standards relating to oil leakage or spilling, garbage management, sewage, air emissions, handling and disposal of noxious liquids and the handling of harmful substances in packaged forms. MARPOL is applicable to drybulk, tanker and LNG carriers, among other vessels, and is broken into six Annexes, each of which regulates a different source of pollution. Annex I relates to oil leakage or spilling; Annexes II and III relate to noxious liquid substances carried in bulk and harmful substances carried in packaged form, respectively; Annexes IV and V relate to sewage and garbage management, respectively; and Annex VI, lastly, relates to air emissions. Annex VI was separately adopted by the IMO in September of 1997; new emissions standards, titled IMO-2020, took effect on January 1, 2020.

In 2012, the IMO’s Marine Environmental Protection Committee, or the “MEPC,” adopted a resolution amending the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk, or the “IBC Code.” The provisions of the IBC Code are mandatory under MARPOL and the SOLAS Convention. These amendments, which entered into force in June 2014 and took effect on January 1, 2021, pertain to revised international certificates of fitness for the carriage of dangerous chemicals in bulk and identifying new products that fall under the IBC Code. All our vessels complying have been issued new certificates accordingly.

Air Emissions

In September of 1997, the IMO adopted Annex VI to MARPOL to address air pollution from vessels. Effective May 2005, Annex VI sets limits on sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from all commercial vessel exhausts and prohibits “deliberate emissions” of ozone depleting substances (such as halons and chlorofluorocarbons), emissions of volatile compounds from cargo tanks, and the shipboard incineration of specific substances. Annex VI also includes a global cap on the sulfur content of fuel oil and allows for special areas to be established with more stringent controls on sulfur emissions, as explained below. Emissions of “volatile organic compounds” from certain vessels, and the shipboard incineration (from incinerators installed after January 1, 2000) of certain substances (such as polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs) are also prohibited. We believe that all our vessels are currently compliant in all material respects with these regulations.

The MEPC adopted amendments to Annex VI regarding emissions of sulfur oxide, nitrogen oxide, particulate matter and ozone depleting substances, which entered into force on July 1, 2010. The amended Annex VI seeks to further reduce air pollution by, among other things, implementing a progressive reduction of the amount of sulfur contained in any fuel oil used on board ships. On October 27, 2016, at its 70th session, the MEPC agreed to implement a global 0.5% m/m sulfur oxide emissions limit (reduced from 3.50%) starting from January 1, 2020. This limitation can be met by using low-sulfur compliant fuel oil, alternative fuels, or certain exhaust gas cleaning systems. Ships are now required to obtain bunker delivery notes and International Air Pollution Prevention (“IAPP”) Certificates from their flag states that specify sulfur content. Additionally, at MEPC 73, amendments to Annex VI to prohibit the carriage of bunkers above 0.5% sulfur on ships were adopted and took effect March 1, 2020, with the exception of vessels fitted with exhaust gas cleaning equipment (“scrubbers”) which can carry fuel of higher sulfur content. These regulations subject ocean-going vessels to stringent emissions controls and may cause us to incur substantial costs.

Sulfur content standards are even stricter within certain ECAs. As of January 1, 2015, ships operating within an ECA were not permitted to use fuel with sulfur content in excess of 0.1% m/m. Amended Annex VI establishes procedures for designating new ECAs. Currently, the IMO has designated four ECAs, including specified portions of the Baltic Sea area, North Sea area, North American area and United States Caribbean area. Ocean-going vessels in these areas will be subject to stringent emission controls and may cause us to incur additional costs. Other areas in China are subject to local regulations that impose stricter emission controls. In December 2021, the member states of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution (“Barcelona Convention”) agreed to support the designation of a new ECA in the Mediterranean. On December 15, 2022, MEPC 79 adopted the designation of a new ECA in the Mediterranean, with an

effective date of May 1, 2025. In July 2023, MEPC 80 announced three new ECA proposals, including the Canadian Arctic waters and the North-East Atlantic Ocean. If other ECAs are approved by the IMO, or other new or more stringent requirements relating to emissions from marine diesel engines or port operations by vessels are adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") or the states where we operate, compliance with these regulations could entail significant capital expenditures or otherwise increase the costs of our operations.

Amended Annex VI also establishes new tiers of stringent nitrogen oxide emissions standards for marine diesel engines, depending on their date of installation. At the MEPC meeting held from March to April 2014, amendments to Annex VI were adopted which address the date on which Tier III Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) standards in ECAs will go into effect. Under the amendments, Tier III NOx standards apply to ships that operate in the North American and U.S. Caribbean Sea ECAs designed for the control of NOx produced by vessels with a marine diesel engine installed and constructed on or after January 1, 2016. Tier III requirements could apply to areas that will be designated for Tier III NOx in the future. At MEPC 70 and MEPC 71, the MEPC approved the North Sea and Baltic Sea as ECAs for nitrogen oxide for ships built on or after January 1, 2021. The EPA promulgated equivalent (and in some senses stricter) emissions standards in 2010. As a result of these designations or similar future designations, we may be required to incur additional operating or other costs.

As determined at the MEPC 70, the new Regulation 22A of MARPOL Annex VI became effective as of March 1, 2018 and requires ships above 5,000 gross tonnage to collect and report annual data on fuel oil consumption to an IMO database, with the first year of data collection having commenced on January 1, 2019. The IMO intends to use such data as the first step in its roadmap (through 2023) for developing its strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ships, as discussed further below.

As of January 1, 2013, MARPOL made mandatory certain measures relating to energy efficiency for ships. All ships are now required to develop and implement Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plans, ("SEEMP"), and new ships must be designed in compliance with minimum energy efficiency levels per capacity mile as defined by the Energy Efficiency Design Index ("EEDI"). Under these measures, by 2025, all new ships built will be 30% more energy efficient than those built in 2014. MEPC 75 adopted amendments to MARPOL Annex VI which brings forward the effective date of the EEDI's "phase 3" requirements from January 1, 2025 to April 1, 2022 for several ship types, including gas carriers, general cargo ships, and LNG carriers.

As part of the wider push towards both the IMO's 2030 and 2050 greenhouse gas targets, MEPC has agreed draft regulations relating to the Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index ("EEXI"), confirmed at MEPC 76 (June 2021). The regulations entered into force from 1st January 2023 and introduced requirements to assess and measure the energy efficiency of all ships and set the required attainment values, with the goal of reducing the carbon intensity of international shipping. The requirements include: (1) a technical requirement to reduce carbon intensity based on EEXI, and (2) operational carbon intensity reduction requirements, based on a new operational carbon intensity indicator ("CII"). The attained EEXI is required to be calculated for ships of 400 gross tonnage and above, in accordance with different values set for ship types and categories. With respect to the CII, the draft amendments would require ships of 5,000 gross tonnage to document and verify their actual annual operational CII achieved against a determined required annual operational CII. Additionally, MEPC 75 proposed draft amendments requiring that, on or before January 1, 2023, all ships above 400 gross tonnage must have an approved SEEMP on board. For ships above 5,000 gross tonnage, the SEEMP would need to include certain mandatory content. MEPC 75 also approved draft amendments to MARPOL Annex I to prohibit the use and carriage for use as fuel of heavy fuel oil ("HFO") by ships in Arctic waters on and after July 1, 2024. The draft amendments introduced at MEPC 75 were adopted at the MEPC 76 session on June 2021 and entered into force in November 2022, with the requirements for EEXI and CII certification coming into effect from January 1, 2023. Additionally, MEPC 77 adopted a non-binding resolution which urges Member States and ship operators to voluntarily use distillate or other cleaner alternative fuels or methods of propulsion that are safe for ships and could contribute to the reduction of Black Carbon emissions from ships when operating in or near the Arctic. MEPC 79 adopted amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, Appendix IX to include the attained and required CII values, the CII rating and attained EEXI for existing ships in the required information to be submitted to the IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database. MEPC 79 revised the EEDI calculation guidelines to include a CO2 conversion factor for ethane, a reference to the updated ITCC guidelines, and a clarification that in case of a ship with multiple load line certificates, the maximum certified summer draft should be used when determining the deadweight. The amendments will enter into force on May 1, 2024. In July 2023, MEPC 80 approved the plan for reviewing CII regulations and guidelines, which must be completed at the latest by January 1, 2026. There will be no immediate changes to the CII framework, including correction factors and voyage adjustments, before the review is completed.

Any vessels that will not meet these new requirements will need to adopt energy-saving/emission reducing technology, through retrofits, to reach compliant levels. This creates a vast array of implications for the tanker industry going forward. Recycling of older ships could accelerate as the investments to comply with regulations are not feasible. One of the most efficient ways of reducing emissions is reducing power, this would in turn limit vessel speed and with that supply.

We may incur costs to comply with these revised standards. Additional or new conventions, laws and regulations may be adopted that could require the installation of expensive emission control systems and could adversely affect our business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition.

Safety Management System Requirements

The SOLAS Convention was amended to address the safe manning of vessels and emergency training drills. The Convention of Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims ("LLMC") sets limitations of liability for a loss of life or personal injury claim or a property claim against ship owners. We believe that our vessels are in substantial compliance with the SOLAS Convention and LLMC standards.

Under Chapter IX of the SOLAS Convention, or the International Safety Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (the "ISM Code"), our operations are also subject to environmental standards and requirements. The ISM Code requires the party with operational control of a vessel to develop an extensive safety management system that includes, among other things, the adoption of a safety and environmental protection policy setting forth instructions and procedures for operating its vessels safely and describing procedures for responding to emergencies. We rely upon the safety management system that we and our technical management team have developed for compliance with the ISM Code. The failure of a vessel owner or bareboat charterer to comply with the ISM Code may subject such party to increased liability, may decrease available insurance coverage for the affected vessels and may result in a denial of access to, or detention in, certain ports.

The ISM Code requires that vessel operators obtain a safety management certificate for each vessel they operate. This certificate evidences compliance by a vessel's management with the ISM Code requirements for a safety management system. No vessel can obtain a safety management certificate unless its manager has been awarded a document of compliance, issued by each flag state, under the ISM Code. We have obtained applicable documents of compliance for our offices and safety management certificates for all of our vessels for which the certificates are required by the IMO. The document of compliance and safety management certificates are renewed as required.

Regulation II-1/3-10 of the SOLAS Convention governs ship construction and stipulates that ships over 150 meters in length must have adequate strength, integrity and stability to minimize risk of loss or pollution. Goal-based standards amendments in SOLAS regulation II-1/3-10 entered into force in 2012, with July 1, 2016 set for application to new oil tankers and bulk carriers. The SOLAS Convention regulation II-1/3-10 on goal-based ship construction standards for bulk carriers and oil tankers, which entered into force on January 1, 2012, requires that all oil tankers and bulk carriers of 150 meters in length and above, for which the building contract is placed on or after July 1, 2016, satisfy applicable structural requirements conforming to the functional requirements of the International Goal-based Ship Construction Standards for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers ("GBS Standards").

Amendments to the SOLAS Convention Chapter VII apply to vessels transporting dangerous goods and require those vessels be in compliance with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code ("IMDG Code"). Effective January 1, 2018, the IMDG Code includes (1) updates to the provisions for radioactive material, reflecting the latest provisions from the International Atomic Energy Agency, (2) new marking, packing and classification requirements for dangerous goods, and (3) new mandatory training requirements. Amendments which took effect on January 1, 2020 also reflect the latest material from the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, including (1) new provisions regarding IMO type 9 tank, (2) new abbreviations for segregation groups, and (3) special provisions for carriage of lithium batteries and of vehicles powered by flammable liquid or gas. Additional amendments, which came into force on June 1, 2022, include (1) addition of a definition of dosage rate, (2) additions to the list of high consequence dangerous goods, (3) new provisions for medical/clinical waste, (4) addition of various ISO standards for gas cylinders, (5) a new handling code, and (6) changes to stowage and segregation provisions.

The IMO has also adopted the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers ("STCW"). As of February 2017, all seafarers are required to meet the STCW standards and be in possession of a valid STCW certificate. Flag states that have ratified the SOLAS Convention and STCW generally employ the classification societies, which have incorporated the SOLAS Convention and STCW requirements into their class rules, to undertake surveys to confirm compliance.

The IMO's Maritime Safety Committee and MEPC, respectively, each adopted relevant parts of the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Water (the "Polar Code"). The Polar Code, which entered into force on January 1, 2017, covers design, construction, equipment, operational, training, search and rescue as well as environmental protection matters relevant to ships operating in the waters surrounding the two poles. It also includes mandatory measures regarding safety and pollution prevention as well as recommendatory provisions. The Polar Code applies to new ships constructed after January 1, 2017, and after January 1, 2018, ships constructed before January 1, 2017 are required to meet the relevant requirements by the earlier of their first intermediate or renewal survey.

Furthermore, recent action by the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee and United States agencies indicates that cybersecurity regulations for the maritime industry are likely to be further developed in the near future in an attempt to combat cybersecurity threats. By IMO resolution, administrations are encouraged to ensure that cyber-risk management systems are incorporated by ship-owners and managers by their first annual Document of Compliance audit after January 1, 2021. In February 2021, the U.S. Coast Guard published guidance on addressing cyber risks in a vessel's safety management system. This might cause companies to create additional procedures for monitoring cybersecurity, which could require additional expenses and/or capital expenditures. The impact of such regulations is hard to predict at this time.

In June 2022, SOLAS also set out new amendments that took effect on January 1, 2024, which include new requirements for: (1) the design for safe mooring operations, (2) the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System ("GMDSS"), (3) watertight integrity, (4) watertight doors on cargo ships, (5) fault-isolation of fire detection systems, (6) life-saving appliances, and (7) safety of ships using LNG as fuel. These new requirements may impact the cost of our operations.

Pollution Control and Liability Requirements

The IMO has negotiated international conventions that impose liability for pollution in international waters and the territorial waters of the signatories to such conventions. For example, the IMO adopted the BWM Convention in 2004. The BWM Convention entered into force on September 8, 2017. The BWM Convention requires ships to manage their ballast water to remove, render harmless, or avoid the uptake or discharge of new or invasive aquatic organisms and pathogens within ballast water and sediments. The BWM Convention's implementing regulations call for a phased introduction of mandatory ballast water exchange requirements, to be replaced in time with mandatory concentration limits, and require all ships to carry a ballast water record book and an international ballast water management certificate.

On December 4, 2013, the IMO Assembly passed a resolution revising the application dates of the BWM Convention so that the dates are triggered by the entry into force date and not the dates originally in the BWM Convention. This, in effect, makes all vessels delivered before the entry into force date "existing vessels" and allows for the installation of ballast water management systems on such vessels at the first International Oil Pollution Prevention ("IOPP") renewal survey following entry into force of the convention. The MEPC adopted updated guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (G8) at MEPC 70. At MEPC 71, the schedule regarding the BWM Convention's implementation dates was also discussed and amendments were introduced to extend the date existing vessels are subject to certain ballast water standards. Those changes were adopted at MEPC 72. Ships over 400 gross tons generally must comply with a "D-1 standard," requiring the exchange of ballast water only in open seas and away from coastal waters. The "D-2 standard" specifies the maximum amount of viable organisms allowed to be discharged, and compliance dates vary depending on the IOPP renewal dates. Depending on the date of the IOPP renewal survey, existing vessels must comply with the D-2 standard on or after September 8, 2019. For most ships, compliance with the D-2 standard will involve installing on-board systems to treat ballast water and eliminate unwanted organisms. Ballast water management systems, which include systems that make use of chemicals, biocides, organisms or biological mechanisms, or which alter the chemical or physical characteristics of the ballast water, must be approved in accordance with IMO Guidelines (Regulation D-3). As of October 13, 2019, MEPC 72's amendments to the BWM Convention took effect, making the Code for Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems, which governs assessments of ballast water management systems, mandatory rather than permissive, and formalized an implementation schedule for the D-2 standard. Under these amendments, all ships must meet the D-2 standard by September 8, 2024. Costs of compliance with these regulations may be substantial. Additionally, in November 2020, MEPC 75 adopted amendments to the BWM Convention which would require a commissioning test of the ballast water management system for the initial survey or when performing an additional survey for retrofits. This analysis will not apply to ships that already have an installed BWM system certified under the BWM Convention. These amendments have entered into force on June 1, 2022. In December 2022, MEPC 79 agreed that it should be permitted to use ballast tanks for temporary storage of treated sewage and grey water. MEPC 79 also established that ships are expected to return to D-2 compliance after experiencing challenging uptake water and bypassing a BWM system should only be used as a last resort. In July 2023, MEPC 80 approved a plan for a comprehensive review of the BWM Convention over the next three years and the corresponding development of a package of amendments to the Convention. MEPC 80 also adopted further amendments relating to Appendix II of the BWM Convention concerning the form of the Ballast Water Record Book, which are expected to enter into force in February 2025. A protocol for ballast water compliance monitoring devices and unified interpretation of the form of the BWM Convention certificate were also adopted.

Once mid-ocean exchange ballast water treatment requirements become mandatory under the BWM Convention, the cost of compliance could increase for ocean carriers and may have a material effect on our operations. However, many countries already regulate the discharge of ballast water carried by vessels from country to country to prevent the introduction of invasive and harmful species via such discharges. The U.S., for example, requires vessels entering its waters from another country to conduct mid-ocean ballast exchange, or undertake some alternate measure, and to comply with certain reporting requirements.

The IMO adopted the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage of 1969, as amended by different Protocols in 1976, 1984, and 1992, and amended in 2000 ("CLC"). Under the CLC and depending on whether the country in which the damage results is a party to the 1992 Protocol to the CLC, a vessel's registered owner may be strictly liable for pollution damage caused in the territorial waters of a contracting state by discharge of persistent oil, subject to certain exceptions. The 1992 Protocol changed certain limits on liability expressed using the International Monetary Fund currency unit, the Special Drawing Rights. The limits on liability have since been amended so that the compensation limits on liability were raised. The right to limit liability is forfeited under the CLC where the spill is caused by the shipowner's actual fault and under the 1992 Protocol where the spill is caused by the shipowner's intentional or reckless act or omission where the shipowner knew pollution damage would probably result. The CLC requires ships over 2,000 tons covered by it to maintain insurance covering the liability of the owner in a sum equivalent to an owner's liability for a single incident. We have protection and indemnity insurance for environmental incidents. P&I Clubs in the International Group issue the required Bunkers Convention "Blue Cards" to enable signatory states to issue certificates. All of our vessels are in possession of a CLC State issued certificate attesting that the required insurance coverage is in force.

The IMO also adopted the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (the "Bunker Convention") to impose strict liability on ship owners (including the registered owner, bareboat charterer, manager or operator) for pollution damage in jurisdictional waters of ratifying states caused by discharges of bunker fuel. The Bunker Convention requires registered owners of ships over 1,000 gross tons to maintain insurance for pollution damage in an amount equal to the limits of liability under the applicable national or international limitation regime (but not exceeding the amount calculated in accordance with the LLMC). With respect to non-ratifying states, liability for spills or releases of oil carried as fuel in a ship's bunkers typically is determined by the national or other domestic laws in the jurisdiction where the events or damages occur.

Ships are required to maintain a certificate attesting that they maintain adequate insurance to cover an incident. In jurisdictions, such as the United States where the CLC or the Bunker Convention have not been adopted, various legislative schemes or common law govern, and liability is imposed either on the basis of fault or on a strict-liability basis.

Anti-Fouling Requirements

In 2001, the IMO adopted the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, or the "Anti-fouling Convention." The Anti-fouling Convention, which entered into force on September 17, 2008, prohibits the use of organotin compound coatings to prevent the attachment of mollusks and other sea life to the hulls of vessels. Vessels of over 400 gross tons engaged in international voyages will also be required to undergo an initial survey before the vessel is put into service or before an International Anti-fouling System Certificate is issued for the first time; and subsequent surveys when the anti-fouling systems are altered or replaced. Vessels of 24 meters in length or more but less than 400 gross tons engaged in international voyages will have to carry a Declaration on Anti-fouling Systems signed by the owner or authorized agent.

In November 2020, MEPC 75 approved draft amendments to the Anti-fouling Convention to prohibit anti-fouling systems containing cybutryne, which would apply to ships from January 1, 2023, or, for ships already bearing such an anti-fouling system, at the next scheduled renewal of the system after that date, but no later than 60 months following the last application to the ship of such a system. In addition, the IAFS Certificate has been updated to address compliance options for anti-fouling systems to address cybutryne. Ships which are affected by this ban on cybutryne must receive an updated IAFS Certificate no later than two years after the entry into force of these amendments. Ships which are not affected (i.e. with anti-fouling systems which do not contain cybutryne) must receive an updated IAFS Certificate at the next Anti-fouling application to the vessel. These amendments were formally adopted at MEPC 76 in June 2021 and entered into force on January 1, 2023.

We have obtained Anti-fouling System Certificates for all of our vessels that are subject to the Anti-fouling Convention.

Compliance Enforcement

Noncompliance with the ISM Code or other IMO regulations may subject the ship owner or bareboat charterer to increased liability, may lead to decreases in available insurance coverage for affected vessels and may result in the denial of access to, or detention in, some ports. The USCG and European Union authorities have indicated that vessels not in compliance with the ISM Code by applicable deadlines will be prohibited from trading in U.S. and European Union ports, respectively. As of the date of this report, each of our vessels is ISM Code certified. However, there can be no assurance that such certificates will be maintained in the future. The IMO continues to review and introduce new regulations. It is impossible to predict what additional regulations, if any, may be passed by the IMO and what effect, if any, such regulations might have on our operations.

United States Regulations

The U.S. Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

The U.S. Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (“OPA”) established an extensive regulatory and liability regime for the protection and cleanup of the environment from oil spills. OPA affects all “owners and operators” whose vessels trade or operate within the U.S., its territories and possessions or whose vessels operate in U.S. waters, which includes the U.S.’s territorial sea and its 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone around the U.S. The U.S. has also enacted the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), which applies to the discharge of hazardous substances other than oil, except in limited circumstances, whether on land or at sea. OPA and CERCLA both define “owner and operator” in the case of a vessel as any person owning, operating or chartering by demise, the vessel. Both OPA and CERCLA impact our operations.

Under OPA, vessel owners and operators are “responsible parties” and are jointly, severally and strictly liable (unless the spill results solely from the act or omission of a third party, an act of God or an act of war) for all containment and clean-up costs and other damages arising from discharges or threatened discharges of oil from their vessels, including bunkers (fuel). OPA defines these other damages broadly to include:

- (i) injury to, destruction or loss of, or loss of use of, natural resources and related assessment costs;
- (ii) injury to, or economic losses resulting from, the destruction of real and personal property;
- (iii) loss of subsistence use of natural resources that are injured, destroyed or lost;
- (iv) net loss of taxes, royalties, rents, fees or net profit revenues resulting from injury, destruction or loss of real or personal property, or natural resources;
- (v) lost profits or impairment of earning capacity due to injury, destruction or loss of real or personal property or natural resources; and
- (vi) net cost of increased or additional public services necessitated by removal activities following a discharge of oil, such as protection from fire, safety or health hazards, and loss of subsistence use of natural resources.

OPA contains statutory caps on liability and damages; such caps do not apply to direct cleanup costs. On December 23, 2022, the USCG issued a final rule to adjust the limitation of liability under the OPA. Effective March 23, 2023, the new adjusted limits of OPA liability for a tank vessel, other than a single-hull tank vessel, over 3,000 gross tons liability to the greater of \$2,500 per gross ton or \$21,521,300 (previous limit was \$2,300 per gross ton or \$19,943,400). These limits of liability do not apply if an incident was proximately caused by the violation of an applicable U.S. federal safety, construction or operating regulation by a responsible party (or its agent, employee or a person acting pursuant to a contractual relationship), or a responsible party's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The limitation on liability similarly does not apply if the responsible party fails or refuses to (i) report the incident as required by law where the responsible party knows or has reason to know of the incident; (ii) reasonably cooperate and assist as requested in connection with oil removal activities; or (iii) without sufficient cause, comply with an order issued under the Federal Water Pollution Act (Section 311 (c), (e)) or the Intervention on the High Seas Act.

CERCLA contains a similar liability regime whereby owners and operators of vessels are liable for cleanup, removal and remedial costs, as well as damages for injury to, or destruction or loss of, natural resources, including the reasonable costs associated with assessing the same, and health assessments or health effects studies. There is no liability if the discharge of a hazardous substance results solely from the act or omission of a third party, an act of God or an act of war. Liability under CERCLA is limited to the greater of \$300 per gross ton or \$5.0 million for vessels carrying a hazardous substance as cargo and the greater of \$300 per gross ton or \$500,000 for any other vessel. These limits do not apply (rendering the responsible person liable for the total cost of response and damages) if the release or threat of release of a hazardous substance resulted from willful misconduct or negligence, or the primary cause of the release was a violation of applicable safety, construction or operating standards or regulations. The limitation on liability also does not apply if the responsible person fails or refused to provide all reasonable cooperation and assistance as requested in connection with response activities where the vessel is subject to OPA.

OPA and CERCLA each preserve the right to recover damages under existing law, including maritime tort law. OPA and CERCLA both require owners and operators of vessels to establish and maintain with the USCG evidence of financial responsibility sufficient to meet the maximum amount of liability to which the particular responsible person may be subject. Vessel owners and operators may satisfy their financial responsibility obligations by providing a proof of insurance, a surety bond, qualification as a self-insurer or a guarantee. We comply and plan to comply going forward with the USCG’s financial responsibility regulations by providing applicable certificates of financial responsibility.

The 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico resulted in additional regulatory initiatives or statutes, including higher liability caps under OPA, new regulations regarding offshore oil and gas drilling, and a pilot inspection program for offshore facilities. However, several of these initiatives and regulations have been or may be revised. For example, the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement's ("BSEE") revised Production Safety Systems Rule ("PSSR"), effective December 27, 2018, modified and relaxed certain environmental and safety protections under the 2016 PSSR. Additionally, the BSEE amended the Well Control Rule, effective July 15, 2019, which rolled back certain reforms regarding the safety of drilling operations, and former U.S. President Trump had proposed leasing new sections of U.S. waters to oil and gas companies for offshore drilling. In January 2021, current U.S. President Biden signed an executive order temporarily blocking new leases for oil and gas drilling in federal waters. However, attorneys general from 13 states filed suit in March 2021 to lift the executive order, and in June 2021, a federal judge in Louisiana granted a preliminary injunction against the Biden administration, stating that the power to pause offshore oil and gas leases "lies solely with Congress." In August 2022, a federal judge in Louisiana sided with Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, along with the other 12 plaintiff states, by issuing a permanent injunction against the Biden Administration's moratorium on oil and gas leasing on federal public lands and offshore waters. After being blocked by the courts, in September 2023, the Biden administration announced a scaled back offshore oil drilling plan, including just three oil lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico. With these rapid changes, compliance with any new requirements of OPA and future legislation or regulations applicable to the operation of our vessels could impact the cost of our operations and adversely affect our business.

OPA specifically permits individual states to impose their own liability regimes with regard to oil pollution incidents occurring within their boundaries, provided they accept, at a minimum, the levels of liability established under OPA and some states have enacted legislation providing for unlimited liability for oil spills. Many U.S. states that border a navigable waterway have enacted environmental pollution laws that impose strict liability on a person for removal costs and damages resulting from a discharge of oil or a release of a hazardous substance. These laws may be more stringent than U.S. federal law. Moreover, some states have enacted legislation providing for unlimited liability for discharge of pollutants within their waters, although in some cases, states which have enacted this type of legislation have not yet issued implementing regulations defining vessel owners' responsibilities under these laws. The Company intends to comply with all applicable state regulations in the ports where the Company's vessels call.

We currently maintain pollution liability coverage insurance in the amount of \$1 billion per incident for each of our vessels. In case of 'overspill' claim though which would fall back on the collective membership and on total limitation of the liability of group membership that amount may go up to approximately US\$8.2 billion. If the damages from a catastrophic spill were to exceed our insurance coverage, it could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Other United States Environmental Initiatives

The U.S. Clean Air Act of 1970 (including its amendments of 1977 and 1990) ("CAA") requires the EPA to promulgate standards applicable to emissions of volatile organic compounds and other air contaminants. Our vessels are subject to vapor control and recovery requirements for certain cargoes when loading, unloading, ballasting, cleaning and conducting other operations in regulated port areas. The CAA also requires states to draft State Implementation Plans, or SIPs, designed to attain national health-based air quality standards in each state. Although state-specific, SIPs may include regulations concerning emissions resulting from vessel loading and unloading operations by requiring the installation of vapor control equipment. Our vessels operating in such regulated port areas with restricted cargoes are equipped with vapor recovery systems that satisfy these existing requirements.

The U.S. Clean Water Act ("CWA") prohibits the discharge of oil, hazardous substances and ballast water in U.S. navigable waters unless authorized by a duly-issued permit or exemption, and imposes strict liability in the form of penalties for any unauthorized discharges. The CWA also imposes substantial liability for the costs of removal, remediation and damages and complements the remedies available under OPA and CERCLA. In 2015, the EPA expanded the definition of "waters of the United States" ("WOTUS"), thereby expanding federal authority under the CWA. Following litigation on the revised WOTUS rule, in December 2018, the EPA and Department of the Army proposed a revised, limited definition of WOTUS. In 2019 and 2020, the agencies repealed the prior WOTUS Rule and promulgated the Navigable Waters Protection Rule ("NWPR") which significantly reduced the scope and oversight of EPA and the Department of the Army in traditionally non-navigable waterways. On August 30, 2021, a federal district court in Arizona vacated the NWPR and directed the agencies to replace the rule with the pre-2015 definition. In January 2023, the revised WOTUS rule was codified in place of the vacated NWPR. On May 25, 2023, the United States Supreme Court ruled in the case *Sackett v. EPA* that only wetlands and permanent bodies of water with a "continuous surface connection" to "traditional interstate navigable waters" are covered by the CWA, further narrowing the application of the WOTUS rule. In August 2023, the EPA and the Department of Army issued the final WOTUS rule, effective on September 8, 2023, that largely reinstated the pre-2015 definition and applied the *Sackett* ruling.

The EPA and the USCG have also enacted rules relating to ballast water discharge, compliance with which requires the installation of equipment on our vessels to treat ballast water before it is discharged or the implementation of other port facility disposal arrangements or procedures at potentially substantial costs, and/or otherwise restrict our vessels from entering U.S. waters. The EPA will regulate these ballast water discharges and other discharges incidental to the normal operation of certain vessels within United States waters pursuant to the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (“VIDA”), which was signed into law on December 4, 2018 and replaces the 2013 Vessel General Permit (“VGP”) program (which authorizes discharges incidental to operations of commercial vessels and contains numeric ballast water discharge limits for most vessels to reduce the risk of invasive species in U.S. waters, stringent requirements for exhaust gas scrubbers, and requirements for the use of environmentally acceptable lubricants) and current Coast Guard ballast water management regulations adopted under the U.S. National Invasive Species Act (“NISA”), such as mid-ocean ballast exchange programs and installation of approved USCG technology for all vessels equipped with ballast water tanks bound for U.S. ports or entering U.S. waters. VIDA establishes a new framework for the regulation of vessel incidental discharges under the CWA, requires the EPA to develop performance standards for those discharges within two years of enactment, and requires the U.S. Coast Guard to develop implementation, compliance, and enforcement regulations within two years of EPA’s promulgation of standards. Under VIDA, all provisions of the 2013 VGP and USCG regulations regarding ballast water treatment remain in force and effect until the EPA and U.S. Coast Guard regulations are finalized. Non-military, non-recreational vessels greater than 79 feet in length must continue to comply with the requirements of the VGP, including submission of a Notice of Intent (“NOI”) or retention of a PARI form and submission of annual reports. We have submitted NOIs for our vessels where required. Compliance with the EPA, U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations could require the installation of ballast water treatment equipment on our vessels or the implementation of other port facility disposal procedures at potentially substantial cost, or may otherwise restrict our vessels from entering U.S. waters.

European Union Regulations

In October 2009, the European Union amended a directive to impose criminal sanctions for illicit ship-source discharges of polluting substances, including minor discharges, if committed with intent, recklessly or with serious negligence and the discharges individually or in the aggregate result in deterioration of the quality of water. Aiding and abetting the discharge of a polluting substance may also lead to criminal penalties. The directive applies to all types of vessels, irrespective of their flag, but certain exceptions apply to warships or where human safety or that of the ship is in danger. Criminal liability for pollution may result in substantial penalties or fines and increased civil liability claims. Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 (amending EU Directive 2009/16/EC) governs the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport, and, subject to some exclusions, requires companies with ships over 5,000 gross tonnage to monitor and report carbon dioxide emissions annually, which may cause us to incur additional expenses.

The European Union has adopted several regulations and directives requiring, among other things, more frequent inspections of high-risk ships, as determined by type, age, and flag as well as the number of times the ship has been detained. The European Union also adopted and extended a ban on substandard ships and enacted a minimum ban period and a definitive ban for repeated offenses. The regulation also provided the European Union with greater authority and control over classification societies, by imposing more requirements on classification societies and providing for fines or penalty payments for organizations that failed to comply. Furthermore, the EU has implemented regulations requiring vessels to use reduced sulfur content fuel for their main and auxiliary engines. The EU Directive 2005/33/EC (amending Directive 1999/32/EC) introduced requirements parallel to those in Annex VI relating to the sulfur content of marine fuels. In addition, the EU imposed a 0.1% maximum sulfur requirement for fuel used by ships at berth in the Baltic, the North Sea and the English Channel (the so called “SOx-Emission Control Area”). As of January 2020, EU member states must also ensure that ships in all EU waters, except SOx-Emission Control Area, use fuels with a 0.5% maximum sulfur content.

On September 15, 2020, the European Parliament voted to include greenhouse gas emissions from the maritime sector in the European Union's carbon market, the EU Trading System ("EU ETS") as part of its "Fit-for-55" legislation to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030. On July 14, 2021, the European Parliament formally proposed its plan, which would involve gradually including the maritime sector and phasing the sector in over a three-year period. This will require shipowners to buy permits to cover these emissions. On December 18, 2022, the Environmental Council and European Parliament agreed on a gradual introduction of obligations for shipping companies to surrender allowances equivalent to a portion of their carbon emissions: 40% for verified emissions from 2024, 70% for 2025 and 100% for 2026. Most large vessels will be included in the scope of the EU ETS from the start. Big offshore vessels of 5,000 gross tonnage and above will be included in the 'MRV' on the monitoring, reporting and verification of CO2 emissions from maritime transport regulation from 2025 and in the EU ETS from 2027. General cargo vessels and off-shore vessels between 400-5,000 gross tonnage will be included in the MRV regulation from 2025 and their inclusion in EU ETS will be reviewed in 2026. Furthermore, starting from January 1, 2026, the ETS regulations will expand to include emissions of two additional greenhouse gases: nitrous oxide and methane. Compliance with the Maritime EU ETS will result in additional compliance and administration costs to properly incorporate the provisions of the Directive into our business routines. Additional EU regulations which are part of the EU's "Fit-for-55," could also affect our financial position in terms of compliance and administration costs when they take effect.

International Labour Organization

The International Labour Organization (the "ILO") is a specialized agency of the UN that has adopted the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, ("MLC 2006"). A Maritime Labour Certificate and a Declaration of Maritime Labor Compliance is required to ensure compliance with the MLC 2006 for all ships that are 500 gross tonnage or over and are either engaged in international voyages or flying the flag of a Member and operating from a port, or between ports, in another country. We believe that all our vessels are in substantial compliance with and are certified to meet MLC 2006.

Greenhouse Gas Regulation

Currently, the emissions of greenhouse gases from international shipping are not subject to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which entered into force in 2005 and pursuant to which adopting countries have been required to implement national programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with targets extended through 2020. International negotiations are continuing with respect to a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, and restrictions on shipping emissions may be included in any new treaty. In December 2009, more than 27 nations, including the U.S. and China, signed the Copenhagen Accord, which includes a non-binding commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris resulted in the Paris Agreement, which entered into force on November 4, 2016 and does not directly limit greenhouse gas emissions from ships. The U.S. initially entered into the agreement, but on June 1, 2017, former U.S. President Trump announced that the United States intends to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, and that withdrawal became effective on November 4, 2020. On January 20, 2021, U.S. President Biden signed an executive order to rejoin the Paris Agreement, which the U.S. officially rejoined on February 19, 2021.

At MEPC 70 and MEPC 71, a draft outline of the structure of the initial strategy for developing a comprehensive IMO strategy on reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from ships was approved. In accordance with this roadmap, in April 2018, nations at the MEPC 72 adopted an initial strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ships. The initial strategy identifies "levels of ambition" to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including (1) decreasing the carbon intensity from ships through implementation of further phases of the EEDI for new ships; (2) reducing carbon dioxide emissions per transport work, as an average across international shipping, by at least 40% by 2030, pursuing efforts towards 70% by 2050, compared to 2008 emission levels; and (3) reducing the total annual greenhouse emissions by at least 50% by 2050 compared to 2008 while pursuing efforts towards phasing them out entirely. The initial strategy notes that technological innovation, alternative fuels and/or energy sources for international shipping will be integral to achieve the overall ambition. These regulations could cause us to incur additional substantial expenses. At MEPC 77, the Member States agreed to initiate the revision of the Initial IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG emissions from ships, recognizing the need to strengthen the ambition during the revision process. MEPC 79 revised the EEDI calculation guidelines to include a CO2 conversion factor for ethane, a reference to the updated ITCC guidelines, and a clarification that in case of a ship with multiple load line certificates, the maximum certified summer draft should be used when determining the deadweight. In July 2023, MEPC 80 adopted a revised strategy, which includes an enhanced common ambition to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping around or close to 2050, a commitment to ensure an uptake of alternative zero and near-zero greenhouse gas fuels by 2030, as well as i). reducing the total annual greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping by at least 20%, striving for 30%, by 2030, compared to 2008; and ii). reducing the total annual greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping by at least 70%, striving for 80%, by 2040, compared to 2008. Compliance with these regulations and other changes in laws, regulations and obligations relating to climate change affects the propulsion options in subsequent vessel designs and could increase our costs related to acquiring new vessels, operating and maintaining our existing vessels and require us to install new emission controls, acquire allowances or pay taxes related to our greenhouse gas emissions or administer and manage a greenhouse gas emissions program.

The EU made a unilateral commitment to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions from its member states from 20% of 1990 levels by 2020. The EU also committed to reduce its emissions by 20% under the Kyoto Protocol's second period from 2013 to 2020. Starting in January 2018, large ships over 5,000 gross tonnage calling at EU ports are required to collect and publish data on carbon dioxide emissions and other information. Under the European Climate Law, the EU committed to reduce its net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 through its "Fit-for-55" legislation package. As part of this initiative, regulations relating to the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions from the maritime sector in the European Union's carbon market, EU ETS, are also forthcoming.

In the United States, the EPA issued a finding that greenhouse gases endanger the public health and safety, adopted regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions from certain mobile sources, and proposed regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions from large stationary sources. However, in March 2017, former U.S. President Trump signed an executive order to review and possibly eliminate the EPA's plan to cut greenhouse gas emissions, and in August 2019, the Administration announced plans to weaken regulations for methane emissions. On August 13, 2020, the EPA released rules rolling back standards to control methane and volatile organic compound emissions from new oil and gas facilities. However, U.S. President Biden recently directed the EPA to publish a proposed rule suspending, revising, or rescinding certain of these rules. On November 2, 2021, the EPA issued a proposed rule under the CAA designed to reduce methane emissions from oil and gas sources. The proposed rule would reduce 41 million tons of methane emissions between 2023 and 2035 and cut methane emissions in the oil and gas sector by approximately 74 percent compared to emissions from this sector in 2005. EPA also issued a supplemental proposed rule in November 2022 to include additional methane reduction measures. On December 2, 2023, the Biden Administration announced the final rule that includes updated and strengthened standards for methane and other air pollutants from new, modified, and reconstructed sources, as well as Emissions Guidelines to assist states in developing plans to limit methane emissions from existing sources. These new regulations could potentially affect our operations.

Any passage of climate control legislation or other regulatory initiatives by the IMO, the EU, the U.S. or other countries where we operate, or any treaty adopted at the international level to succeed the Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement, that restricts emissions of greenhouse gases could require us to make significant financial expenditures which we cannot predict with certainty at this time. Even in the absence of climate control legislation, our business may be indirectly affected to the extent that climate change may result in sea level changes or certain weather events.

Vessel Security Regulations

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 in the United States, there have been a variety of initiatives intended to enhance vessel security such as the U.S. Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 ("MTSA"). To implement certain portions of the MTSA, the USCG issued regulations requiring the implementation of certain security requirements aboard vessels operating in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and at certain ports and facilities, some of which are regulated by the EPA.

Similarly, Chapter XI-2 of the SOLAS Convention imposes detailed security obligations on vessels and port authorities and mandates compliance with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code ("the ISPS Code"). The ISPS Code is designed to enhance the security of ports and ships against terrorism. To trade internationally, a vessel must attain an International Ship Security Certificate ("ISSC") from a recognized security organization approved by the vessel's flag state. Ships operating without a valid certificate may be detained, expelled from, or refused entry at port until they obtain an ISSC. The various requirements, some of which are found in the SOLAS Convention, include, for example, on-board installation of automatic identification systems to provide a means for the automatic transmission of safety-related information from among similarly equipped ships and shore stations, including information on a ship's identity, position, course, speed and navigational status; on-board installation of ship security alert systems, which do not sound on the vessel but only alert the authorities on shore; the development of vessel security plans; ship identification number to be permanently marked on a vessel's hull; a continuous synopsis record kept onboard showing a vessel's history including the name of the ship, the state whose flag the ship is entitled to fly, the date on which the ship was registered with that state, the ship's identification number, the port at which the ship is registered and the name of the registered owner(s) and their registered address; and compliance with flag state security certification requirements.

The USCG regulations, intended to align with international maritime security standards, exempt non-U.S. vessels from MTSA vessel security measures, provided such vessels have on board a valid ISSC that attests to the vessel's compliance with the SOLAS Convention security requirements and the ISPS Code. Future security measures could have a significant financial impact on us. We intend to comply with the various security measures addressed by MTSA, the SOLAS Convention and the ISPS Code.

The cost of vessel security measures has also been affected by the escalation in the frequency of acts of piracy against ships, notably off the coast of Somalia, including the Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea area. Substantial loss of revenue and other costs may be incurred as a result of detention of a vessel or additional security measures, and the risk of uninsured losses could significantly affect our business. Costs are incurred in taking additional security measures in accordance with Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy, notably those contained in the BMP5 industry standard.

Inspection by Classification Societies

The hull and machinery of every commercial vessel must be classed by a classification society authorized by its country of registry. The classification society certifies that a vessel is safe and seaworthy in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the country of registry of the vessel and SOLAS Convention. Most insurance underwriters make it a condition for insurance coverage and lending that a vessel be certified “in class” by a classification society which is a member of the International Association of Classification Societies, the IACS. The IACS has adopted harmonized Common Structural Rules, or the Rules, which apply to oil tankers and bulk carriers contracted for construction on or after July 1, 2015. The Rules attempt to create a level of consistency between IACS Societies. All of our vessels are certified as being “in class” by all the applicable Classification Societies (e.g., American Bureau of Shipping, Lloyd's Register of Shipping).

A vessel must undergo annual surveys, intermediate surveys, drydockings and special surveys. In lieu of a special survey, a vessel's machinery may be on a continuous survey cycle, under which the machinery would be surveyed periodically over a five-year period. Every vessel is also required to be drydocked every 30 to 60 months for inspection of the underwater parts of the vessel (depending on the age of the vessel). If any vessel does not maintain its class and/or fails any annual survey, intermediate survey, drydocking or special survey, the vessel will be unable to carry cargo between ports and will be unemployable and uninsurable which could cause us to be in violation of certain covenants in our loan agreements. Any such inability to carry cargo or be employed, or any such violation of covenants, could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

Risk of Loss and Liability Insurance

General

The operation of any cargo vessel includes risks such as mechanical failure, physical damage, collision, property loss, cargo loss or damage and business interruption due to political circumstances in foreign countries, piracy incidents, hostilities and labor strikes. In addition, there is always an inherent possibility of marine disaster, including oil spills and other environmental mishaps, and the liabilities arising from owning and operating vessels in international trade. OPA, which imposes virtually unlimited liability upon shipowners, operators and bareboat charterers of any vessel trading in the exclusive economic zone of the United States for certain oil pollution accidents in the United States, has made liability insurance more expensive for shipowners and operators trading in the United States market. We carry insurance coverage as customary in the shipping industry. However, not all risks can be insured, specific claims may be rejected, and we might not be always able to obtain adequate insurance coverage at reasonable rates.

Hull and Machinery Insurance

We procure hull and machinery insurance, protection and indemnity insurance, which includes environmental damage and pollution insurance and war risk insurance, including war loss of hire and freight, demurrage and defense insurance for our fleet. We generally do not maintain insurance against marine loss of hire (except for certain charters for which we consider it appropriate), which covers business interruptions that result in the loss of use of a vessel.

Protection and Indemnity Insurance

Protection and indemnity insurance provided by mutual protection and indemnity associations, or P&I Associations, covers our third-party liabilities in connection with our shipping activities. This includes third-party liability and other related expenses of injury or death of crew, passengers and other third parties, loss or damage to cargo, claims arising from collisions with other vessels, damage to other third-party property, pollution arising from oil or other substances, and salvage, towing and other related costs, including wreck removal. Protection and indemnity insurance is a form of mutual indemnity insurance, extended by protection and indemnity mutual associations, or “clubs.”

Our current protection and indemnity insurance coverage for pollution is \$1 billion per vessel per incident. The 12 P&I Associations that comprise the International Group insure approximately 90% of the world's commercial tonnage and have entered into a pooling agreement to reinsure each association's liabilities. The International Group's website states that the Pool provides a mechanism for sharing all claims in excess of US\$10 million up to, currently, approximately US\$3.2 billion. In case of an 'overspill' claim, which would fall back on the collective membership and on the total limitation of the liability of group membership, that amount may go up to approximately US\$8.2 billion. As a member of a P&I Association, which is a member of the International Group, we are subject to calls payable to the associations based on our claim records as well as the claim records of all other members of the individual associations and members of the shipping pool of P&I Associations comprising the International Group.

C. Organizational Structure

Please see Exhibit 8.1 to this annual report for a list of our current significant subsidiaries.

D. Property, Plants and Equipment

Our only material physical assets consist of our vessels which are owned through our separate, wholly-owned subsidiaries. For a description of our fleet, see "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview."

ITEM 4A. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 5. OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

The following presentation of management's discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, accompanying notes thereto and other financial information appearing in "Item 18. Financial Statements." You should also carefully read the following discussion with the sections of this annual report entitled "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors," "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—The International Oil Tanker Shipping Industry," and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements." Our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB. Our consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars (\$) unless otherwise indicated. Any amounts converted from another non-U.S. currency to U.S. dollars in this annual report are at the rate applicable at the relevant date, or the average rate during the applicable period.

We generate revenues by charging customers for the transportation of their refined oil and other petroleum products using our vessels. These services are generally provided under the following basic types of contractual relationships:

- *Voyage charters*, which are charters for short intervals that are priced on current, or "spot," market rates.
- *Time or bareboat charters*, which are vessels chartered to customers for a fixed period of time at rates that are generally fixed, but may contain a variable component based on inflation, interest rates, or current market rates.
- *Commercial Pools*, whereby we participate with other shipowners to operate a large number of vessels as an integrated transportation system, which offers customers greater flexibility and a higher level of service while achieving scheduling efficiencies. Pools negotiate charters primarily in the spot market but may also arrange time charter agreements. The size and scope of these pools enable them to enhance utilization rates for pool vessels by securing backhaul voyages and COAs (described below), thus generating higher effective TCE revenues than otherwise might be obtainable in the spot market.

For all types of vessels in contractual relationships, we are responsible for crewing and other vessel operating costs for our owned, lease financed, or bareboat chartered-in vessels and the charterhire expense for vessels that we time or bareboat charter-in.

The table below illustrates the primary distinctions among these different employment arrangements:

	Voyage Charter	Time Charter	Bareboat Charter	Commercial Pool
Typical contract length	Single voyage	One year or more	One year or more	Varies
Hire rate basis ⁽¹⁾	Varies	Daily	Daily	Varies
Voyage expenses ⁽²⁾	We pay	Customer pays	Customer pays	Pool pays
Vessel operating costs for owned, lease financed, or bareboat chartered-in vessels ⁽³⁾	We pay	We pay	Customer pays	We pay
Charterhire expense for time or bareboat chartered-in vessels ⁽³⁾	We pay	We pay	We pay	We pay
Off-hire ⁽⁴⁾	Customer does not pay	Customer does not pay	Customer pays	Pool does not pay

- (1) “*Hire rate*” refers to the basic payment from the charterer for the use of the vessel.
- (2) “*Voyage expenses*” refers to expenses incurred due to a vessel’s traveling from a loading port to a discharging port, such as fuel (bunker) cost, port expenses, agent’s fees, canal dues and extra war risk insurance, as well as commissions.
- (3) “*Vessel operating costs*” and “*Charterhire expense*” are defined below under “—Important Financial and Operational Terms and Concepts.”
- (4) “*Off-hire*” refers to the time a vessel is not available for service due primarily to scheduled and unscheduled repairs or drydockings. For time chartered-in vessels, we do not pay the charterhire expense when the vessel is off-hire.

As of March 21, 2024, 95 of the vessels in our operating fleet were operating in the Scorpio Pools and 15 were operating on time charter-out agreements.

Important Financial and Operational Terms and Concepts

We use a variety of financial and operational terms and concepts. These include the following:

Vessel revenues. Vessel revenues primarily include revenues from time charters, pool revenues and voyage charters (in the spot market). Vessel revenues are affected by hire rates and the number of days a vessel operates. Vessel revenues are also affected by the mix of business between vessels on time charter, vessels in pools and vessels operating on voyage charter. Revenues from vessels in pools and on voyage charter are more volatile, as they are typically tied to prevailing market rates.

Voyage charters. Voyage charters, or spot voyages, are charters under which the customer pays a transportation charge for the movement of a specific cargo between two or more specified ports. We pay all of the voyage expenses under these charters.

Voyage expenses. Voyage expenses primarily include bunkers, port charges, canal tolls, cargo handling operations and brokerage commissions paid by us under voyage charters. These expenses are subtracted from voyage charter revenues to calculate TCE revenue, a non-IFRS measure, which is defined below.

Vessel operating costs. For our owned, lease financed, and bareboat chartered-in vessels, we are responsible for vessel operating costs, which include crewing, repairs and maintenance, insurance, spares and stores, lubricating oils, communication expenses, and technical management fees. The three largest components of our vessel operating costs are crewing, spares and stores, and repairs and maintenance. Expenses for repairs and maintenance tend to fluctuate from period to period because most repairs and maintenance typically occur during periodic drydocking. Please read “Drydocking” below. We expect these expenses to increase as our fleet matures and to the extent that it expands.

Additionally, these costs include technical management fees that we paid to SSM, which is controlled by the Lolli-Ghetti family. Pursuant to our 2018 Revised Master Agreement and 2024 Revised Master Agreement, SSM provides us with technical services, and we provide them with the ability to subcontract technical management of our vessels with our approval.

Charterhire expense. Charterhire is the amount we pay the owner for time or bareboat chartered-in vessels. The amount is usually for a fixed period of time at rates that are generally fixed, but may contain a variable component based on inflation, interest rates, or current market rates. Time or bareboat chartered-in vessels are accounted for pursuant to IFRS 16 - *Leases*.

The responsibility for vessel operating expenses for the different types of charter agreements are as follows:

- **Time chartered-in vessels.** The vessel's owner is responsible for the vessel operating costs.
- **Bareboat chartered-in vessels.** The charterer is responsible for the vessel operating costs.

Drydocking. We periodically drydock each of our owned or lease financed vessels for inspection, repairs and maintenance and any modifications to comply with industry certification or governmental requirements. Generally, each vessel is drydocked every 30 months to 60 months. We capitalize a substantial portion of the costs incurred during drydocking and amortize those costs on a straight-line basis from the completion of a drydocking to the estimated completion of the next drydocking. We immediately expense costs for routine repairs and maintenance performed during drydocking that do not improve or extend the useful lives of the assets. The number of drydockings undertaken in a given period and the nature of the work performed determine the level of drydocking expenditures.

Depreciation. Depreciation expense typically consists of:

- charges related to the depreciation of the historical cost of our owned, or lease financed vessels (less an estimated residual value) over the estimated useful lives of the vessels;
- charges related to the depreciation of our right of use assets (accounted for under IFRS 16) which is based upon the straight-line depreciation of the right of use asset over the life of the lease or the useful life of the asset, if a purchase obligation or a purchase option is reasonably certain to be exercised; and
- charges related to the amortization of drydocking expenditures over the estimated number of years to the next scheduled drydocking.

Time charter equivalent (TCE) revenue or rates. We report TCE revenues, a non-IFRS measure, because (i) we believe it provides additional meaningful information in conjunction with voyage revenues and voyage expenses, the most directly comparable IFRS measures, (ii) it assists our management in making decisions regarding the deployment and use of our vessels and in evaluating their financial performance, (iii) it is a standard shipping industry performance measure used primarily to compare period-to-period changes in a shipping company's performance irrespective of changes in the mix of charter types (i.e., spot charters, time charters and bareboat charters) under which the vessels may be employed between the periods, and (iv) we believe that it presents useful information to investors. TCE revenue is vessel revenue less voyage expenses, including bunkers and port charges. The TCE rate achieved on a given voyage is expressed in U.S. dollars/day and is generally calculated by taking TCE revenue and dividing that figure by the number of revenue days in the period. For a reconciliation of TCE revenue, deduct voyage expenses from revenue on our consolidated statements of operations.

Revenue days. Revenue days are the total number of calendar days our vessels were in our possession during a period, less the total number of off-hire days during the period associated with major repairs or drydockings. Consequently, revenue days represent the total number of days available for the vessel to earn revenue. Idle days, which are days when a vessel is available to earn revenue, yet is not employed, are included in revenue days. We use revenue days to show changes in net vessel revenues between periods.

Average number of vessels. Historical average number of owned or lease financed vessels consists of the average number of vessels that were in our possession during a period. We use average number of vessels primarily to highlight changes in vessel operating costs and depreciation and amortization.

Contract of affreightment. A contract of affreightment, or COA, relates to the carriage of specific quantities of cargo with multiple voyages over the same route and over a specific period of time which usually spans a number of years. A COA does not designate the specific vessels or voyage schedules that will transport the cargo, thereby providing both the charterer and shipowner greater operating flexibility than with voyage charters alone. The charterer has the flexibility to determine the individual voyage scheduling at a future date while the shipowner may use different vessels to perform these individual voyages. As a result, COAs are mostly entered into by large fleet operators, such as pools or shipowners with large fleets of the same vessel type. We pay the voyage expenses while the freight rate normally is agreed on a per cargo ton basis.

Commercial pools. To increase vessel utilization and revenues, we participate in commercial pools with other shipowners and operators of similar modern, well-maintained vessels. By operating a large number of vessels as an integrated transportation system, commercial pools offer customers greater flexibility and a higher level of service while achieving scheduling efficiencies. Pools employ experienced commercial charterers and operators who have close working relationships with customers and brokers, while technical management is performed by each shipowner. Pools negotiate charters with customers primarily in the spot market but may also arrange time charter agreements. The size and scope of these pools enable them to enhance utilization rates for pool vessels by securing backhaul voyages and COAs, thus generating higher effective TCE revenues than otherwise might be obtainable in the spot market while providing a higher level of service offerings to customers.

Operating days. Operating days are the total number of available days in a period with respect to the owned, leased financed, or bareboat chartered-in vessels, before deducting available days due to off-hire days and days in drydock. Operating days is a measurement that is only applicable to our owned, lease financed, or bareboat chartered-in vessels, not time chartered-in vessels.

Items You Should Consider When Evaluating Our Results

You should consider the following factors when evaluating our historical financial performance and assessing our future prospects:

Our vessel revenues are affected by cyclicity in the tanker markets. The cyclical nature of the tanker industry causes significant increases or decreases in the revenue we earn from our vessels, particularly those vessels we trade in the spot market or in spot market-oriented pools. We employ a chartering strategy to capture upside opportunities in the spot market while using fixed-rate time charters to reduce downside risks, depending on SCM's outlook for freight rates, oil tanker market conditions and global economic conditions. Historically, the tanker industry has been cyclical, experiencing volatility in profitability due to changes in the supply of, and demand for, tanker capacity. The supply of tanker capacity is influenced by the number and size of new vessels built, vessels scrapped, converted and lost, the number of vessels that are out of service, and regulations that may effectively cause early obsolescence of tonnage. The demand for tanker capacity is influenced by, among other factors:

- global and regional economic and political conditions;
- increases and decreases in production of and demand for crude oil and petroleum products;
- increases and decreases in OPEC oil production quotas;
- the distance crude oil and petroleum products need to be transported by sea; and
- developments in international trade and changes in seaborne and other transportation patterns.

Tanker rates also fluctuate based on seasonal variations in demand. Tanker markets are typically stronger in the winter months as a result of increased oil consumption in the northern hemisphere but weaker in the summer months as a result of lower oil consumption in the northern hemisphere and refinery maintenance that is typically conducted in the summer months. In addition, unpredictable weather patterns during the winter months in the northern hemisphere tend to disrupt vessel routing and scheduling. The oil price volatility resulting from these factors has historically led to increased oil trading activities in the winter months. As a result, revenues generated by our vessels have historically been weaker during the quarters ended June 30 and September 30, and stronger in the quarters ended March 31 and December 31.

Our expenses were affected by the fees we pay SCM, SSM, and SSH for commercial management, technical management and administrative services, respectively. SCM, SSM and SSH, companies controlled by the Lolli-Ghetti family of which our founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and our Vice President are members, provide commercial, technical and administrative management services to us, respectively. We pay fees to SCM and SSM for our vessels that operate both within and outside of the Scorpio Pools. The fees charged to our vessels operating within the Scorpio Pools are identical to what SCM charges third-party owned vessels operating within the Scorpio Pools. Under the 2018 Revised Master Agreement, and during the year ended December 31, 2023, when our vessels were operating in one of the Scorpio Pools, SCM, the pool manager, charged fees of \$300 per vessel per day with respect to our LR1 vessels, \$250 per vessel per day with respect to our LR2 vessels, and \$325 per vessel per day with respect to each of our Handymax and MR vessels, plus 1.50% commission on gross revenues per charter fixture. For commercial management of our vessels that were not operating in any of the Scorpio Pools, we paid SCM a fee of \$250 per vessel per day for each LR1 and LR2 vessel and \$300 per vessel per day for each Handymax and MR vessel, plus 1.25% commission on gross revenues per charter fixture.

Pursuant to the 2018 Revised Master Agreement, the fixed annual technical management fee that we pay to SSM was reduced from \$250,000 per vessel to \$175,000, effective January 1, 2018 and certain services previously provided as part of the fixed fee are now itemized. The aggregate cost, including the costs that are now itemized, for the services provided under the technical management agreement did not and are not expected to materially differ from the annual management fee charged prior to the amendment.

In 2024, certain terms of the 2018 Revised Master Agreement were amended and restated with an effective date of January 1, 2024 (the "2024 Revised Master Agreement"). Under the 2024 Revised Master Agreement, the per day fees charged by SCM were increased by \$35 per vessel per day. Under this agreement, commercial management fees on vessels that are not operating in any of the Scorpio Pools will be \$285 per vessel per day for each LR1 and LR2 vessel and \$335 per vessel per day for each Handymax and MR vessel on the effective date. For vessels operating in one of the Scorpio Pools, SCM, the pool manager, is expected to increase its fees during 2024 to \$285 per vessel per day with respect to our LR2 vessels, and \$360 per vessel per day with respect to each of our Handymax and MR vessels. Commissions on gross revenues per charter fixture remain unchanged. The percentage commission rates for vessels operating within or outside of the Scorpio Pools remained unchanged under the 2024 Revised Master Agreement. Under the 2024 Revised Master Agreement, the per day fees charged by SCM were increased to \$187,500 plus additional amounts for certain itemized services per vessel.

We also reimburse our Administrator for the reasonable direct or indirect expenses it incurs in providing us with the administrative services described in "Item 4 - Information on the Company".

A. Operating Results

Results of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to the year ended December 31, 2022

	For the year ended December 31,		Change	Percentage
	2023	2022	favorable / (unfavorable)	Change
<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>				
Vessel revenue	\$ 1,341,222	\$ 1,562,873	\$ (221,651)	(14) %
Vessel operating costs	(315,582)	(323,725)	8,143	3 %
Voyage expenses	(13,243)	(92,698)	79,455	86 %
Depreciation - owned or sale leaseback vessels	(178,259)	(168,008)	(10,251)	(6) %
Depreciation - right of use assets	(24,244)	(38,827)	14,583	38 %
General and administrative expenses	(106,255)	(88,131)	(18,124)	(21) %
Write-off of deposits on scrubbers	(10,508)	—	(10,508)	N/A
Reversal of previously recorded impairment	—	12,708	(12,708)	(100) %
Net gain / (loss) on sales of vessels	12,019	(66,486)	78,505	118 %
Financial expenses	(183,231)	(169,795)	(13,436)	(8) %
Gain / (loss) on repurchase of convertible notes	—	481	(481)	(100) %
Financial income	19,112	6,884	12,228	178 %
Other income, net	5,867	1,975	3,892	197 %
Net income	\$ 546,898	\$ 637,251	\$ (90,353)	(14)%

Net income. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$546.9 million, a decrease of \$90.4 million, or 14%, from the net income of \$637.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. The differences between the two periods are discussed below.

Vessel revenue. Vessel revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$1,341.2 million, a decrease of \$221.7 million, or 14%, from vessel revenue of \$1,562.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. TCE revenue per day (a non-IFRS measure) decreased to \$32,711 per day during the year ended December 31, 2023, from \$34,878 per day during the year ended December 31, 2022. The decrease in revenue is discussed below by reportable segment.

The following is a summary of our consolidated revenue by revenue type, in addition to TCE revenue per day and total revenue days.

	For the year ended December 31,		Change	Percentage
	2023	2022	favorable / (unfavorable)	Change
<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>				
Pool and spot market revenue by operating segment				
MR	\$ 614,790	\$ 719,887	\$ (105,097)	(15) %
LR2	418,586	539,630	(121,044)	(22) %
Handymax	154,586	243,951	(89,365)	(37) %
LR1	—	11,196	(11,196)	(100) %
Total pool and spot market revenue	1,187,962	1,514,664	(326,702)	(22) %
Time charter-out revenue	153,260	48,209	105,051	218 %
Gross revenue	1,341,222	1,562,873	(221,651)	(14) %
Voyage expenses	(13,243)	(92,698)	79,455	86 %
TCE revenue ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,327,979	\$ 1,470,175	\$ (142,196)	(10)%
Daily pool and spot market TCE by operating segment: ⁽¹⁾				
MR pool and spot market	\$ 31,258	\$ 33,299	\$ (2,041)	(6) %
LR2 pool and spot market	39,486	38,277	1,209	3 %
Handymax pool and spot market	29,578	39,253	(9,675)	(25) %
LR1 pool and spot market	—	13,724	(13,724)	(100) %
Consolidated daily pool and spot market TCE	33,477	35,309	(1,832)	(5) %
Time charter-out - daily TCE	27,655	25,370	2,285	9 %
Consolidated daily TCE	32,711	34,878	(2,167)	(6) %
Pool and spot market revenue days per operating segment				
MR	19,593	21,009	(1,416)	(7) %
LR2	10,561	13,429	(2,868)	(21) %
Handymax	5,101	5,069	32	1 %
LR1	—	816	(816)	(100) %
Total pool and spot market revenue days	35,255	40,323	(5,068)	(13) %
Time charter-out revenue days	5,344	1,830	3,514	192 %
Total revenue days	40,599	42,153	(1,554)	(4)%

(1) We report TCE revenues, a non-IFRS measure, because (i) we believe it provides additional meaningful information in conjunction with voyage revenues and voyage expenses, the most directly comparable IFRS measures, (ii) it assists our management in making decisions regarding the deployment and use of our vessels and in evaluating their financial performance, (iii) it is a standard shipping industry performance measure used primarily to compare period-to-period changes in a shipping company's performance irrespective of changes in the mix of charter types (spot charters, time charters and bareboat charters) under which the vessels may be employed between the periods, and (iv) we believe that it presents useful information to investors.

Pool and spot market revenue. Pool and spot market revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$1,188.0 million, a decrease of \$326.7 million, or 22% from \$1,514.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. While revenues decreased during the year ended December 31, 2023, both periods reflected the cyclical strength in the product tanker market that has not been experienced in over 15 years. Each of these years have been marked by multiple catalysts in the market creating a favorable supply and demand imbalance which has resulted in the Company generating record cash flows over these periods.

The strength in the product tanker market for the year ended December 31, 2022 began in the first quarter of 2022 as a result of several catalysts occurring simultaneously. Initially, the easing of COVID-19 restrictions around the globe resulted in increased personal mobility which served as a catalyst for underlying demand for refined petroleum products. This demand, combined with low global refined petroleum product inventories and strong refining margins, incentivized refiners to increase and maintain high utilization levels which drove substantial increases in refined petroleum export volumes throughout the world. Additionally, the volatility brought on by the conflict in Ukraine disrupted supply chains for crude oil and refined petroleum product export volumes, changing volumes and trade routes, and thus increasing ton-mile demand for seaborne transportation of refined petroleum products. Export volumes also spiked during the fourth quarter of 2022 as European inventories built-up immediately prior to the implementation of sanctions on the export of Russian refined petroleum products, which took effect in February 2023. These events occurring simultaneously resulted in prolonged spikes in daily TCE rates, which overshadowed traditional seasonal patterns during the period.

Pool and spot market revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 reflected a more normalized seasonal pattern albeit set against the backdrop of increased demand and a constrained supply of vessels. These market conditions resulted in cyclically strong daily TCE rates earned by the Company's vessels, driven by low refined petroleum product inventory levels, a modest newbuilding orderbook, and growing underlying consumption for petroleum products.

Additionally, pool and spot market revenue days decreased to 35,255 days for the year ended December 31, 2023 from 40,323 days for the year ended December 31, 2022. This aggregate decrease was driven by (i) a total of 15 vessels entering into time charter-out arrangements during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and (ii) the sales of two and 18 vessels during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

MR pool and spot market revenue. MR pool and spot market revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$614.8 million, a decrease of \$105.1 million, or 15%, from \$719.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. Record refining margins, high refinery utilization, and low inventory levels drove significant increases in product exports in regions where MR product tankers traditionally trade (such as the U.S. Gulf) during the year ended December 31, 2022. While TCE revenue decreased to \$31,258 per day from \$33,299 per day during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, demand for the Company's vessels remained strong driven by growing underlying consumption for refined petroleum products set against a backdrop of a modest newbuilding orderbook.

Pool and spot market revenue days also decreased to 19,593 days from 21,009 days during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. This decrease was mainly driven by five MR product tankers that entered into long term time charter-out agreements commencing in the third and fourth quarters of 2022 as well as the sales of two and three MR product tankers during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

LR2 pool and spot market revenue. LR2 pool and spot market revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$418.6 million, a decrease of \$121.0 million, or 22%, from \$539.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. The decrease in LR2 pool and spot market revenue was driven by a decrease in LR2 pool and spot market revenue days to 10,561 days from 13,429 days during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. This decrease was mainly driven by nine LR2 product tankers that entered into long term time charter-out agreements during the year ended December 31, 2022 as well as the sale of three LR2 product tankers in the second half of 2022.

This decrease was slightly offset by an increase in LR2 daily pool and spot market TCE to \$39,486 per day from \$38,277 per day. Beginning in March 2022, the LR2 trade gradually benefited from increased demand for longer-haul voyages as European countries shifted the origins of their refined petroleum product imports (such as diesel) from further afield as a result of the conflict in Ukraine. The shifts in these routes fully materialized in 2023 which, along with an overall favorable supply and demand imbalance, resulted in a robust market for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Handymax pool and spot market revenue. Handymax pool and spot market revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$154.6 million, a decrease of \$89.4 million, or 37%, from \$244.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. Our ice class Handymax product tankers trade on shorter haul routes, and while improving demand fundamentals throughout the world benefited this vessel class, the supply disruptions caused by the conflict in Ukraine were also a key contributing factor in the improved daily rates earned by these vessels in the year ended December 31, 2022. In particular, this vessel class experienced a spike in activity in the two to three months leading up to the implementation of sanctions on the export of Russian refined petroleum products in early February 2023. Subsequent to this, the daily TCE rates earned by this vessel class declined, yet stabilized at cyclically strong levels. Ton-mile demand for Handymax vessels remained robust during the year ended December 31, 2023 as a result of the change in trading patterns stemming from the conflict in Ukraine, along with the global growth in underlying consumption for refined petroleum products. As a result of these factors, daily pool and spot market TCE for our Handymax vessels decreased to \$29,578 per day from \$39,253 per day during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Pool and spot market revenue days remained relatively flat year at 5,101 days and 5,069 days during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

LR1 pool and spot market revenue. We sold all 12 of our LR1 product tankers during 2022. LR1 pool and spot market revenue was \$11.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Time charter-out revenue. Time charter-out revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$153.3 million and \$48.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. The increase was mainly due to the full year impact of the time charter-out agreements entered into during the year ended December 31, 2022.

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		Change	Percentage
	2023	2022	Favorable / (unfavorable)	Change
LR2	112,150	31,038	\$ 81,112	261 %
MR	41,110	17,171	23,939	139 %
Total time charter-out revenue	\$ 153,260	\$ 48,209	\$ 105,051	218 %

Since 2022, we entered into time charter-out agreements on 15 of our vessels, the terms of which are summarized in the table below:

Vessel	Vessel class	Term	Rate	Commencement date
STI Gratitude	LR2	Three years	\$28,000/day ⁽¹⁾	May-22
STI Guard	LR2	Five years	\$28,000/day ⁽²⁾	July-22
STI Gladiator	LR2	Three years	\$28,000/day ⁽³⁾	July-22
STI Guide	LR2	Three years	\$28,000/day ⁽³⁾	July-22
STI Marshall	MR	Three years	\$23,000/day ⁽⁴⁾	July-22
STI Magnetic	MR	Three years	\$23,000/day ⁽⁵⁾	July-22
STI Miracle	MR	Three years	\$21,000/day ⁽⁶⁾	August-22
STI Memphis	MR	Three years	\$21,000/day ⁽⁷⁾	June-22
STI Connaught	LR2	Three years	\$30,000/day ⁽⁸⁾	August-22
STI Lombard	LR2	Three years	\$32,750/day ⁽⁹⁾	September-22
STI Gauntlet	LR2	Three years	\$32,750/day	November-22
STI Duchessa	MR	Three years	\$25,000/day	October-22
STI Lavender	LR2	Three years	\$35,000/day	December-22
STI Grace	LR2	Three years	\$37,500/day ⁽¹⁰⁾	December-22
STI Jermyn	LR2	Three years	\$40,000/day ⁽¹¹⁾	April-23

- (1) This vessel commenced a time charter in May 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$28,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$31,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$33,000 per day.
- (2) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for five years at a rate of \$28,000 per day. The charterers have the option to convert the term of this agreement to three years at \$30,000 per day, which must be declared within 30 months after the delivery date.
- (3) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$28,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$31,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$33,000 per day.
- (4) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for three years at a rate of \$23,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$25,000 per day. If this second option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$26,000 per day.
- (5) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$23,000 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three year period, which is payable in years one, two, and three at \$30,000 per day, \$20,000 per day, and \$19,000 per day,

respectively. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,500 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$26,000 per day.

- (6) This vessel commenced a time charter in August 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$21,000 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three year period, which is payable during the first six months at \$30,000 per day, the next six months are payable at \$20,000 per day, and years two and three are payable at \$19,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$22,500 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,000 per day.
- (7) This vessel commenced a time charter in June 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$21,000 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three year period, which is payable during the first six months at \$30,000 per day, the next six months are payable at \$20,000 per day, and years two and three are payable at \$19,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$22,500 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,000 per day.
- (8) In April 2023, *STI Connaught* replaced *STI Goal* on a time charter which initially commenced in August 2022 for three years at a rate of \$30,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$32,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$34,000 per day.
- (9) This vessel commenced a time charter in September 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$32,750 per day. The charterer has the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$34,750 per day. If this option is declared, the charterer has the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$36,750 per day.
- (10) This vessel commenced a time charter in December 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$37,500 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three year period, which is payable during the first six months at \$47,000 per day, the next six months are payable at \$28,000 per day, and years two and three are payable at \$37,500 per day.
- (11) This vessel commenced a time charter in April 2023 for three years at an average rate of \$40,000 per day. The charterer has the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$42,500 per day.

Vessel operating costs. Vessel operating costs for the year ended December 31, 2023 were \$315.6 million, a decrease of \$8.1 million, from \$323.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. Vessel operating days decreased to 41,028 days from 43,394 days for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which was mainly the result of the sale of 18 vessels during the year ended December 31, 2022 and two vessels during the year ended December 31, 2023. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in average vessel operating costs per day to \$7,692 per day during the year ended December 31, 2023 from the average of \$7,460 per day during the year ended December 31, 2022. General inflationary pressures being the main driver behind the increase, as vessel operating costs per day increased across all vessel classes with the largest increases affecting certain crew related costs and lubricating oils. Vessel operating costs by operating segment are discussed below.

The following table is a summary of our vessel operating costs by operating segment:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		Change	Percentage
	2023	2022	favorable / (unfavorable)	change
<i>Vessel operating costs</i>				
MR	\$ 163,047	\$ 165,735	\$ 2,688	2 %
LR2	114,595	112,407	(2,188)	(2) %
Handymax	37,940	36,507	(1,433)	(4) %
LR1	—	9,076	9,076	100 %
Total vessel operating costs	\$ 315,582	\$ 323,725	\$ 8,143	3 %
<i>Vessel operating costs per day</i>				
MR	\$ 7,523	\$ 7,444	\$ (79)	(1) %
LR2	8,051	7,593	(458)	(6) %
Handymax	7,423	7,144	(279)	(4) %
LR1	—	7,474	7,474	100 %
Consolidated vessel operating costs per day	7,692	7,460	(232)	(3) %
<i>Operating days</i>				
MR	21,683	22,265	(582)	(3) %
LR2	14,235	14,805	(570)	(4) %
Handymax	5,110	5,110	—	— %
LR1	—	1,214	(1,214)	(100) %
Total operating days	41,028	43,394	(2,366)	(5) %

MR vessel operating costs. Vessel operating costs for our MR segment were \$163.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, a slight decrease of \$2.7 million, or 2%, from \$165.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. Operating days decreased by 582 days to 21,683 days from 22,265 days during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, primarily as a result of the sale of three MR product tankers during the year ended December 31, 2022 and two MR product tankers during the year ended December 31, 2023. Operating costs per day increased slightly to \$7,523 per day from \$7,444 per day, for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which was the result of general inflationary pressures, with increases in crew related costs and service repairs costs as the most impacted expenses.

LR2 vessel operating costs. Vessel operating costs for our LR2 segment were \$114.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, an increase of \$2.2 million, or 2%, from \$112.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. LR2 operating costs per day increased to \$8,051 per day from \$7,593 per day for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. This increase was the result of general inflationary pressures, with increases in repairs and maintenance costs, lubricating oils costs and freight and forwarding costs as the most impacted expenses. This increase was slightly offset by a decrease in LR2 operating days to 14,235 days from 14,805 days during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, primarily as a result of the sale of three LR2 product tankers during the year ended December 31, 2022.

Handymax vessel operating costs. Vessel operating costs for our Handymax segment were \$37.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, an increase of \$1.4 million, or 4%, from \$36.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. Handymax operating days remained consistent at 5,110 days during each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. Daily operating costs for our Handymax vessels increased slightly to \$7,423 per day during the year ended December 31, 2023 from \$7,144 per day during the year ended December 31, 2022, which was the result of general inflationary pressures, with increases in crew related costs as the most impacted expenses.

LR1 vessel operating costs. We sold all 12 of our LR1s during 2022. Vessel operating costs for our LR1 segment was \$9.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Voyage expenses. Voyage expenses were \$13.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, a decrease of \$79.5 million, or 86%, from \$92.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. This was primarily driven by a

decrease in vessels that traded in the spot market, outside of the Scorpio Pools, during the year ended December 31, 2023. During the year ended December 31, 2023, our vessels traded in the spot market for a total of 307 days as compared to 4,155 days during the year ended December 31, 2022. The number of vessels operating in the spot market during the year ended December 31, 2022 was a result of changes in trading patterns brought on by the conflict in Ukraine starting in March 2022. Under spot market voyage charters, we pay voyage expenses, and therefore this decrease in spot market revenue during the year ended December 31, 2023 also resulted in a decrease in voyage expenses. Voyage expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023 consisted of bunker consumption of \$4.1 million, port and agency expenses of \$2.0 million, voyage related insurance of \$1.2 million, and other voyage related expenses (including commissions) of \$5.9 million. Voyage expenses for the year ended December 31, 2022 consisted of bunker consumption of \$50.2 million, port and agency expenses of \$23.2 million, voyage related insurance of \$7.7 million, and other voyage related expenses (including commissions) of \$11.6 million.

Depreciation - Owned and lease financed vessels. Depreciation expense for owned and lease financed vessels was \$178.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, an increase of \$10.3 million, or 6%, from \$168.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2023, we exercised the purchase options on all 21 vessels that were accounted for as right of use under IFRS 16. Upon closing, we repaid the aggregate outstanding lease obligations and transferred these assets to Vessels and drydock with the related depreciation subsequently recorded in Depreciation - Owned and lease financed vessels. This increase was partially offset by the sale of two and 17 of our owned or sale leaseback vessels during the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These vessels were written down to their net realizable value upon being designated as held for sale, and depreciation ceased being recorded upon that designation.

Depreciation - Right of use assets. Depreciation - right of use assets for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$24.2 million, a decrease of \$14.6 million, or 38%, from \$38.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. As mentioned above, during the year ended December 31, 2023, we exercised the purchase options on all 21 vessels that were accounted for as right of use under IFRS 16. Upon closing, we repaid the aggregate outstanding lease obligations and transferred these assets to Vessels and drydock with the related depreciation subsequently recorded in Depreciation - Owned and lease financed vessels. There were no right of use assets accounted for under IFRS 16 held on our balance sheet as of December 31, 2023.

General and administrative expenses. General and administrative expenses were \$106.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, an increase of \$18.1 million, or 21%, from \$88.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. The change was primarily driven by an increase in restricted stock amortization, including \$8.4 million of accelerated amortization which was triggered by the departure of the Company's former CFO in October 2023. This increase was partially offset by an aggregate decrease in cash compensation related costs.

Reversal of previously recorded impairment. Under International Financial Reporting Standards, we are required to assess whether a previously recorded impairment on an asset no longer exists or has decreased. Upon performing this assessment at December 31, 2022 it was determined that given the strength in the product tanker market, and, in particular, the significant uplift in the market values for second-hand vessels, that the impairment charge of \$14.2 million that was recorded during the year ended December 31, 2020 on 13 MRs should be reversed. The reversal of \$12.7 million represents the full amount of the previously recorded impairment, less the depreciation that would have been recorded had the vessels not been considered impaired.

Write-off of deposits on scrubbers. Write-off of deposits on scrubbers of \$10.5 million relates to the write-off of previously incurred deposits and installation costs for scrubbers on 11 MR product tankers which was triggered by the expiration of the Company's option to purchase these scrubbers in December 2023.

Net gain/(loss) on sales of vessels. Net gain/(loss) on sales of vessels was a gain of \$12.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to a net loss of \$66.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2023, we sold two MRs and during the year ended December 31, 2022, we sold 18 vessels, consisting of three LR2s, 12 LR1s, and three MRs.

Financial expenses. Financial expenses were \$183.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, an increase of \$13.4 million, or 8%, from \$169.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Financial expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023 primarily consisted of (i) interest payable on debt of \$158.3 million, (ii) amortization of loan fees of \$7.3 million, (iii) accretion of the premiums and discounts primarily recorded as part of the purchase price allocation on the indebtedness assumed from Navig8 Product Tankers Inc. in 2017 of \$1.1 million, and (iv) the loss on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing fees of \$16.5 million.

Financial expenses for the year ended December 31, 2022 primarily consisted of (i) interest payable on debt of \$137.1 million, (ii) accretion of our Convertible Notes due in 2022 and 2025 of \$12.7 million, (iii) amortization of loan fees of \$6.4 million, (iv) the loss on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing fees of \$11.5 million and (v) accretion of the premiums and discounts recorded as part of the purchase price allocation on the indebtedness assumed from Navig8 Product Tankers Inc. in 2017 of \$2.1 million.

The increase in interest expense during the year ended December 31, 2023 when compared to the year ended December 31, 2022, was primarily attributable to an increase in the benchmark rates (primarily LIBOR, which ceased as of June 30, 2023, and subsequently SOFR), which underpin all of our variable rate borrowings. The increases in the benchmark rates were partially offset by the overall reductions in our indebtedness arising from the sale of vessels (and repayments of the related debt or lease financing obligations) along with the exercise of purchase options on lease financed vessels, the maturity of the Convertible Notes Due 2022 in May 2022, and the conversion of the Convertible Notes Due 2025 in December 2022. These reductions were partially offset by new borrowings. The combination of these factors resulted in higher interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022 despite the decrease in the average carrying value of our debt to \$1.92 billion during the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to \$2.69 billion for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The loss on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing fees during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, were as follows:

- During the year ended December 31, 2023, our loss on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing fees was \$16.5 million, which consisted of (i) \$10.2 million in costs related to the extinguishment of debt, (ii) \$4.3 million of write-offs of deferred financing fees related to the unscheduled debt and lease repayments during the year, (iii) \$2.7 million of write-offs of the discounts related to the unscheduled debt and lease repayments during the year, (iv) \$0.8 million of accelerated effective interest on right of use liabilities related to unscheduled lease payments during the year, offset by (v) a gain of \$1.5 million related to the adjustment of the carrying values of certain sale and leaseback arrangements related to the notifications to exercise purchase options.
- During the year ended December 31, 2022, our loss on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing fees was \$11.5 million, which consisted of (i) \$6.6 million of write-offs of deferred financing fees related to the repayments of debt or lease financing obligations for the 18 vessels sold during the year along with the notifications to exercise purchase options on 22 lease financed vessels during the year, (ii) \$4.9 million in costs related to the extinguishment of debt, (iii) \$0.9 million of write-offs of the discounts related to the payment of indebtedness on certain vessels sold and to the notifications to exercise purchase options on certain vessels, and offset by (iv) a gain of \$0.9 million related to the adjustment of the carrying values of certain sale and leaseback arrangements related to the notifications to exercise purchase options.

Financial income. Financial income was \$19.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, an increase of \$12.2 million, or 178%, from \$6.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. This increase was driven by the interest earned on our cash balance, due to the higher interest rate environment for deposits and increased average cash balance during the year ended December 31, 2023 as compared to the prior year.

Results of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2022 compared to the year ended December 31, 2021

For a discussion of our results for the year ended December 31, 2022 compared to the year ended December 31, 2021, please see “Item 5 - Operating and Financial Review and Prospects - A. Operating Results - Results of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2022 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2021” contained in our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the SEC on March 24, 2023.

B. Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary source of funds for our short-term and long-term liquidity needs is expected to be the cash flows generated from our vessels, which primarily operate in the Scorpio Pools, in the spot market or on time charter, in addition to our cash on hand and availability under a revolving line of credit. We believe that the Scorpio Pools reduce volatility because (i) they aggregate the revenues and expenses of all pool participants and distribute net earnings to the participants based on an agreed upon formula and (ii) some of the vessels in the pool are on time charter. Furthermore, spot charters provide flexibility and allow us to fix vessels at prevailing rates.

We currently project that we will have adequate financial resources to continue in operation and meet our financial commitments (including but not limited to debt service obligations and obligations under sale and leaseback arrangements) for a period of at least 12 months from the date of this annual report.

The cash flows we generate from our vessels have been impacted by geopolitical events such as the conflict in Ukraine and the Red Sea. This has resulted in the implementation of sanctions on the export of Russian crude oil and refined petroleum products, has continued to disrupt supply chains for crude oil and refined petroleum products, changing volumes and trade routes, and thus increasing ton-mile demand for the seaborne transportation of refined petroleum products. Additionally, since December 2023, there have been multiple drone and missile attacks on commercial vessels transiting international waters in the southern Red Sea by groups believed to be affiliated with the Yemen-based Houthi rebel group purportedly in response to the ongoing military conflict between Israel and Hamas. Recent attacks on U.S. military installations in Jordan and other locations in the middle east, the continuing military actions by the U.S. government and certain of its allies against the Houthi rebel group, which the U.S. government believes to be supported by the government of Iran and the ongoing military conflict between Israel and Hamas continue to threaten the political stability of the region and may lead to further military conflicts, including continued hostile actions towards commercial shipping in the region. We cannot predict the severity or length of the current conditions impacting international shipping in this region and the continuing disruption of the trade routes in the region of the Red Sea. While thus far the impact of these events has been favorable to the demand for our vessels, it is also possible that it could have a material and adverse impact on our results of operations in the future.

While our revenues and net income during the year ended December 31, 2023 declined from the record setting levels reached during the year ended December 31, 2022, market conditions remained robust and at cyclically high levels. These market conditions have continued through the date of this report. The cash flows generated from operations have been, and continue to be, utilized to repay our outstanding debt and lease obligations.

From December 31, 2023 through the date of this report, we have made \$171.1 million of unscheduled repayments of credit facilities and lease purchase options which were committed as of December 31, 2023 with an additional \$45.6 million expected to close in the first half of 2024. Subsequent to December 31, 2023, we have made additional purchase option commitments of \$163.5 million which are also expected to close in the first half of 2024.

We do not have any other debt or leasing financing arrangements that are scheduled to mature or expire within twelve months from the date of this report.

While we believe our current financial position is adequate to address these cash outflows, a deterioration in economic conditions could cause us to breach the covenants under our financing arrangements and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition. These circumstances could cause us to seek covenant waivers from our lenders and to pursue other means to raise liquidity, such as through the sale of vessels or in the capital markets, to meet our obligations. A discussion and analysis of our key risks, including sensitivities thereto, can be found in "Item 3. Key Information - D. Risk Factors" and "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk".

We continuously evaluate potential transactions that we believe will be accretive to earnings, enhance shareholder value or are in the best interests of the Company, which may include the pursuit of additional vessel sales, business combinations, the acquisition of vessels or related businesses, the expansion of our operations, repayment of existing debt, share repurchases, short-term investments or other uses. Any funds received may be used by us for any corporate purpose. In connection with any transaction, we may enter into additional financing arrangements, refinance existing arrangements or raise capital through public or private debt or equity offerings of our securities. Any funds raised by us may be used for any corporate purpose. There is no guarantee that we will grow the size of our fleet or enter into transactions that are accretive to our shareholders.

As of December 31, 2023, our cash and cash equivalents balance was \$355.6 million, which was less than our cash and cash equivalents balance of \$376.9 million as of December 31, 2022. As of December 31, 2023, we had \$288.2 million of availability under the revolving portion of the 2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility. The changes in our cash balance are discussed below under the section entitled *Cash Flows*. As of March 21, 2024 and December 31, 2023, we had approximately \$1.5 billion and \$1.6 billion in aggregate outstanding indebtedness, respectively (which reflects the amounts payable under term loan facilities, lease financing arrangements and lease liabilities, and excludes unamortized deferred financing fees or other premiums and discounts). All of our credit facilities are described below under “Long-Term Debt Obligations and Credit Arrangements.”

As of December 31, 2023, our long-term liquidity needs were primarily comprised of our debt repayment obligations for our secured credit facilities, lease financing arrangements, and obligations under our time charter-in arrangements.

Equity

2020 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program

In May and July 2022, we repurchased \$10.8 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, in aggregate principal amount of our Convertible Notes Due 2025 in the open market for \$12.6 million and \$1.7 million. Additionally, from January 2022 through October 2022, we repurchased an aggregate of 3,120,341 of our common shares at an average price of \$38.66 per share. These repurchases include the repurchase of 1,293,661 of our common shares from Eneti Inc., former a related party, for \$38.65 per share and 1,826,680 common shares in the open market for an average price of \$38.66 per share. These shares were purchased under the 2020 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program.

2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program

In October 2022, our Board of Directors authorized a new securities repurchase program to purchase up to an aggregate of \$250 million of securities, which, in addition to our common shares, consisted of our Senior Notes Due 2025 (NYSE: SBBA), and Convertible Notes Due 2025 at the date of authorization. The 2020 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program was terminated upon the authorization of the 2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program.

In December 2022, we repurchased 789,532 of our common shares in the open market at an average price of \$51.61 per share under the 2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program. From January 1, 2023 through February 15, 2023, we repurchased an aggregate of 1,891,303 of our common shares in the open market at an average price of \$50.27 per share under the 2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program.

2023 Securities Repurchase Program

On February 15, 2023, our Board of Directors authorized a new securities repurchase program to purchase up to an aggregate of \$250 million of securities which, in addition to our common shares, consisted of our Senior Notes Due 2025 (NYSE: SBBA) at the date of authorization.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we repurchased an aggregate of 8,069,020 common shares at an average price of \$48.90 per share under the 2023 Securities Repurchase Program.

On each of May 1, 2023, May 31, 2023, and November 9, 2023, the Board of Directors authorized resetting the amount available to repurchase the Company's securities under the 2023 Securities Repurchase Program up to an aggregate of \$250 million.

We had \$250 million remaining under our 2023 Securities Repurchase Program as of December 31, 2023. We expect to repurchase any securities in the open market, at times and prices that are considered to be appropriate, but we are not obligated under the terms of the program to repurchase any securities.

There were 21,389,520 and 11,429,197 common shares held in treasury at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Shares outstanding

We currently have 175,000,000 registered shares authorized of which 150,000,000 are designated as common shares with a par value of \$0.01 and 25,000,000 are designated as preferred shares with a par value of \$0.01.

As of December 31, 2023, we had 53,107,765 common shares outstanding. These shares provide the holders with rights to dividends and voting rights.

2013 Equity Incentive Plan

For a description of issuances of our common shares pursuant to our 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, see “Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees - B. Compensation - 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.”

Cash Flows

The table below summarizes our sources and uses of cash for the periods presented:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Cash flow data		
Net cash inflow/(outflow)		
Operating activities	\$ 865,492	\$ 769,333
Investing activities	43,611	571,956
Financing activities	(930,422)	(1,194,834)

Cash flow from operating activities

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 compared to fiscal year ended December 31, 2022

Operating cash flows are driven by our results of operations along with movements in working capital. The following table sets forth the components of our operating cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		Change	Percentage
	2023	2022	favorable / (unfavorable)	Change
Vessel revenue ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,341,222	\$ 1,562,873	\$ (221,651)	(14) %
Vessel operating costs ⁽¹⁾	(315,582)	(323,725)	8,143	3 %
Voyage expenses ⁽¹⁾	(13,243)	(92,698)	79,455	86 %
General and administrative expenses - cash ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	(58,915)	(67,734)	8,819	13 %
Financial expenses - cash ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	(166,491)	(141,982)	(24,509)	(17) %
Change in working capital ⁽⁴⁾	59,472	(175,581)	235,053	134 %
Financial income - cash	19,112	6,884	12,228	178 %
Other	(83)	1,296	(1,379)	(106) %
Operating cash flow	\$ 865,492	\$ 769,333	\$ 96,159	12 %

- (1) See “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects- A. Operating Results” for information on these variations for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- (2) Cash general and administrative expenses are general and administrative expenses from our consolidated statements of operations excluding the amortization of restricted stock of \$47.3 million and \$20.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- (3) Cash financial expenses represents interest payable on our outstanding indebtedness and lease financing obligations. These amounts are derived from Financial expenses from our consolidated statements of operations excluding (i) the amortization of deferred financing fees of \$7.3 million and \$6.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, (ii) non-cash debt extinguishment costs, primarily the write-off of deferred financing fees and unamortized discounts on sale and leaseback facilities, of \$8.3 million and \$6.6 million over these same periods, (iii) the accretion of our Convertible Notes Due 2022 and Convertible Notes Due 2025 of \$12.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2022, and (iv) accretion of \$1.1 million and \$2.1 million related primarily to the premiums and discounts recorded as part of the purchase price allocation on the indebtedness assumed from Navig8 Product Tankers Inc. in 2017 during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. Cash financial expense increased primarily as a result of an increase in the benchmark interest rates (both LIBOR and SOFR) as compared to the year ended December 31, 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2023, benchmark interest rates continued to increase as central banks around the world introduced measures to combat inflation. The increases in benchmark rates were partially offset by the overall reduction in our indebtedness arising from (i) the sales of two and 18 vessels during the years ended

December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, (and repayments of the related debt or lease financing obligations), (ii) the unscheduled debt and lease repayments on 58 and 23 vessels during the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, (iii) the maturity of the Convertible Notes Due 2022 in May 2022, and (iv) the conversion of the Convertible Notes Due 2025 in December 2022. These reductions were partially offset by new borrowings in 2023. The combination resulted in higher interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to the year ended December 31, 2022 despite the reduction in the average carrying value of our debt to \$1.92 billion from \$2.69 billion, respectively.

- (4) The change in working capital in 2023 was primarily driven by a decrease in accounts receivable, accrued expenses, accounts payable, prepaid expenses and inventories. The decrease in accounts receivable is primarily driven by a decrease in revenue from last year. Our revenues during the year ended December 31, 2023 were primarily derived from the Scorpio Pools and vessels time chartered-out. Receivables from time charter-out arrangements are generally received in advance on a monthly basis. Accounts receivable due from the Scorpio Pools are driven by market conditions in the months preceding the end of the period. The revenues earned by vessels operating in the Scorpio Pools in the months preceding December 31, 2023 were less than the months preceding December 31, 2022, thus leading to a decrease in account receivable. The decrease in accrued expenses at December 31, 2023 was primarily the result of a decrease in accrued compensation costs along with decreases in supplier related amounts due. The remaining changes in working capital were driven primarily by timing.

The change in working capital in 2022 was primarily driven by an increase in accounts receivable, inventories, prepaid expenses and a decrease in accounts payable offset by an increase in accrued expenses and a decrease in other assets. Our revenues during the year ended December 31, 2022 were primarily derived from the Scorpio Pools and in the spot market. The revenues earned by vessels operating in the Scorpio Pools and the spot market in the months preceding December 31, 2022 were significantly greater than the months preceding December 31, 2021, thus leading to the increase in accounts receivable. The increase in accrued expenses at December 31, 2022 was primarily the result of an increase in accrued compensation and related benefits. The decrease in other assets was primarily the result of the reimbursement of working capital balances from the Scorpio Pools for vessels that were sold or entered into long-term time charter-out agreements. The remaining changes in working capital were driven primarily by timing.

Cash flow from investing activities

The following table sets forth the components of our investing cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		Change	Percentage
	2023	2022	favorable / (unfavorable)	Change
<i>Cash inflows</i>				
Net proceeds from disposal of vessels ⁽¹⁾	64,878	607,693	(542,815)	(89) %
Distributions from dual fuel tanker joint venture ⁽²⁾	1,822	493	1,329	270 %
Total investing cash inflows	66,700	608,186	(541,486)	(89) %
Investment in dual fuel tanker joint venture ⁽²⁾	—	(1,750)	1,750	100 %
Drydock, scrubber and BWTS payments ⁽³⁾ (owned, lease financed, and bareboat-in vessels)	(23,089)	(34,480)	11,391	33 %
Total investing cash outflows	(23,089)	(36,230)	13,141	36 %
Net cash inflow from investing activities	\$ 43,611	\$ 571,956	\$ (528,345)	(92)%

- (1) During the year ended December 31, 2023, we sold two MR product tankers, *STI Ville* and *STI Amber* for aggregate net proceeds of \$64.9 million, which excludes \$0.3 million of accrued and unpaid selling costs as of December 31, 2023. During the year ended December 31, 2022, we sold 18 vessels, consisting of three LR2s (*STI Savile Row*, *STI Carnaby* and *STI Nautilus*), 12 LR1s (*STI Excelsior*, *STI Executive*, *STI Excellence*, *STI Pride*, *STI Providence*, *STI Prestige*, *STI Experience*, *STI Express*, *STI Exceed*, *STI Excel*, *STI Expedite*, and *STI Precision*) and three MRs (*STI Fontvieille*, *STI Benicia*, and *STI Majestic*) for aggregate net proceeds of \$607.7 million.

- (2) In August 2021, we acquired a minority interest in a portfolio of nine product tankers, consisting of five dual-fuel MR methanol tankers (built between 2016 and 2021) which, in addition to traditional petroleum products, are designed to carry methanol both as a cargo and to consume it as a fuel, along with four ice class 1A LR1 product tankers (two of which were sold during the fourth quarter of 2021). The dual-fuel MR methanol tankers are currently on long-term time charter contracts greater than five years. As part of this agreement, we acquired a 50% interest in a joint venture that ultimately has a minority interest in the entities that own the vessels for final consideration of \$6.7 million. In November 2022, we contributed an additional \$1.75 million to the joint venture to increase the joint venture's ownership interest in one of the LR1 tankers. We account for our interest in this joint venture using the equity method pursuant to IFRS 11 - *Joint arrangements*. Under this guidance, the investment is initially measured at cost, and the carrying amount of the investment is adjusted in subsequent periods based on our share of profits or losses from the joint venture (adjusted for any fair value adjustments made upon initial recognition). Any distributions received from the joint venture reduce the carrying amount.

The joint venture issued cash distributions of \$1.8 million and \$0.5 million during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

- (3) Drydock, scrubber, ballast water treatment system and other vessel related payments represent the cash paid in 2023 and 2022 for the drydocking of our vessels along with payments made as part of the agreements to purchase and install scrubbers and ballast water treatment systems and other vessel equipment. See the below section entitled "Capital Expenditures," for further discussion on vessels that were drydocked and had scrubber or BWTS installations during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Cash flow from financing activities

Cash flows from financing activities primarily consist of the issuance, repayment and costs related to our secured and unsecured debt, sale and leaseback liabilities, and IFRS 16 lease liabilities, the issuance and costs related to our common stock, the payment of dividends to our common shareholders, and the activity within our securities repurchase programs (defined below). The following table sets forth the components of our financing cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		Change	Percentage
	2023	2022	favorable / (unfavorable)	Change
Cash inflows				
Drawdowns from our secured credit facilities ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,386,482	\$ 5,075	\$ 1,381,407	27,220 %
Proceeds from sale and leaseback transactions ⁽¹⁾	—	117,204	(117,204)	(100) %
Issuance of Unsecured Senior Notes Due 2025 ⁽¹⁾	—	359	(359)	(100) %
Decrease in restricted cash ⁽²⁾	783	4,008	(3,225)	(80) %
Total financing cash inflows	1,387,265	126,646	1,260,619	995 %
Cash outflows				
Repayments on our secured credit facilities ⁽¹⁾	(500,866)	(349,421)	(151,445)	(43) %
Repayments under sale and leaseback liabilities ⁽¹⁾	(723,663)	(622,201)	(101,462)	(16) %
Repayments under IFRS 16 lease liabilities ⁽¹⁾	(516,127)	(79,502)	(436,625)	(549) %
Repayments and repurchases of convertible notes ⁽¹⁾	—	(83,968)	83,968	100 %
Dividend payments ⁽³⁾	(57,660)	(23,313)	(34,347)	(147) %
Common stock repurchases ⁽⁴⁾	(489,680)	(161,373)	(328,307)	(203) %
Debt issuance costs ⁽⁵⁾	(29,691)	(1,702)	(27,989)	(1,644) %
Total financing cash outflows	(2,317,687)	(1,321,480)	(996,207)	(75) %
Net cash outflow from financing activities	\$ (930,422)	\$ (1,194,834)	\$ 264,412	22 %

- (1) The following table sets forth the cash drawdowns and repayments on our secured credit facilities, unsecured debt, sale and leaseback liabilities, and IFRS 16 lease liabilities during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. During these periods, certain credit facilities, unsecured debt, and lease financing arrangements were either entered into, drawn, or repaid in full. We refer to Note 12 of our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 18 of this Annual Report on Form 20-F for further details of all of our financing arrangements, including the activity that occurred during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

	2023		2022	
	Drawdowns	Repayments	Drawdowns	Repayments
<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>				
Credit Agricole Credit Facility	—	—	—	(73,591)
Citibank/K-Sure Credit Facility	—	—	—	(78,401)
Hamburg Commercial Bank Credit Facility	—	(33,732)	—	(3,292)
Prudential Credit Facility	—	(5,546)	—	(5,546)
2019 DNB / GIEK Credit Facility	—	(38,338)	—	(7,112)
BNPP Sinosure Credit Facility	—	(10,909)	5,075	(10,813)
2020 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility	—	(37,765)	—	(107,871)
2021 \$21.0 Million Credit Facility	—	—	—	(19,245)
2021 \$43.6 Million Credit Facility	—	—	—	(43,550)
2023 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility	225,000	(25,425)	—	—
2023 \$49.1 Million Credit Facility	49,088	(3,462)	—	—
2023 \$117.4 Million Credit Facility	117,394	(8,504)	—	—
2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility	901,000	(336,093)	—	—
2023 \$94.0 Million Credit Facility	94,000	(1,092)	—	—
Total Secured Credit Facilities	\$ 1,386,482	\$ (500,866)	\$ 5,075	\$ (349,421)
Convertible Notes Due 2022	—	—	—	(69,695)
Unsecured Senior Notes Due 2025	—	—	359	—
Convertible Notes Due 2025	—	—	—	(14,273)
Total Unsecured Senior Notes	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 359	\$ (83,968)
Ocean Yield Lease Financing	—	(89,484)	—	(11,542)
BCFL Lease Financing (LR2s)	—	(68,310)	—	(11,011)
CSSC Lease Financing	—	(121,279)	—	(12,736)
CSSC Scrubber Financing	—	—	—	(1,829)
BCFL Lease Financing (MRs)	—	(31,068)	—	(15,686)
2018 CMBFL Lease Financing	—	—	—	(111,986)
\$116.0 Million Lease Financing	—	—	—	(95,789)
AVIC Lease Financing	—	(77,769)	—	(28,636)
China Huarong Lease Financing	—	—	—	(103,416)
\$157.5 Million Lease Financing	—	—	—	(109,657)
COSCO Lease Financing	—	—	—	(61,050)
2020 CMBFL Lease Financing	—	(38,090)	—	(3,242)
2020 TSFL Sale and Leaseback	—	(40,607)	—	(3,321)
2020 SPDBFL Lease Financing	—	(43,753)	—	(6,495)
2021 AVIC Lease Financing	—	(7,252)	—	(7,251)
2021 CMBFL Lease Financing	—	(6,520)	—	(6,520)
2021 TSFL Lease Financing	—	(4,380)	—	(4,380)
2021 CSSC Lease Financing	—	(48,631)	—	(5,262)
2021 \$146.3 Million Lease Financing	—	(133,699)	—	(12,551)

2021 Ocean Yield Lease Financing	—	(5,850)	—	(5,850)
2022 AVIC Lease Financing	—	(9,169)	117,204	(4,584)
Prepaid interest expense	—	2,198	—	593
Total Sale and Leaseback Liabilities	\$ —	\$ (723,663)	\$ 117,204	\$ (622,201)

IFRS 16 - Leases - 3 MRs	—	(36,933)	—	(8,130)
IFRS 16 - Leases - \$670.0 Million	—	(480,396)	—	(70,791)
Prepaid interest expense	—	1,202	—	(581)
Total IFRS 16 Lease Liabilities	\$ —	\$ (516,127)	\$ —	\$ (79,502)

- (2) During the year ended December 31, 2023, we exercised the purchase options on the vessels under the BCFL Lease Financing (LR2s) and repaid the outstanding indebtedness. During the year ended December 31, 2022, we repaid Citi / K-Sure Credit Facility in connection with the sales of the vessels collateralized under that facility. As a result of these transactions, \$0.8 million and \$4.0 million of restricted cash was released during the years end December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- (3) Dividend payments to shareholders were \$57.7 million and \$23.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These dividends represent dividends of \$1.05 per share and \$0.40 per share (based on the number of shares outstanding on each of the record dates) for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- (4) Common stock repurchases during the year ended December 31, 2023 represent the repurchase of 9,960,323 of our common shares at an average price of \$49.16 per share for a total of \$489.7 million. Common stock repurchases during the year ended December 31, 2022 represent the repurchase of 3,909,873 of our common shares at an average price of \$41.27 per share for a total of \$161.4 million. These repurchases include the repurchase of 1,293,661 of our common shares from Eneti Inc., a former related party, for \$38.65 per share and 2,616,212 common shares in the open market for an average price of \$42.57 per share.
- (5) Debt issuance costs relate to costs incurred for our secured credit facilities and lease financing arrangements which are described in Note 12 of our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 18 of this Annual Report on Form 20-F.

Long-Term Debt Obligations and Lease Financing Arrangements

We refer to Note 6 and Note 12 of our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 18 of this Annual Report on Form 20-F for further details on our secured credit facilities, sale and leaseback liabilities, IFRS 16 lease liabilities, Senior Notes Due 2025, Convertible Notes Due 2022 and Convertible Notes Due 2025.

Our secured credit facilities may be secured by, among other things:

- a first priority mortgage over the relevant collateralized vessels;
- a first priority assignment of earnings, insurances and charters from the mortgaged vessels for the specific facility;
- a pledge of earnings generated by the mortgaged vessels for the specific facility; and
- a pledge of the equity interests of each vessel owning subsidiary under the specific facility.

Our debt and lease financing agreements may require us to comply with a number of covenants, including financial covenants related to liquidity, consolidated net worth, maximum leverage ratios, loan to value ratios and collateral maintenance, informational requirements, including the delivery of quarterly and annual financial statements and annual projections, and restrictive covenants, including maintenance of adequate insurances; compliance with laws (including environmental); compliance with the Employee Retirement Income and Security Act, or ERISA; maintenance of flag and class of the vessels; restrictions on consolidations, mergers or sales of assets; approvals on changes in the manager of the vessels; limitations on liens; limitations on additional indebtedness; prohibitions on paying dividends if a covenant breach or an event of default has occurred or would occur as a result of payment of a dividend; prohibitions on transactions with affiliates; and other customary covenants. Furthermore, our debt and lease financing agreements contain customary events of default, including cross-default provisions, as well as subjective acceleration clauses under which the debt could become due and payable in the event of a material adverse change in our business.

The following is a table summarizing our indebtedness as of December 31, 2023 and March 21, 2024. The balances set forth below reflect the principal amounts due under each facility or lease financing arrangement as of each date and do not reflect any: (i) unamortized deferred financing fees; (ii) discounts / premiums attributable to the debt, either assumed in a business combination that was recorded as part of the purchase price allocation or as part of the market issuance of a security; and (iii) deposits held by the lessor. The balances for the unsecured Senior Notes Due 2025 represent the face value of this instrument.

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	Amount outstanding at December 31, 2023	Amount outstanding at March 21, 2024
Prudential Credit Facility ⁽¹⁾	\$ 33,740	\$ —
BNPP Sinasure Credit Facility	69,667	69,667
2023 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility	199,575	191,100
2023 \$49.1 Million Credit Facility	45,626	44,472
2023 \$117.4 Million Credit Facility	108,890	104,638
2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility ⁽²⁾	564,907	663,907
2023 \$94.0 Million Credit Facility	92,908	90,491
Ocean Yield Lease Financing	25,376	24,625
BCFL Lease Financing (MRs) ⁽³⁾	21,653	—
2020 SPDBFL Lease Financing ⁽⁴⁾	38,300	—
2021 AVIC Lease Financing ⁽⁵⁾	77,383	—
2021 CMBFL Lease Financing ⁽⁶⁾	61,525	61,120
2021 TSFL Lease Financing ⁽⁷⁾	45,617	45,617
2021 Ocean Yield Lease Financing	58,083	56,624
2022 AVIC Lease Financing ⁽⁸⁾	104,635	102,343
Unsecured Senior Notes Due 2025	70,571	70,571
Total	\$ 1,618,456	\$ 1,525,175

⁽¹⁾ In January 2024, we repaid the debt related to three vessels which were financed on the Prudential Credit Facility (*STI Acton*, *STI Camden* and *STI Clapham*). This transaction resulted in a debt reduction of \$33.7 million.

⁽²⁾ In January 2024, the Company drew down \$99.0 million from the 2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility and six vessels (*STI Acton*, *STI Camden*, *STI Jardins*, *STI Osceola*, *STI Soho* and *STI San Telmo*) were collateralized under the facility.

⁽³⁾ In January 2024, we exercised the purchase options on *STI Topaz*, *STI Garnet* and *STI Onyx* on the BCFL Lease Financing (MRs) and repaid the aggregate outstanding lease obligation of \$21.7 million as part of these transactions.

⁽⁴⁾ In January 2024, we exercised the purchase options on *STI Jardins* and *STI San Telmo* on the 2020 SPDBFL Lease Financing and repaid the aggregate outstanding lease obligation of \$38.3 million as part of these transactions.

⁽⁵⁾ In January 2024, we exercised the purchase options on *STI Soho*, *STI Osceola*, *STI Memphis* and *STI Lombard* on the 2021 AVIC Lease Financing and repaid the aggregate outstanding lease obligation of \$77.4 million as part of these transactions.

⁽⁶⁾ In January 2024, we gave notices to exercise the purchase options on *STI Comandante*, *STI Brixton*, *STI Pimlico*, *STI Finchley* and *STI Westminster* which are financed on the 2021 CMBFL Lease Financing. These purchases are expected to close in the first half of 2024 and the aggregate outstanding lease liability at the date of repurchase is expected to be \$61.1 million.

⁽⁷⁾ In December 2023, we gave notices to exercise the purchase options on *STI Black Hawk*, *STI Pontiac* and *STI Notting Hill* which are financed on the 2021 TSFL Lease Financing. These purchases are expected to occur in first quarter of 2024 and the aggregate outstanding lease liabilities are expected to be \$45.6 million at the dates of purchase.

⁽⁸⁾ In February 2024, we gave notices to exercise the purchase options on *STI Gramercy*, *STI Queens*, *STI Oxford* and *STI Selatar* which are financed on the 2022 AVIC Lease Financing. These purchases are expected to close in the first half of 2024 and the aggregate outstanding lease liability at the date of repurchase is expected to be \$102.4 million.

Capital Expenditures

Vessel acquisitions and payments for vessels under construction

We did not enter into any agreements to construct vessels during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

Sales of vessels

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we closed on the sale of two MR vessels, *STI Ville* and *STI Amber*, in July 2023 and November 2023, respectively, for aggregate net proceeds of \$64.6 million. The aggregate net book value of the vessels was \$52.6 million on the dates they were held for sale and we recorded an aggregate gain of \$12.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2023 as a result of these sales. Additionally, we repaid the outstanding sale and leaseback obligation of \$8.2 million with respect to *STI Amber* as a result of this sale. There was no debt associated with the *STI Ville* at the time of sale.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, we sold 18 vessels consisting of three LR2s (*STI Savile Row*, *STI Carnaby* and *STI Nautilus*); 12 LR1s (*STI Excelsior*, *STI Executive*, *STI Excellence*, *STI Pride*, *STI Providence*, *STI Prestige*, *STI Experience*, *STI Express*, *STI Exceed*, *STI Excel*, *STI Expedite*, and *STI Precision*); and three MRs (*STI Fontvieille*, *STI Benicia*, and *STI Majestic*). Seven vessel sales closed in the first quarter of 2022, nine vessel sales closed in the second quarter of 2022 and two vessel sales vessels closed in the third quarter of 2022 for aggregate net proceeds of \$607.7 million.

Of these vessels, the net book value of 17 vessels of \$637.8 million was previously recorded within Vessels and drydock, and the net book value for one vessel (*STI Majestic*) of \$35.4 million was previously recorded within Right of use assets for vessels. As a result of these transactions, we recorded an aggregate net loss of \$66.5 million (inclusive of a \$0.7 million write-off of goodwill on the LR2 vessels).

Additionally, we repaid aggregate outstanding debt and sale and leaseback obligations of \$347.4 million and incurred debt extinguishment costs (write-offs of deferred financing fees and discounts plus fees) of \$3.5 million related to these vessel sales.

Drydock

During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, we completed the following drydocks, as described below:

Drydock	Total		
	Vessels	Off-hire days	Cost
<i>Costs in thousands of U.S. dollars</i>			
Drydock in-progress at December 31, 2020			\$ 2,985
Costs incurred in 2021			27,116
Drydock completed in 2021 ⁽¹⁾	21	803	28,128
Drydock in-progress at December 31, 2021			\$ 1,973
Costs incurred in 2022			19,657
Drydock completed in 2022 ⁽¹⁾	15	497	20,922
Drydock in-progress at December 31, 2022			\$ 708
Costs incurred in 2023			16,738
Drydock completed in 2023 ⁽¹⁾	8	212	14,403
Drydock in-progress at December 31, 2023			\$ 3,043

⁽¹⁾ Drydocks completed in 2021 includes 112 off-hire days from drydocks which commenced in 2020. Drydocks completed in 2022 includes 34 off-hire days from drydocks which commenced in 2021. Drydocks completed in 2023 includes one off-hire day from drydocks which commenced in 2022. Off-hire days also include off-hire days for installations of BWTS and / or scrubbers.

As our fleet matures and expands, our drydock expenses will likely increase. Ongoing costs for compliance with environmental regulations and society classification survey costs are a component of our vessel operating costs. With the exception of the recent ratification of the ballast water treatment convention as described in "Item 3. Key Information - D. Risk Factors", we are not currently aware of any regulatory changes or environmental liabilities that we anticipate will have a material impact on our results of operations or financial condition.

Ballast Water Treatment Systems and Scrubbers

In July 2018, we executed an agreement to purchase 55 ballast water treatment systems, or BWTS, from an unaffiliated third-party supplier. These systems were installed from 2019 through 2023, as each respective vessel under the agreement was due for its International Oil Pollution Prevention, or IOPP, renewal survey. Costs capitalized for these systems include the cost of the base equipment that we have contracted to purchase in addition to directly attributable installation costs, costs incurred for systems that were installed during the period, and installation costs incurred in advance of installations that are expected to occur in subsequent periods. We estimate the useful life of these systems to be for the duration of each vessel's remaining useful life and are depreciating the equipment and related installation costs on this basis.

We have also retrofitted the substantial majority of our vessels with exhaust gas cleaning systems, or scrubbers. The scrubbers enable our ships to use high sulfur fuel oil, which is less expensive than low sulfur fuel oil, in certain parts of the world. From August 2018 through November 2018, we entered into agreements with two separate suppliers to retrofit a total of 77 of our tankers with such systems and in 2019 we exercised options to retrofit an additional 21 our vessels with scrubbers.

In 2020, and as further amended in February 2021, we reached an agreement to extend the options to purchase and install scrubbers on 19 vessels. In August 2021, we exercised options to purchase six of these scrubbers. The options to purchase scrubbers on the remaining vessels expired unexercised during the year ended December 31, 2023 and as a result, we wrote-off \$10.5 million related to previously incurred deposits and installation costs.

We did not install any scrubbers during the year ended December 31, 2023. We installed six scrubbers during the year ended December 31, 2022. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we retrofitted four vessels with BWTS in each year. There were no further obligations due under contracts for the purchase of BWTS or scrubbers as of December 31, 2023.

The following table summarizes Ballast Water Treatment Systems activity for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021:

Ballast Water Treatment Systems	Total		
	Vessels	Off-hire days	Cost
<i>Costs in thousands of U.S. dollars</i>			
BWTS in-progress at December 31, 2020			\$ 175
Costs incurred in 2021 ⁽¹⁾			218
BWTS completed in 2021 ⁽²⁾	—	—	(65)
BWTS in-progress at December 31, 2021			\$ 458
Costs incurred in 2022 ⁽¹⁾			5,639
BWTS completed in 2022 ⁽²⁾	4	209	5,364
BWTS in-progress at December 31, 2022			\$ 733
Costs incurred in 2023 ⁽¹⁾			4,561
BWTS completed in 2023 ⁽²⁾	4	147	5,275
BWTS in-progress at December 31, 2023			\$ 19

⁽¹⁾ Includes capitalized interest of \$0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. Capitalized interest for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2021 was less than \$0.1 million in each year.

⁽²⁾ Off-hire days include off-hire days for drydock and/or installations of scrubbers.

The following table summarizes scrubber installation activity for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021:

Scrubber	Total		
	Vessels	Off-hire days	Cost
<i>Costs in thousands of U.S. dollars</i>			
Scrubber in-progress at December 31, 2020			\$ 5,349
Costs incurred in 2021 ⁽¹⁾			4,371
Scrubber completed in 2021 - notional drydock ⁽²⁾			150
Scrubber completed in 2021 ⁽³⁾	1	83	4,774
Scrubber in-progress at December 31, 2021			\$ 4,796
Costs incurred in 2022 ⁽¹⁾			14,590
Scrubber completed in 2022 - notional drydock ⁽²⁾			150
Scrubber completed in 2022 ⁽³⁾	6	400	18,453
Scrubber in-progress at December 31, 2022			\$ 783
Write-offs in 2023 ⁽⁴⁾			(783)
Scrubber in-progress at December 31, 2023	—	—	\$ —

⁽¹⁾ Includes capitalized interest of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. There was no capitalized interest during the year ended December 31, 2023.

⁽²⁾ For a newly installed scrubber, a notional component of approximately 10% is allocated from the scrubber's cost. The notional scrubber cost is estimated by us, based on the expected costs that we expect will incur for this equipment at the next scheduled drydock date and relates to the replacement of certain components and maintenance of other components. This notional scrubber cost is carried separately from the cost of the scrubber. Subsequent costs are recorded at actual cost incurred. The notional component of the scrubber is depreciated on a straight-line basis to the next estimated drydock date and the remaining cost is depreciated over the remaining useful life of the vessel.

⁽³⁾ Off-hire days include off-hire days for drydock and/or installations of BWTS.

⁽⁴⁾ Primarily related to the write-off of installation costs associated to the expiration of our options to purchase scrubbers.

Charter-free market value of our fleet

Historically, the charter-free market values, or basic market value, of our vessels have been volatile and have, at times, declined below their carrying values. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, our operating fleet consisted of 111 and 113 owned or sale and leaseback vessels, respectively. All of the vessels in our operating fleet had basic market values greater than their carrying amount at these dates.

Our estimate of basic market value assumes that our vessels are all in good and seaworthy condition without need for repair and if inspected would be certified in class without notations of any kind. Our estimates are based on information available from various industry sources, including:

- reports by industry analysts and data providers that focus on our industry and related dynamics affecting vessel values;
- news and industry reports of similar vessel sales;
- news and industry reports of sales of vessels that are not similar to our vessels where we have made certain adjustments in an attempt to derive information that can be used as part of our estimates;
- approximate market values for our vessels or similar vessels that we have received from ship brokers, whether solicited or unsolicited, or that ship brokers have generally disseminated;
- offers that we may have received from potential purchasers of our vessels; and
- vessel sale prices and values of which we are aware through both formal and informal communications with shipowners, shipbrokers, industry analysts and various other shipping industry participants and observers.

As we obtain information from various industry and other sources, our estimates of basic market value are inherently uncertain. In addition, vessel values and revenues are highly volatile; as such, our estimates may not be indicative of the current or future basic market value of our vessels or prices that we could achieve if we were to sell them.

Material Cash Requirements

The following table sets forth our material cash requirements as of December 31, 2023:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	Less than 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	More than 5 years
Principal obligations under secured credit facilities ⁽¹⁾	\$ 225,986	\$ 333,111	\$ 556,216	\$ —
Principal obligations under sale and leaseback liabilities ⁽¹⁾	207,575	49,450	78,761	96,786
Estimated interest payments on secured bank loans ⁽²⁾	71,788	80,973	37,024	—
Estimated interest payments on sale and leaseback liabilities ⁽²⁾	23,721	29,900	20,562	13,369
Technical management fees ⁽³⁾	13,686	—	—	—
Commercial management fees ⁽⁴⁾	21,994	—	—	—
Senior unsecured notes ⁽⁵⁾	—	70,571	—	—
Senior unsecured notes - estimated interest payments ⁽⁶⁾	4,940	2,470	—	—
Total	\$ 569,690	\$ 566,475	\$ 692,563	\$ 110,155

(1) Represents principal and maturity payments due on our secured credit facilities and sale and leaseback liabilities which are described in Note 12 of our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 18 of this Annual Report on Form 20-F. These payments are based on amounts outstanding as of December 31, 2023.

(2) Represents estimated interest payments on our secured credit facilities and sale and leaseback liabilities. These payments were estimated by taking into consideration: (i) the margin on each financing arrangement and (ii) the forward interest rate curve calculated from interest swap rates, as published by a third party, as of December 31, 2023.

The forward curve was calculated as follows as of December 31, 2023:

Year 1	4.79 %
Year 2	3.58 %
Year 3	3.12 %
Year 4	3.37 % ^(A)
Year 5	3.14 %
Year 6	3.42 % ^(A)
Year 7	3.37 %
Year 8	3.51 % ^(A)
Year 9	3.50 % ^(A)
Year 10	3.50 %

(A) Third party published interest swap rates were unavailable. As such, we interpolated these rates using the averages of the years in which swap rates were published.

Interest was then estimated using the rates mentioned above multiplied by the amounts outstanding under our various financing arrangements using the balance as of December 31, 2023 and taking into consideration the scheduled amortization of such arrangements going forward until their respective maturities. As of December 31, 2023, the weighted-average margin on our variable rate financing was (i) 2.00% on our secured credit facilities and (ii) 3.57% on our sale and leaseback liabilities. Additionally, the BCFL Lease Financing (MRs) sale and leaseback liabilities do not have a variable interest component. Accordingly, the interest portion of these liabilities are calculated using the implied interest rate in these agreements.

(3) Our technical manager, SSM, charges fees for its services pursuant to a 2018 Revised Master Agreement. Pursuant to this agreement, the fixed annual technical management fee is \$175,000, and certain other services are itemized. The aggregate cost, including the costs that are itemized, are approximately \$250,000 per year.

Under the terms of the 2018 Revised Master Agreement, the termination fees are subject to a notice period of three months and a payment equal to three months of management fees which would be due and payable upon the sale of a vessel, so long as such termination does not amount to a change of control of the Company, including a sale of all or substantially all vessels, in which case, a payment equal to 24 months of management fees will apply.

- (4) In 2023, we paid our commercial manager, SCM, \$250 per vessel per day for LR2 vessels, \$325 per vessel per day for MR and Handymax vessels plus a 1.50% commission on gross revenue for vessels that operated in one of the Scorpio Pools. When the vessels were not in the pools, SCM charged fees of \$250 per vessel per day for LR2 vessels and \$300 per vessel per day for Handymax and MR vessels plus a 1.25% commission on gross revenue.

These fees are subject to a notice period of three months and a payment equal to three months of management fees which would be due and payable upon the sale of a vessel, so long as such termination does not amount to a change of control of the Company, including a sale of all or substantially all vessels, in which case, a payment equal to 24 months of management fees will apply.

- (5) Represents the principal due at maturity on our Senior Notes Due 2025 as of December 31, 2023.
- (6) Represents estimated coupon interest payments on our Senior Notes Due 2025 as of December 31, 2023. The Senior Notes Due 2025 bear interest at a coupon rate of 7.00% per annum and mature in June 2025.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of December 31, 2023, there are no off-balance sheet arrangements.

See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects - B. Liquidity and Capital Resources" and "Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions - B. Related Party Transactions" for further information.

C. Research and Development, Patents and Licenses, Etc.

Not applicable.

D. Trend Information

See "Item 4. Information on the Company - B. Business Overview - The International Oil Tanker Shipping Industry."

E. Critical Accounting Estimates

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with IFRS, as issued by the IASB. In preparing our consolidated financial statements, we make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the application of our accounting policies which affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Our critical accounting judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty are described in Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements, which are included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

ITEM 6. DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

A. Directors and Senior Management

Set forth below are the names, ages and positions of our directors and executive officers as of the date of this annual report. Our Board of Directors is elected annually, and each director elected holds office for a three-year term or until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, except in the event of his or her death, resignation, removal or the earlier termination of his or her term of office. The terms of our Class II directors expire at the 2024 annual meeting of shareholders, the terms of our Class III directors expire at the 2025 annual meeting of shareholders, and the terms of our Class I directors expire at the 2026 annual meeting of shareholders. Officers are elected from time to time by vote of our Board of Directors and hold office until a successor is elected. The business address for each director and executive officer is the address of our principal executive office which is Scorpio Tankers Inc., L'Exotique, 99 Boulevard du Jardin Exotique, Monaco 98000.

Certain of our officers participate in business activities not associated with us. As a result, they may devote less time to us than if they were not engaged in other business activities and may owe fiduciary duties to both our shareholders as well as shareholders of other companies to which they may be affiliated, including other Scorpio companies. This may create conflicts of interest in matters involving or affecting us and our customers and it is not certain that any of these conflicts of interest would be resolved in our favor. While there are no formal requirements or guidelines for the allocation of our officers' time between our business and the business of members of Scorpio, their performance of their duties is subject to the ongoing oversight of our Board of Directors.

Name	Age	Position
Emanuele A. Lauro	45	Chairman, Class I Director, and Chief Executive Officer
Robert Bugbee	63	President and Class II Director
Cameron Mackey	55	Chief Operating Officer and Class III Director
Christopher Avella ⁽¹⁾	45	Chief Financial Officer
Filippo Lauro	47	Vice President
Auste Vizbaraite	34	Secretary
Marianne Økland	61	Class III Director
Jose Tarruella	52	Class II Director
Reidar Brekke	62	Class II Director
Merrick Rayner	68	Class I Director
Sujata Parekh Kumar ⁽²⁾	64	Class III Director
Niccolò Camerana ⁽³⁾	44	Class I Director

Biographical information concerning the directors and executive officers listed above is set forth below.

⁽¹⁾ Appointed as Chief Financial Officer in October 2023 upon the departure of the former Chief Financial Officer, Brian Lee.

⁽²⁾ Appointed to the Board of Directors in March 2023.

⁽³⁾ Appointed to the Board of Directors in September 2023.

Emanuele A. Lauro, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Emanuele A. Lauro, the Company's founder, has served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since the closing of our initial public offering in April 2010. He also co-founded and served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Eneti Inc., between 2013 and December 2023, until its merger with Cadeler A/S (NYSE: “CDLR”) of which Mr. Emanuele Lauro has served as Vice Chairman of Cadeler A/S since January 2024. Mr. Emanuele Lauro also served as director and Chief Executive Officer of Hermitage Offshore Services Ltd. between 2018 and 2021. Mr. Emanuele Lauro joined the Scorpio group of companies in 2003 and has continued to serve there in a senior management position since 2004. Under his leadership, the Scorpio group of companies has grown from an owner of three vessels in 2003 to become a leading operator and manager of more than 175 vessels in 2022. Over the course of the last several years, Mr. Emanuele Lauro has founded and developed all of the Scorpio Pools in addition to several other ventures such as Scorpio Logistics, which owns and operates specialized assets engaged in the transshipment of dry cargo commodities and invests in coastal transportation and port infrastructure developments in Asia and Africa since 2007. He is the President of the Monaco Chamber of Shipping and is also a member of the Advisory Board of Fordham University. In addition, Mr. Emanuele Lauro served as director of the Standard Club from May 2013 to January 2019. He has a degree in international business from the European Business School, London. Mr. Emanuele Lauro is the brother of our Vice President, Mr. Filippo Lauro.

Robert Bugbee, President and Director

Robert Bugbee has served as a Director and President since the closing of our initial public offering in April 2010. He has more than 36 years of experience in the shipping industry. Mr. Bugbee also co-founded and served as President and Director of Eneti Inc. between 2013 and December 2023. He also served as President and director of Hermitage Offshore Services Ltd. between 2018 and 2021. He joined the Scorpio group of companies in March 2009 and has continued to serve there in a senior management position. Prior to joining the Scorpio group of companies, Mr. Bugbee was a partner at Ospraie Management LLP between 2007 and 2008, a company which advises and invests in commodities and basic industries. From 1995 to 2007, he was employed at OMI Corporation, or OMI, a NYSE-listed tanker company which was sold in 2007. While at OMI, Mr. Bugbee served as President from January 2002 until the sale of the company, and before that served as Executive Vice President since January 2001, Chief Operating Officer since March 2000, and Senior Vice President from August 1995 to June 1998. Mr. Bugbee joined OMI in February 1995. Prior to this, he was employed by Gotaas-Larsen Shipping Corporation since 1984. During this time, Mr. Bugbee took a two year sabbatical beginning in 1987 for the M.I.B. Program at the Norwegian School for Economics and Business Administration in Bergen. He has a B.A. (Honors) from London University.

Cameron Mackey, Chief Operating Officer and Director

Cameron Mackey has served as the Company's Chief Operating Officer since the closing of our initial public offering in April 2010 and as a Director since May 2013. Mr. Mackey also served as Chief Operating Officer of Eneti Inc. between July 2013 and December 2023. He also served as Chief Operating Officer of Hermitage Offshore Services Ltd. between 2018 and 2021 and as a director between 2019 and 2021. He joined the Scorpio group of companies in March 2009, where he continues to serve in a senior management position. Prior to joining the Scorpio group of companies, Mr. Mackey was an equity and commodity analyst at Ospraie Management LLC from 2007 to 2008. Prior to that, he was Senior Vice President of OMI Marine Services LLC from 2004 to 2007, where he was also in Business Development from 2002 to 2004. Mr. Mackey has been employed in the shipping industry since 1994 and, earlier in his career, was employed in unlicensed and licensed positions in the merchant navy, primarily on tankers in the international fleet of Mobil Oil Corporation, where he held the qualification of Master Mariner. He has an M.B.A. from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a B.S. from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and a B.A. from Princeton University.

Christopher Avella, Chief Financial Officer

Christopher Avella has served as Chief Financial Officer since October 2023. He joined the Company in 2010 and previously served as the Chief Accounting Officer from 2021 through 2023 and Controller from 2014 through 2021. He also served as the Chief Financial Officer of Hermitage Offshore Services Ltd between 2019 and 2021. Prior to joining the Company, he was with Ernst & Young in its audit practice from 2002 through 2006 and its transaction advisory services practice from 2006 through 2010, where he was a senior manager. Mr. Avella is a certified public accountant and has a B.S. in accounting from Rutgers University, an M.B.A. from Seton Hall University and an M.S. in finance from Georgetown University.

Filippo Lauro, Vice President

Mr. Filippo Lauro has served as an executive officer of the Company with the title of Vice President since May 2015. He also served as Vice President of Eneti Inc. between June 2016 and December 2023. Mr. Filippo Lauro served as Vice President of Hermitage Offshore Services Ltd. between 2018 and 2021. Mr. Filippo Lauro joined the Scorpio group of companies in 2010 and has continued to serve there in a senior management position. Prior to joining the Scorpio group of companies, he was the founder of and held senior executive roles in several private companies, primarily active in real estate, golf courses and resorts development. Mr. Filippo Lauro is the brother of our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Emanuele Lauro.

Auste Vizbaraitė, Secretary

Auste Vizbaraitė has served as our Secretary since January 12, 2023. Ms. Vizbaraitė also served as secretary of Eneti Inc. between January 2023 and December 2023 and other companies within the Scorpio group of companies. After several years of experience in the maritime industry, she joined the Scorpio group of companies in 2018 and has since been working within Scorpio's legal department, focusing on implementing and developing Know Your Counterparty and sanctions compliance procedures for both the Company and Eneti Inc. Ms. Vizbaraitė is a member of International Compliance Association since 2019, where she has completed several qualifications in business compliance. She has also completed courses with Corporate Governance Institute, focusing on corporate governance. Ms. Vizbaraitė has also been representing Scorpio Tankers Inc. in Maritime Anti-Corruption Network since 2020.

Marianne Økland, Director

Marianne Økland has served on the Company's Board of Directors since April 2013. She is also an independent director on the Professional Welsh Rugby Board (PRB) responsible for the Welsh national teams and the four professional regional teams as well as UKIB (UK Infrastructure Bank). Since November 2023 she has been on the board of Norse Atlantic Airways. Between 2010 and 2021, she held various non-executive director positions Charing various board committees at IDFC Limited, IDFC Alternatives (India), Islandsbanki (Iceland), the National Bank of Greece, NLB (Slovenia) and Hermitage Offshore. Ms. Økland served as Managing Director of Avista Partners, a London based consultancy company that provides advisory services and raises capital, from 2009 to 2018. Between 1993 and 2008, she held various investment banking positions at JP Morgan Chase & Co. and UBS where she focused on debt capital raising and structuring. Ms. Økland has led many transactions for large Nordic banks and insurance companies, and worked on some of the most significant mergers and acquisitions in these sectors. Between 1988 and 1993, she headed European operations of Marsoft, a Boston, Oslo and London based consulting firm that advises banks and large shipping, oil and raw material companies on shipping strategies and investments. Ms. Økland holds a M.Sc. degree in Finance and Economics from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration where she also worked as a researcher and taught mathematics and statistics.

Jose Tarruella, Director

Jose Tarruella has served on our Board of Directors since May 2013. He is the founder and Chairman of Taorfi Gestion s.l., a company specializing in advertising and public relations, since February 2018. Mr. Tarruella is also the founder and Chairman of Camino de Esles s.l., a high-end restaurant chain with franchises throughout Madrid, Spain, since 2007. Prior to forming Taorfi Gestion and Camino de Esles, Mr. Tarruella was a Director in Group Tragaluz, which owns and operates restaurants throughout Spain. Mr. Tarruella also acted as a consultant for the Spanish interests of Rank Group plc (LSE: RNK.L) a leading European gaming-based entertainment business. He has been involved in corporate relations for Esade Business School in Madrid. He earned an International MBA from Esade Business School in Barcelona and an MA from the University of Navarre in Spain.

Reidar C. Brekke, Director

Reidar C. Brekke has served on the Company's Board of Directors since December 2016. Mr. Brekke has over 21 years' experience in the international energy, container logistics and transportation sector. He also serves as a partner of Brightstar Capital Partners, a middle market private equity firm. From June 2010 to January 2022, he was a member of the Board of Directors of Performance Shipping Inc. (NASDAQ: PSHG) and from December 2012 to August 2018, Mr. Brekke served as a board member and President of Intermodal Holdings LP, a New York based portfolio company that invests in and operates marine containers. From 2008 to 2012, Mr. Brekke served as President of Energy Capital Solution Inc., a company that provides strategic and financial advisory services to international shipping, logistics and energy related companies. From 2003 to 2008, he served as Manager of Poten Capital Services LLC, a registered broker-dealer specialized in the maritime sector. Prior to 2003, Mr. Brekke served as Chief Financial Officer, then President and Chief Operating Officer, of SynchroNet Marine, a logistics service provider to the global container transportation industry. He also held various senior positions with AMA Capital Partners LLC (formerly American Marine Advisers), a merchant banking firm focused on the maritime and energy industries. Furthermore, Mr. Brekke has been an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs - Center for Energy, Marine Transportation and Public Policy. Mr. Brekke graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in 1986 and has an MBA from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Merrick Rayner, Director

Merrick Rayner has served on our Board of Directors since September 2017. Mr. Rayner has 42 years of experience in the tanker business. From 1974 to 2003, Mr. Rayner was a broker at H. Clarkson & Company Limited shipbrokers, with experience in both the deep-sea tanker chartering business as well as new and second-hand vessel sale and purchase. From 1987 to 1989, Mr. Rayner served as Director of Clarkson Sale and Purchase Division. From 1989 until leaving H. Clarkson & Company Limited in 2003, he was a director of the company, and also served as a director of Clarkson Research Studies from 1992 until 2003. In 2003, Mr. Rayner joined E.A. Gibson's shipbrokers as a broker, where he developed the company's time charter and projects group. He also served as a director of Gibson's from 2012 until his retirement in 2016. Mr. Rayner currently resides in the United Kingdom.

Sujata Parekh Kumar, Director

Ms. Kumar has served on our Board of Directors since March 2023. Ms. Kumar has over 40 years of experience in entrepreneurship and industry across a number of sectors including logistics, financial services, insurance and shipping. From 2014 until 2021, Ms. Kumar served as Joint Managing Director of United Shippers Limited, one of the largest barge fleet owners and operators in India that offered marine logistics for bulk cargo in India and Sri Lanka. She is a director of Parekh Integrated Services Pvt. Ltd, one of India's largest healthcare logistics providers with a pan-India footprint. She began her career in financial services and is a director of a corporate entity that has a seat on the National Stock Exchange of India and the Bombay Stock Exchange. Ms. Kumar is also the founder of an insurance brokerage company licensed by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India. She has an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey, USA.

Niccolò Camerana, Director

Mr. Camerana has served on our Board of Directors since September 2023. In addition to his role as director, Niccolò has been employed by Stellantis (formerly Fiat Chrysler Automobiles) since 2010 and serves as Principal in Stellantis Ventures (the Corporate Venture Capital Fund of Stellantis). From 2003 to 2006, Niccolò worked for PwC in Italy in its transaction services and audit department. Thereafter, between 2006 and 2009, he worked for UBS Investment Bank in London in its mergers and acquisitions department. During his career within Fiat Group, Niccolò covered different roles and between 2016 and 2019, he was Head of Debt Capital Markets and Head of Business Development at FCA Bank; and in 2019, he became responsible for FCA EMEA business development, up until its merger with the Peugeot Group. Between 2016 and 2023, Niccolò was a member of the Exor N.V. Board of Directors.

B. Compensation

We paid an aggregate compensation of \$59.7 million, \$46.4 million and \$23.0 million to our senior executive officers in 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. Executive management remuneration was as follows during these periods:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Short-term employee benefits (salaries)	\$ 27,972	\$ 32,663	\$ 5,488
Share-based compensation ⁽¹⁾	31,702	13,777	17,476
Total	\$ 59,674	\$ 46,440	\$ 22,964

⁽¹⁾ Represents the amortization of restricted stock issued under our equity incentive plans. See Note 14 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for further description.

Each of our non-employee directors receive cash compensation in the aggregate amount of \$60,000 annually, plus an additional fee of \$10,000 for each committee on which a director serves plus an additional fee of \$25,000 for each committee for which a director serves as Chairman, per year, plus an additional fee of \$35,000 to the lead independent director, per year, plus \$2,000 for each meeting, plus reimbursements for actual expenses incurred while acting in their capacity as a director. During each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we paid aggregate cash compensation of \$0.9 million to our directors. Our officers and directors are also eligible to receive awards under our equity incentive plan which is described below under “—2013 Equity Incentive Plan.”

We believe that it is important to align the interests of our directors and management with that of our shareholders. In this regard, we have determined that it will generally be beneficial to us and to our shareholders for our directors and management to have a stake in our long-term performance. We expect to have a meaningful component of our compensation package for our directors and management consisted of equity interests in us in order to provide them on an on-going basis with a meaningful percentage of ownership in us.

There are no material post-employment benefits for our executive officers or directors. By law, our employees in Monaco are entitled to a one-time payment of up to two months' salary upon retirement if they meet certain minimum service requirements.

2013 Equity Incentive Plan

In April 2013, we adopted an equity incentive plan, which was amended in March 2014 and which we refer to as the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, under which directors, officers, employees, consultants and service providers of us and our subsidiaries and affiliates are eligible to receive incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units and unrestricted common stock. We initially reserved a total of 500,000 common shares for issuance under the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan which was increased by an aggregate of 5,824,646 common shares through December 31, 2020 and subsequently revised as follows:

The following is the reloading of additional common shares since 2020 under the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.

	Date of Reload	Common Shares Reserved	Par Value
1	June 2021	386,883	\$0.01 per share
2	October 2021	693,864	\$0.01 per share
3	March 2023	1,785,500	\$0.01 per share
4	February 2024	1,463,294	\$0.01 per share

All other terms of the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan remained unchanged.

Under the terms of the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, stock options and stock appreciation rights granted under the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan will have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of a common share on the date of grant, unless otherwise determined by the plan administrator, but in no event will the exercise price be less than the fair market value of a common share on the date of grant. Options and stock appreciation rights will be exercisable at times and under conditions as determined by the plan administrator, but in no event will they be exercisable later than ten years from the date of grant.

The plan administrator may grant shares of restricted stock and awards of restricted stock units subject to vesting, forfeiture and other terms and conditions as determined by the plan administrator. Following the vesting of a restricted stock unit, the award recipient will be paid an amount equal to the number of vested restricted stock units multiplied by the fair market value of a common share on the date of vesting, which payment may be paid in the form of cash or common shares or a combination of both, as determined by the plan administrator. The plan administrator may grant dividend equivalents with respect to grants of restricted stock units.

Adjustments may be made to outstanding awards in the event of a corporate transaction, change in capitalization or other extraordinary event. In the event of a “change in control” (as defined in the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan), unless otherwise provided by the plan administrator in an award agreement, awards then outstanding will become fully vested and exercisable in full.

Our Board of Directors may amend or terminate the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan and may amend outstanding awards, provided that no such amendment or termination may be made that would materially impair any rights, or materially increase any obligations, of a grantee under an outstanding award. Shareholder approval of plan amendments will be required under certain circumstances. Unless terminated earlier by our Board of Directors, the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan will expire ten years from the date the plan was adopted.

The following paragraphs summarize our grants of restricted stock during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021. The vesting periods of these grants are determined by the plan administrator and generally range from one to five years. Additionally, vesting of these grants is generally subject to a grantee's continued employment with the Company through the vesting date unless the grantee is terminated without cause or due to the grantee's death or disability.

In April 2021, we issued 276,369 shares of restricted stock to certain of our employees for no cash consideration. The share price on the issuance date was \$18.38 per share. The vesting schedule for these restricted shares is (i) one-third of the shares vested on March 1, 2024, (ii) one-third of the shares vest on March 3, 2025, and (iii) one-third of the shares vest on March 2, 2026.

In April and May 2022, we issued an aggregate of 1,047,997 shares of restricted stock to certain of our employees, SSH employees, and independent directors for no cash consideration. The share price on the issuances dates was \$21.33 and \$26.11 per share, respectively. The vesting schedule for these restricted shares for employees and SSH employees is (i) one-third of the shares vest on September 3, 2024, (ii) one-third of the shares vest on September 2, 2025, and (iii) one-third of the shares vest on September 1, 2026. The vesting schedule for these restricted shares for independent directors is (i) one-third of the shares vested on December 1, 2022, (ii) one-third of the shares vest on December 1, 2023, and (iii) one-third of the shares vest on December 1, 2024.

In March and April 2023, we issued an aggregate of 1,817,750 shares of restricted stock to certain of our employees, SSH employees, and independent directors for no cash consideration. The share price on the issuances dates was \$55.57 and \$55.89 per share, respectively. The vesting schedule for these restricted shares for employees and SSH employees is (i) one-third of the shares vest on September 2, 2025, (ii) one-third of the shares vest on September 1, 2026, and (iii) one-third of the shares vest on September 1, 2027. The vesting schedule for these restricted shares for independent directors is (i) one-third of the shares vest on April 1, 2024, (ii) one-third of the shares vest on December 2, 2024, and (iii) one-third of the shares vest on December 2, 2025.

Employment Agreements

We have entered into employment agreements with the majority of our executives. These employment agreements remain in effect until terminated in accordance with their terms upon not less than between 24 months' and 36 months' prior written notice, depending on the terms of the employment agreement applicable to each executive. Pursuant to the terms of their respective employment agreements, our executives are prohibited from disclosing or unlawfully using any of our material confidential information.

Upon a change in control of us, the annual bonus provided under the employment agreement becomes a fixed bonus of between 150% and 250% of the executive's base salary, and the executive may receive an assurance bonus equal to the fixed bonus, depending on the terms of the employment agreement applicable to each executive.

Any such executive may be entitled to receive upon termination an assurance bonus equal to such fixed bonus and an immediate lump-sum payment in an amount equal to three times the sum of the executive's then current base salary and the assurance bonus, and he will continue to receive all salary, compensation payments and benefits, including additional bonus payments, otherwise due to him, to the extent permitted by applicable law, for the remaining balance of his then-existing employment period. If an executive's employment is terminated for cause or voluntarily by the employee, he shall not be entitled to any salary, benefits or reimbursements beyond those accrued through the date of his termination, unless he voluntarily terminated his employment in connection with certain conditions. Those conditions include a change in control combined with a significant geographic relocation of his office, a material diminution of his duties and responsibilities, and other conditions identified in the employment agreement.

C. Board Practices

Our Board of Directors currently consists of nine directors, six of whom have been determined by our Board of Directors to be independent under the rules of the NYSE and the rules and regulations of the SEC. Our Board of Directors has an Audit Committee, a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Regulatory and Compliance Committee, each of which is comprised of certain of our independent directors, who are Mrs. Marianne Økland, Messrs. Jose Tarruella, Reidar Brekke, Merrick Rayner, Niccolo Camerana and Ms. Sujata Parekh Kumar. The Audit Committee, among other things, reviews our external financial reporting, engages our external auditors and oversees our internal audit activities, procedures and the adequacy of our internal controls. In addition, provided that no member of the Audit Committee has a material interest in such transaction, the Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing transactions that we may enter into in the future with other members of Scorpio that our board believes may present potential conflicts of interests between us and Scorpio. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board of Directors nominees for director appointments and directors for appointment to board committees and advising the board with regard to corporate governance practices. The Compensation Committee oversees our equity incentive plan and recommends director and senior employee compensation. The Regulatory and Compliance Committee oversees our operations to minimize environmental impact by the constant monitoring and measuring of progress of our vessels. Our shareholders may also nominate directors in accordance with procedures set forth in our bylaws.

Clawback Policy

In December 2023, our Board of Directors adopted a policy regarding the recovery of erroneously awarded compensation ("Clawback Policy") in accordance with the applicable rules of NYSE and Section 10D and Rule 10D-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In the event we are required to prepare an accounting restatement due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirements under U.S. securities laws or otherwise erroneous data or if we determine there has been a significant misconduct that causes material financial, operational or reputational harm, we shall be entitled to recover a portion or all of any incentive-based compensation, if any, provided to certain executives who, during a three-year period preceding the date on which an accounting restatement is required, received incentive compensation based on the erroneous financial data that exceeds the amount of incentive-based compensation the executive would have received based on the restatement.

Our Clawback Policy shall be administered by our Board of Directors and/or our Compensation Committee, and Compensation Committee has the authority, in accordance with the applicable laws, rules and regulations, to interpret and make determinations necessary for the administration of the Clawback Policy, and may forego recovery in certain instances, including if it determines that recovery would be impracticable. The full text of our Clawback Policy is included as Exhibit 97.1 to this Annual Report.

D. Employees

As of both December 31, 2023 and 2022, we had 24 shore-based employees. SSM and SCM were responsible for our commercial and technical management.

E. Share Ownership

The following table sets forth information regarding the share ownership of our common stock as of March 21, 2024 by our directors and executive officers, including the restricted shares issued to our executive officers and to our independent directors as well as distributions of dividends from Eneti, a related party, and shares purchased in the open market.

Name	No. of Shares	% Owned ⁽⁵⁾
Emanuele A. Lauro ⁽¹⁾	594,564	1.12 %
Robert Bugbee ⁽²⁾	1,150,164	2.17 %
Cameron Mackey ⁽³⁾	704,643	1.33 %
Filippo Lauro ⁽⁴⁾	552,507	1.04 %
All other executive officers and directors individually	*	*

(1) Includes 572,403 unvested shares of restricted stock from the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.

(2) Includes 572,403 unvested shares of restricted stock from the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.

(3) Includes 402,296 unvested shares of restricted stock from the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.

(4) Includes 295,631 unvested shares of restricted stock from the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.

(5) Based on 53,107,765 common shares outstanding as of March 21, 2024.

* The remaining executive officers and directors individually each own less than 1% of our outstanding shares of common stock.

F. Disclosure of a Registrant's Action to Recover Erroneously Awarded Compensation

Not applicable.

ITEM 7. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS.

A. Major shareholders.

The following table sets forth information regarding beneficial ownership of our common stock for owners of more than five percent of our common stock, of which we are aware as of March 21, 2024.

Name	No. of Shares	% Owned ⁽⁴⁾
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP	3,760,453 (1)	7.1 %
Scorpio Holdings Limited	3,706,735 (2)	7.0 %
BlackRock, Inc.	3,250,917 (3)	6.1 %

(1) This information is derived from a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 9, 2024.

(2) This information is derived from a Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on August 17, 2023 and other information made available to the Company.

(3) This information is derived from a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 2, 2024.

(4) Based on 53,107,765 common shares outstanding as of March 21, 2024.

As of March 20, 2024, we had 211 shareholders of record, 53 of which were located in the United States and held an aggregate of 51,177,127 shares of our common stock, representing 96.36% of our outstanding shares of common stock. However, one of the U.S. shareholders of record is Cede & Co., a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, which held 49,640,371 shares of our common stock, as of that date.

B. Related Party Transactions

Management of Our Fleet

2018 Revised Master Agreement

On September 29, 2016, we agreed to amend our master agreement, or the Master Agreement, with SCM and SSM under a deed of amendment, or the Deed of Amendment. Pursuant to the terms of the Deed of Amendment, on November 15, 2016, we entered into definitive documentation to memorialize the agreed amendments to the Master Agreement, or the Amended and Restated Master Agreement.

On February 22, 2018, we entered into definitive documentation to memorialize agreed amendments to the Amended and Restated Master Agreement under a deed of amendment, or the Amendment Agreement. The Amended and Restated Master Agreement as amended by the Amendment Agreement, or the Revised Master Agreement, is effective as from January 1, 2018.

Pursuant to the 2018 Revised Master Agreement, the fixed annual technical management fee was reduced from \$250,000 per vessel to \$175,000, and certain services previously provided as part of the fixed fee are now itemized. The aggregate cost, including the costs that are now itemized, for the services provided under the technical management agreement have not, and are not expected to materially differ from the annual management fee charged prior to the amendment.

In 2024, certain terms of the 2018 Revised Master Agreement were amended and restated with an effective date of January 1, 2024 (the “2024 Revised Master Agreement”). These new terms are described below.

The independent members of our Board of Directors unanimously approved the 2024 Revised Master Agreement.

Commercial and Technical Management

Our vessels are commercially managed by SCM and technically managed by SSM pursuant to the Revised Master Agreement (described above), which may be terminated by either party upon 24 months' notice, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the 2024 Revised Master Agreement. In the event of the sale of one or more vessels, a notice period of three months and a payment equal to three months of management fees will apply, provided that the termination does not amount to a change in control, including a sale of all or substantially all of our vessels, in which case a payment equal to 24 months of management fees will apply. SCM and SSM are related parties of ours. We expect that additional vessels that we may acquire in the future will also be managed under the 2024 Revised Master Agreement or on substantially similar terms.

SCM's services include securing employment for our vessels in the spot market and on time charters. SCM also manages the Scorpio Pools. In 2023, when our vessels operated in the Scorpio Pools, SCM, the pool manager, charged fees of \$300 per vessel per day with respect to our LR1 vessels, \$250 per vessel per day with respect to our LR2 vessels, and \$325 per vessel per day with respect to each of our Handymax and MR vessels, plus 1.50% commission on gross revenues per charter fixture. These were the same fees that SCM charges other vessels in these pools, including third-party owned vessels. For commercial management of our vessels that do not operate in any of the Scorpio Pools, in 2023, we paid SCM a fee of \$250 per vessel per day for each LR1 and LR2 vessel and \$300 per vessel per day for each Handymax and MR vessel, plus 1.25% commission on gross revenues per charter fixture for LR1, LR2, Handymax and MR vessels. Effective January 1, 2024, under the 2024 Revised Master Agreement, the flat fees payable per day charged by SCM were increased by \$35 per vessel per day. Under this agreement, commercial management fees on vessels that are not operating in any of the Scorpio Pools will be \$285 per vessel per day for each LR1 and LR2 vessel and \$335 per vessel per day for each Handymax and MR vessel on the effective date of January 1, 2024. For vessels operating in one of the Scorpio Pools, SCM, the pool manager, is expected to increase its fees during 2024 to \$285 per vessel per day with respect to our LR2 vessels and \$360 per vessel per day with respect to each of our Handymax and MR vessels. Commissions on gross revenues per charter fixture remain unchanged.

SSM's services include day-to-day vessel operation, performing general maintenance, monitoring regulatory and classification society compliance, customer vetting procedures, supervising the maintenance and general efficiency of vessels, arranging the hiring of qualified officers and crew, arranging and supervising drydocking and repairs, purchasing supplies, spare parts and new equipment for vessels, appointing supervisors and technical consultants and providing technical support. Effective January 1, 2018, the fixed annual technical management fee was reduced from \$250,000 per vessel to \$175,000, and certain services previously provided as part of the fixed fee are now itemized, as noted above. Effective January 1, 2024, the fixed annual technical management fee was increased to \$187,500 plus additional amounts for certain itemized services per vessel to provide technical management services for each of our owned vessels.

Amended Administrative Services Agreement

We have an Amended Administrative Services Agreement with SSH or our Administrator, for the provision of administrative staff and office space, and administrative services, including accounting, legal compliance, financial and information technology services. SSH is a related party to us. We reimburse our current Administrator for the reasonable direct or indirect expenses it incurs in providing us with the administrative services described above. The services provided to us by our Administrator may be sub-contracted to other entities within Scorpio.

Further, pursuant to our Amended Administrative Services Agreement, our Administrator, on behalf of itself and other members of Scorpio, has agreed that it will not directly own product or crude tankers ranging in size from 35,000 dwt to 200,000 dwt.

Tanker pools

To increase vessel utilization and thereby revenues, we participate in commercial pools with other shipowners of similar modern, well-maintained vessels. By operating a large number of vessels as an integrated transportation system, commercial pools offer customers greater flexibility and a higher level of service while achieving scheduling efficiencies. Pools employ experienced commercial charterers and operators who have close working relationships with customers and brokers, while technical management is performed by each shipowner. The managers of the pools negotiate charters with customers primarily in the spot market but may also arrange time charter agreements. The size and scope of these pools enable them to enhance utilization rates for pool vessels by securing backhaul voyages and COAs, thus generating higher effective TCE revenues than otherwise might be obtainable in the spot market while providing a higher level of service offerings to customers. When we employ a vessel in the spot charter market, we generally place such vessel in a tanker pool managed by our commercial manager that pertains to that vessel's size class. The earnings allocated to vessels (charterhire expense for the pool) are aggregated and divided on the basis of a weighted scale, or Pool Points, which reflect comparative voyage results on hypothetical benchmark routes. The Pool Point system generally favors those vessels with greater cargo-carrying capacity and those with better fuel consumption. Pool Points are also awarded to vessels capable of carrying clean products and to vessels capable of trading in certain ice conditions. We currently participate in four pools: the Scorpio LR2 Pool, the Scorpio MR Pool, the Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool and the Mercury Pool.

SCM is responsible for the commercial management of participating vessels in the pools, including the marketing, chartering, operating and bunker (fuel oil) purchases of the vessels. The Scorpio LR2 Pool is administered by Scorpio LR2 Pool Ltd., the Scorpio LR1 Pool is administered by Scorpio LR1 Pool Ltd, the Scorpio MR Pool is administered by Scorpio MR Pool Ltd., the Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool is administered by Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool Ltd and the Mercury Pool is administered by Mercury Pool Limited. Our founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Vice President are members of the Lolli-Ghetti family which owns a majority of the issued and outstanding stock of Scorpio LR2 Pool Ltd, Scorpio LR1 Pool Ltd., Scorpio MR Pool Ltd., Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool Ltd and Mercury Pool Limited or the Pool Entities. Taking into account the recommendations of a pool committee and a technical committee, each of which is comprised of representatives of each pool participant, the Pool Entities set the respective pool policies and issue directives to the pool participants and SCM. The pool participants remain responsible for all other costs including the financing, insurance, manning and technical management of their vessels. The earnings of all of the vessels are aggregated and divided according to the relative performance capabilities of the vessel and the actual earning days for which each vessel is available.

Emission Services

The EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), which came into effect on January 1, 2024, is a cap-and-trade system designed to limit greenhouse gas emissions from industries in the European Union. It sets a cap on the total amount of certain greenhouse gases that can be emitted by covered entities, and these entities are allocated or required to purchase permits (allowances) for their emissions. The system aims to incentivize emission reductions by allowing companies to trade allowances, creating a market-based approach to reducing emissions. In March 2024, we entered into an agreement with Geoserve Energy Transport DMCC ("Geoserve"), effective January 1, 2024, which is majority owned by the Lolli-Ghetti family, to serve as our emissions manager. Geoserve's services will include, among others, emission data monitoring and correction for commercial and regulatory compliance and procurement of carbon credits from EU approved carbon traders. Under this agreement, we will pay Geoserve emissions management fees of \$350 per vessel per month and a rate of 1.25% per carbon trade.

Fuel Oil-Water Emulsion

We expect to enter into a licensing agreement with Fowe Eco Solutions Ltd. ("FOWE"), or a direct subsidiary of FOWE, whereby FOWE's fuel oil-water emulsion Cavitech systems will be installed across our entire fleet. Cavitech is FOWE's proprietary technical solution that enables cavitation treatment on various materials for instantaneous mixing, heat treatment, dispersion, and alteration of chemical bonds, the benefits of which include the elimination of unwanted sludge deposits, a cleaner and more efficient fuel burn and reduced nitrogen oxide emissions. Under the terms of the licensing agreement we will pay FOWE approximately 33% of realized savings. Cavitech devices are expected to be installed on all of our vessels during 2024. No material upfront costs are required. Scorpio Holdings Limited owns a minority interest in FOWE.

Our Relationship with Scorpio and its Affiliates

The Scorpio group of companies are owned and controlled by the Lolli-Ghetti family, of which Messrs. Emanuele Lauro and Filippo Lauro are members. Annalisa Lolli-Ghetti is majority owner of the Scorpio group of companies (of which our administrator and commercial and technical managers are members) and beneficially owns approximately 7.0% of our common shares. We are not affiliated with any other entities in the shipping industry other than those that are members of the Scorpio group of companies.

In addition, Mr. Emanuele Lauro, Mr. Robert Bugbee and other members of our senior management have an indirect minority equity interest in SSH, our Administrator, a member of the Scorpio group of companies.

SCM and SSM, our commercial manager and technical manager, respectively, are also members of the Scorpio group of companies. For information regarding the details regarding our relationship with SCM, SSM and SSH, please see “—Management of our Fleet.”

Our Board of Directors consists of nine individuals, six of whom are independent directors. Three of the independent directors form the board’s Audit Committee and, pursuant to the Audit Committee charter, are required to review all potential conflicts of interest between us and related parties. Our three non-independent directors and certain of our executive officers serve in senior management positions in certain other entities within the Scorpio group of companies.

Transactions with Related Parties

Transactions with entities controlled by the Lolli-Ghetti family (herein referred to as related parties) in the consolidated statements of operations and balance sheet are as follows:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Pool revenue ⁽¹⁾			
Scorpio MR Pool Limited	\$ 605,442	\$ 639,743	\$ 256,874
Scorpio LR2 Pool Limited	405,244	456,002	180,912
Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool Limited	135,481	79,636	50,143
Mercury Pool Limited	9,077	—	—
Scorpio LR1 Pool Limited	—	11,196	47,053
Voyage revenue ⁽²⁾	—	5,657	—
Time charter-out revenue ⁽³⁾	21,555	2,358	—
Voyage expenses ⁽⁴⁾	(4,495)	(9,194)	(1,461)
Vessel operating costs ⁽⁵⁾	(33,061)	(33,084)	(35,427)
Administrative expenses ⁽⁶⁾	(15,450)	(13,175)	(13,557)
Purchases of bunkers ⁽⁷⁾	(4,784)	(45,957)	(2,561)

- (1) These transactions relate to revenue earned in the Scorpio Pools. The Scorpio Pools are related parties. Under the 2018 Revised Master Agreement, when our vessels are in the Scorpio Pools, SCM, the pool manager, charges fees of \$300 per vessel per day with respect to LR1 vessels, \$250 per vessel per day with respect to LR2 vessels, and \$325 per vessel per day with respect to both Handymax and MR vessels, plus a commission of 1.50% on gross revenue per charter fixture. These were the same fees that SCM charges other vessels in these pools, including third party vessels.
- (2) These transactions relate to revenue earned in the spot market on voyages chartered through a chartering subsidiary of SSH, a related party, to the end customer.
- (3) These transactions relate to revenue earned for certain vessels on time charter, which have been time chartered-out through a chartering subsidiary of SSH, a related party, to the end customer.
- (4) Related party expenditures included within voyage expenses in the consolidated statements of operations consist of the following:

- Expenses due to SCM, a related party, for commissions related to the commercial management services provided by SCM under the commercial management agreement for vessels that are not in one of the Scorpio Pools. SCM's services include securing employment, in the spot market and on time charters, for our vessels. When not in one of the Scorpio Pools, each vessel pays (i) flat fees of \$250 per day for LR1 and LR2 vessels and \$300 per day for Handymax and MR vessels and (ii) commissions of 1.25% of their gross revenue per charter fixture for LR1, LR2, Handymax and MR vessels.
 - Voyage expenses also consist of \$0.5 million, \$2.4 million and \$19,175 charged by related party port agents during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. SSH has a majority equity interest in port agents that provide supply and logistical services for vessels operating in their regions.
- (5) Related party expenditures included within vessel operating costs in the consolidated statements of operations consist of the following:
- Technical management fees of \$28.3 million, \$29.8 million, and \$32.7 million charged by SSM, a related party, during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. SSM's services include day-to-day vessel operations, performing general maintenance, monitoring regulatory and classification society compliance, customer vetting procedures, supervising the maintenance and general efficiency of vessels, arranging the hiring of qualified officers and crew, arranging and supervising drydocking and repairs, purchasing supplies, spare parts and new equipment for vessels, appointing supervisors and technical consultants, and providing technical support. SSM administers the payment of salaries to our crew on our behalf. The crew wages that were administered by SSM (and disbursed through related party subcontractors of SSM) were \$136.3 million, \$141.2 million, and \$152.0 million during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. SSM's annual technical management fee is a fixed fee of \$175,000 per vessel plus certain itemized expenses pursuant to the technical management agreement.
 - Vessel operating expenses of \$4.8 million, \$3.3 million, and \$2.7 million charged by a related party port agent during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.
- (6) We have an Amended Administrative Services Agreement with SSH, a related party, for the provision of administrative staff and office space, and administrative services, including accounting, legal compliance, financial and information technology services. SSH also administers the payroll for certain of our employees. The services provided to us by SSH may be sub-contracted to other entities within Scorpio. The expenses incurred under this agreement were recorded in general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income or loss and were as follows:
- The expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 of \$15.5 million included (i) administrative fees of \$10.5 million charged by SSH, (ii) restricted stock amortization of \$5.0 million, which relates to 695,400 shares of restricted stock that was issued in the current or in prior years to SSH employees for no cash consideration pursuant to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, and (iii) the reimbursement of expenses of \$25,145 to SSH and \$26,653 to SCM.
 - The expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 of \$13.2 million included (i) administrative fees of \$11.0 million charged by SSH, (ii) restricted stock amortization of \$2.0 million, which relates to 493,300 shares of restricted stock that was issued in the current or in prior years to SSH employees for no cash consideration pursuant to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan and (iii) the reimbursement of expenses of \$81,762 to SSH and \$36,869 to SCM.
 - The expense for the year ended December 31, 2021 of \$13.6 million included (i) administrative fees of \$12.2 million charged by SSH, (ii) restricted stock amortization of \$1.3 million, which relates to the issuance of 315,950 shares of restricted stock that was issued in the current or in prior years to SSH employees for no cash consideration pursuant to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan and (iii) the reimbursement of expenses of \$51,962 to SSH and \$14,726 to SCM.
- (7) These amounts represent bunkers purchased from a related party which, for vessels operating in the spot market, are initially recorded as part of inventory on the balance sheet prior to being consumed.

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
Assets:		
Prepaid expenses and accounts receivable (due from the Scorpio Pools) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 201,340	\$ 236,389
Prepaid expenses (SSM) ⁽²⁾	5,522	5,450
Prepaid expenses (SCM)	28	84
Prepaid expenses and accounts receivable (SSH)	10	4,976
Prepaid expenses (related party port agent)	2	98
Other assets (pool working capital contributions) ⁽³⁾	51,411	53,161
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (SSM)	2,468	823
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (related party port agent)	1,368	955
Accounts payable (owed to the Scorpio Pools) ⁽⁴⁾	626	10,090
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (SCM)	316	540
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (SSH)	284	287
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (related party bunker supplier)	95	2,380

(1) Accounts receivable due from the Scorpio Pools relate to hire receivables for revenues earned and receivables from working capital contributions. Upon entrance into such pools, all vessels are required to make working capital contributions of both cash and bunkers. Additional working capital contributions can be made from time to time based on the operating needs of the pools. These amounts are accounted for and repaid as follows:

- For vessels in the Scorpio LR2 Pool, Scorpio LR1 Pool, Scorpio MR Pool, Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool and Mercury Pool, the initial contribution amount is repaid, without interest, upon a vessel's exit from the pool no later than six months after the exit date. Bunkers on board a vessel exiting the pool are credited against such repayment at the actual invoice price of the bunkers. For all owned or lease financed vessels we assume that these contributions will not be repaid within 12 months and are thus classified as non-current within other assets on the consolidated balance sheets.
- For time or bareboat chartered-in vessels we classify the initial contributions as current (within accounts receivable) or non-current (within other assets) according to the expiration of the contract. Any additional working capital contributions are repaid when sufficient net revenues become available to cover such amounts.

(2) Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses from SSM primarily relate to advances made for vessel operating expenses (such as crew wages) that will either be reimbursed or applied against future costs.

(3) Represents the non-current portion of working capital receivables as described above.

(4) Accounts payable and accrued expenses owed to the Scorpio Pools relate to expenses incurred by the Scorpio Pools on behalf of certain of our vessels.

Other transactions

In August 2021, we acquired a minority interest in a portfolio of nine product tankers, which at the time consisted of five dual-fuel MR methanol tankers (built between 2016 and 2021) along with four ice class 1A LR1 product tankers (two of which were sold during the fourth quarter of 2021). Two of the LR1 tankers that are part of this joint venture are commercially and technically managed by SCM and SSM, respectively.

Pursuant to the Revised Master Agreement with SCM and SSM, in the event of the sale of one or more vessels, a notice period of three months and a payment equal to three months of commercial and technical management fees would be due and payable upon the sales of these vessels.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we sold two MR product tankers, *STI Amber* and *STI Ville*. Termination fees of \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million were paid to SCM and SSM, respectively, during the year ended December 31, 2023. Additionally, \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million to SCM and SSM, respectively, remained accrued (and have been recorded within Accrued Expenses) as of December 31, 2023.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, we sold 18 vessels, consisting of three LR2s, 12 LR1s and three MRs. Termination fees of \$2.5 million and \$1.4 million were paid to SCM and SSM respectively, during the year ended December 31, 2022 as a result of these sales.

SSH also owns a non-controlling 7.5% interest in the buyer of one of the MR product tankers that was sold during the year ended December 31, 2022. SSH also has an interest in the entity that bareboat chartered-in one of the MR product tankers that we sold during the year ended December 31, 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2022, we received proceeds from an insurance claim of \$1.7 million for certain repairs that this vessel required but were not yet undertaken at the time of the sale. As part of the sale of this vessel, we forwarded these funds to SSH in August 2022.

In August 2022, we repurchased 1,293,661 of our common shares from Eneti Inc., a former related party, for \$38.65 per share.

C. INTERESTS OF EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

See “Item 18. Financial Statements.”

Legal Proceedings

To our knowledge, we are not currently a party to any lawsuit that, if adversely determined, would have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity. As such, we do not believe that pending legal proceedings, taken as a whole, should have any significant impact on our financial statements. From time to time in the future we may be subject to legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of business, principally personal injury and property casualty claims. While we expect that these claims would be covered by our existing insurance policies, those claims, even if lacking merit, could result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources. We have not been involved in any legal proceedings which may have, or have had, a significant effect on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity, nor are we aware of any proceedings that are pending or threatened which may have a significant effect on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

Dividend Policy

The declaration and payment of dividends is subject at all times to the discretion of our Board of Directors. The timing and amount of dividends, if any, depends on, among other things, our earnings, financial condition, cash requirements and availability, fleet renewal and expansion, restrictions in our loan agreements and finance lease arrangements, the provisions of Marshall Islands law affecting the payment of dividends and other factors.

We are a holding company with no material assets other than the equity interests in our wholly-owned subsidiaries. As a result, our ability to pay dividends, if any, depends on our subsidiaries and their ability to distribute funds to us. Our credit facilities and lease financing arrangements have restrictions on our ability, and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries, to pay dividends in the event of a default or breach of covenants under the agreements. Under such circumstances, we or our subsidiaries may not be able to pay dividends so long as we are in default or have breached certain covenants of a credit facility or lease financing arrangement without our lender’s consent or waiver of the default or breach. In addition, Marshall Islands law generally prohibits the payment of dividends (i) other than from surplus (retained earnings and the excess of consideration received for the sale of shares above the par value of the shares) or (ii) when a company is insolvent or (iii) if the payment of the dividend would render the company insolvent.

In addition, we may incur expenses or liabilities, including extraordinary expenses, decreases in revenues, including as a result of unanticipated off-hire days or loss of a vessel, or increased cash needs that could reduce or eliminate the amount of cash that we have available for distribution as dividends.

Any dividends paid by us will be income to a United States shareholder. Please see “Item 10. Additional Information - E. Taxation” for additional information relating to the United States federal income tax treatment of our dividend payments, if any are declared in the future.

For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, we paid aggregate dividends to our shareholders in the amount of \$57.7 million, \$23.3 million and \$23.3 million, respectively. We have paid the following dividends per share in respect of the periods set forth below:

Date Paid	Dividends per Share
March 15, 2021	\$0.10
June 15, 2021	\$0.10
September 29, 2021	\$0.10
December 15, 2021	\$0.10
March 15, 2022	\$0.10
June 15, 2022	\$0.10
September 15, 2022	\$0.10
December 15, 2022	\$0.10
March 31, 2023	\$0.20
June 30, 2023	\$0.25
September 15, 2023	\$0.25
December 15, 2023	\$0.35

B. Significant Changes

There have been no significant changes since the date of the annual consolidated financial statements included in this report, other than as described in Note 23 - Subsequent Events to our consolidated financial statements included herein.

ITEM 9. OFFER AND THE LISTING

A. Offer and Listing Details

Please see “Item 9. Offer and Listing - C. Markets.”

B. Plan of Distribution

Not applicable.

C. Markets

Since our initial public offering, our shares of common stock have traded on the NYSE under the symbol “STNG.” Our Senior Notes Due 2025 are listed for trading on the NYSE under the symbol “SBBA.”

D. Selling Shareholders

Not applicable.

E. Dilution

Not applicable.

F. Expenses of the Issue

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. Share Capital

Not applicable.

B. Memorandum and Articles of Association

Our amended and restated articles of incorporation have been filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Amendment No. 2 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (Registration No. 333-164940), filed with the SEC on March 18, 2010. Our amended and restated bylaws are filed as Exhibit 1.2 to our Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC on June 29, 2010. In June 2014, after receiving shareholder approval, we amended our amended and restated articles of incorporation to increase our authorized common stock to 400,000,000 from 250,000,000. This amendment to our amended and restated articles of incorporation is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to our Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC on March 31, 2015. In June 2018, after receiving shareholder approval, we amended our amended and restated articles of incorporation to increase our authorized common stock to 750,000,000 from 400,000,000. This amendment to our amended and restated articles of incorporation is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Form 6-K filed with the SEC on June 1, 2018. The share numbers in this paragraph have not been retroactively adjusted to reflect the below reverse stock split.

On January 18, 2019, we effected a one-for-ten reverse stock split. Our shareholders approved the reverse stock split including a change in authorized common shares at the special meeting of shareholders held on January 15, 2019. Pursuant to this reverse stock split, the total number of authorized common shares was reduced to 150,000,000 shares and common shares outstanding were reduced from 513,975,324 shares to 51,397,470 shares (which reflects adjustments for fractional share settlements). The par value was not adjusted as a result of the reverse stock split. The amended and restated articles of incorporation to effect the reverse stock split and change in authorized common shares from 750,000,000 to 150,000,000 is included as Exhibit 3.1 to the Form 6-K filed with the SEC on January 18, 2019. The information contained in these exhibits is incorporated by reference herein.

Below is a summary of the description of our capital stock, including the rights, preferences and restrictions attaching to each class of stock. Because the following is a summary, it does not contain all information that you may find useful. For more complete information, you should read our amended and restated articles of incorporation, as amended (the "Articles of Incorporation") and amended and restated bylaws (the "Bylaws"), which are incorporated by reference herein.

Purpose

Our purpose, as stated in our Articles of Incorporation, is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may now or hereafter be organized under the BCA. Our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws do not impose any limitations on the ownership rights of our shareholders.

Authorized capitalization

Under our Articles of Incorporation, we have authorized 175,000,000 registered shares, consisting of 150,000,000 common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 53,107,765 shares were issued and outstanding as of March 21, 2024 and 25,000,000 preferred shares, par value \$0.01 per share, of which no shares are issued and outstanding.

Description of Common Shares

Each outstanding common share entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders. Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding preferred shares, holders of our common shares are entitled to receive ratably all dividends, if any, declared by our Board of Directors out of funds legally available for dividends. Upon our dissolution or liquidation or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets, after payment in full of all amounts required to be paid to creditors and to the holders of preferred stock having liquidation preferences, if any, the holders of our common shares are entitled to receive pro rata our remaining assets available for distribution. Holders of our common shares do not have conversion, redemption or pre-emptive rights to subscribe to any of our securities. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of our common shares are subject to the rights of the holders of any preferred shares, which we may issue in the future.

Description of Preferred Shares

Our Articles of Incorporation authorize our Board of Directors to establish one or more series of preferred stock and to determine, with respect to any series of preferred stock, the terms and rights of that series, including the designation of the series, the number of shares of the series, the preferences and relative, participating, option or other special rights, if any, and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such series, and the voting rights, if any, of the holders of the series.

Directors

Our directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by shareholders entitled to vote. There is no provision for cumulative voting.

Our Articles of Incorporation require our Board of Directors to consist of at least one member. Our Board of Directors consists of 9 members. Our Bylaws may be amended by the vote of a majority of our entire Board of Directors.

Directors are elected annually on a staggered basis, and each shall serve for a three-year term and until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, except in the event of his or her death, resignation, removal, or the earlier termination of his or her term of office. Our Board of Directors, as advised by our Compensation Committee, has the authority to fix the amounts which shall be payable to the members of the Board of Directors for attendance at any meeting or for services rendered to us.

Shareholder Meetings

Under our Bylaws, annual meetings of shareholders will be held at a time and place selected by our Board of Directors. The meetings may be held in or outside of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Special meetings may be called at any time by a majority of our Board of Directors, the chairman of our Board of Directors or an officer of the Company who is also a director. Our Board of Directors may set a record date between 15 and 60 days before the date of any meeting to determine the shareholders that will be eligible to receive notice and vote at the meeting. One or more shareholders representing at least one-third of the total voting rights of our total issued and outstanding shares present in person or by proxy at a shareholder meeting shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of the meeting.

Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal and Payment

Under the BCA, our shareholders have the right to dissent from various corporate actions and receive payment of the fair market value of their shares. In the event of any further amendment of our Articles of Incorporation, a shareholder also has the right to dissent and receive payment for his or her shares if the amendment alters certain rights in respect of those shares. The dissenting shareholder must follow the procedures set forth in the BCA to receive payment. In the event that we and any dissenting shareholder fail to agree on a price for the shares, the BCA procedures involve, among other things, the institution of proceedings in the high court of the Republic of the Marshall Islands or in any appropriate court in any jurisdiction in which our shares are primarily traded on a local or national securities exchange.

Shareholders' Derivative Actions

Under the BCA, any of our shareholders may bring an action in our name to procure a judgment in our favor, also known as a derivative action, provided that the shareholder bringing the action is a holder of common shares both at the time the derivative action is commenced and at the time of the transaction to which the action relates.

Limitations on Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors

The BCA authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their shareholders for monetary damages for certain breaches of directors' fiduciary duties. Our Bylaws include a provision that eliminates the personal liability of directors for actions taken as a director to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Our Bylaws provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by law. We are also expressly authorized to advance certain expenses (including attorney's fees and disbursements and court costs) to our directors and officers and carry directors' and officers' insurance providing indemnification for our directors, officers and certain employees for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification provisions and this insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and executive officers.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in our Bylaws may discourage shareholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duties. These provisions may also have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our shareholders. In addition, shareholders' investment may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been informed that in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

There is currently no pending material litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors, officers or employees for which indemnification is sought.

Anti-Takeover Effect of Certain Provisions of our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws

Several provisions of our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, which are summarized below, may have anti-takeover effects. These provisions are intended to avoid costly takeover battles, lessen our vulnerability to a hostile change of control and enhance the ability of our Board of Directors to maximize shareholder value in connection with any unsolicited offer to acquire us. However, these anti-takeover provisions, which are summarized below, could also discourage, delay or prevent (i) the merger or acquisition of us by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise that a shareholder may consider in its best interest and (ii) the removal of incumbent officers and directors.

Blank Check Preferred Stock

Under the terms of our Articles of Incorporation, our Board of Directors has authority, without any further vote or action by our shareholders, to issue up to 25 million shares of blank check preferred stock. Our Board of Directors may issue preferred shares on terms calculated to discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of us or the removal of our management.

Election and Removal of Directors

Our Articles of Incorporation prohibit cumulative voting in the election of directors. Our Bylaws require parties other than the Board of Directors to give advance written notice of nominations for the election of directors. Our Articles of Incorporation also provide that our directors may be removed for cause upon the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote for those directors. These provisions may discourage, delay or prevent the removal of incumbent officers and directors.

Limited Actions by Shareholders

Our Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws provide that any action required or permitted to be taken by our shareholders must be effected at an annual or special meeting of shareholders or by the unanimous written consent of our shareholders. Our Bylaws provide that, unless otherwise prescribed by law, only a majority of our Board of Directors, the chairman of our Board of Directors or an officer of the Company who is also a director may call special meetings of our shareholders and the business transacted at the special meeting is limited to the purposes stated in the notice. Accordingly, a shareholder may be prevented from calling a special meeting for shareholder consideration of a proposal over the opposition of our Board of Directors and shareholder consideration of a proposal may be delayed until the next annual meeting.

Advance notice requirements for shareholder proposals and director nominations

Our Bylaws provide that shareholders seeking to nominate candidates for election as directors or to bring business before an annual meeting of shareholders must provide timely notice of their proposal in writing to the corporate secretary. Generally, to be timely, a shareholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 150 days nor more than 180 days prior to the one-year anniversary of the immediately preceding annual meeting of shareholders. Our Bylaws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a shareholder's notice. These provisions may impede shareholders' ability to bring matters before an annual meeting of shareholders or make nominations for directors at an annual meeting of shareholders.

Classified Board of Directors

As described above, our Articles of Incorporation provide for the division of our Board of Directors into three classes of directors, with each class as nearly equal in number as possible, serving staggered three-year terms. Accordingly, approximately one-third of our Board of Directors will be elected each year. This classified board provision could discourage a third party from making a tender offer for our shares or attempting to obtain control of us. It could also delay shareholders who do not agree with the policies of our Board of Directors from removing a majority of our Board of Directors for two years.

Business combinations

Although the BCA does not contain specific provisions regarding "business combinations" between companies organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands and "interested shareholders," we have included these provisions in our Articles of Incorporation. Specifically, our Articles of Incorporation prohibit us from engaging in a "business combination" with certain persons for three years following the date the person becomes an interested shareholder. Interested shareholders generally include:

- any person who is the beneficial owner of 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock; or
- any person who is our affiliate or associate and who held 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock at any time within three years before the date on which the person's status as an interested shareholder is determined, and the affiliates and associates of such person.

Subject to certain exceptions, a business combination includes, among other things:

- certain mergers or consolidations of us or any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary of ours;
- any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition of our assets or of any subsidiary of ours having an aggregate fair market value equal to 10% or more of either the aggregate fair market value of all of our assets, determined on a combined basis, or the aggregate value of all of our outstanding stock;
- certain transactions that result in the issuance or transfer by us of any stock of ours to the interested shareholder;

- any transaction involving us or any of our subsidiaries that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of any class or series of stock, or securities convertible into any class or series of stock, of ours or any such subsidiary that is owned directly or indirectly by the interested shareholder or any affiliate or associate of the interested shareholder; and
- any receipt by the interested shareholder of the benefit directly or indirectly (except proportionately as a shareholder) of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through us.

These provisions of our Articles of Incorporation do not apply to a business combination if:

- before a person became an interested shareholder, our Board of Directors approved either the business combination or the transaction in which the shareholder became an interested shareholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the shareholder becoming an interested shareholder, the interested shareholder owned at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, other than certain excluded shares;
- at or following the transaction in which the person became an interested shareholder, the business combination is approved by our Board of Directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of shareholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of our outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested shareholder;
- the shareholder was or became an interested shareholder prior to the closing of our initial public offering in 2010;
- a shareholder became an interested shareholder inadvertently and (i) as soon as practicable divested itself of ownership of sufficient shares so that the shareholder ceased to be an interested shareholder; and (ii) would not, at any time within the three-year period immediately prior to a business combination between us and such shareholder, have been an interested shareholder but for the inadvertent acquisition of ownership; or
- the business combination is proposed prior to the consummation or abandonment of and subsequent to the earlier of the public announcement or the notice required under our Articles of Incorporation which (i) constitutes one of the transactions described in the following sentence; (ii) is with or by a person who either was not an interested shareholder during the previous three years or who became an interested shareholder with the approval of the board; and (iii) is approved or not opposed by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors then in office (but not less than one) who were directors prior to any person becoming an interested shareholder during the previous three years or were recommended for election or elected to succeed such directors by a majority of such directors. The proposed transactions referred to in the preceding sentence are limited to:
 - (i) a merger or consolidation of us (except for a merger in respect of which, pursuant to the BCA, no vote of our shareholders is required);
 - (ii) a sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition (in one transaction or a series of transactions), whether as part of a dissolution or otherwise, of assets of us or of any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary of ours (other than to any direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary or to us) having an aggregate fair market value equal to 50% or more of either the aggregate fair market value of all of our assets determined on a consolidated basis or the aggregate fair market value of all the outstanding shares; or
 - (iii) a proposed tender or exchange offer for 50% or more of our outstanding voting stock.

Registrar and Transfer Agent

The registrar and transfer agent for our common shares is Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

Listing

Our common shares are listed on the NYSE under the symbol “STNG.”

C. Material Contracts

We refer you “Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees-B. Compensation-2013 Equity Incentive Plan” and “Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions-B. Related Party Transactions” for a discussion of the contracts that we consider to be both material and outside the ordinary course of business during the two-year period immediately preceding the date of this annual report. Certain of these material agreements that are to be performed in whole or in part at or after the date of this annual report are attached as exhibits to this annual report.

Other than as set forth above, there were no material contracts, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, to which we were a party during the two-year period immediately preceding the date of this annual report.

D. Exchange Controls

Under Marshall Islands law, there are currently no restrictions on the export or import of capital, including foreign exchange controls or restrictions that affect the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments to non-resident holders of our common shares.

E. Taxation

United States Federal Income Tax Considerations

In the opinion of Seward & Kissel LLP, the following are the material United States federal income tax consequences to us of our activities and to United States Holders and Non-United States Holders, each as defined below, of the ownership of common shares. The following discussion of United States federal income tax matters is based on the Code, judicial decisions, administrative pronouncements, and existing and proposed regulations issued by the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Treasury Regulations, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. The discussion below is based, in part, on the description of our business in this Report and assumes that we conduct our business as described herein. References in the following discussion to the “Company,” “we,” “our” and “us” are to Scorpio Tankers Inc. and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

United States Federal Income Taxation of Operating Income: In General

We earn and anticipate that we will continue to earn substantially all our income from the hiring or leasing of vessels for use on a time charter basis, from participation in a pool or from the performance of services directly related to those uses, all of which we refer to as Shipping Income.

Unless exempt from United States federal income taxation under the rules of Section 883 of the Code, or Section 883, as discussed below, a foreign corporation such as us will be subject to United States federal income taxation on its Shipping Income that is treated as derived from sources within the United States, which we refer to as “United States Source Shipping Income.” For United States federal income tax purposes, “United States Source Shipping Income” includes 50% of shipping income that is attributable to transportation that begins or ends, but that does not both begin and end, in the United States.

Shipping Income attributable to transportation exclusively between non-United States ports will be considered to be 100% derived from sources entirely outside the United States. Shipping Income derived from sources outside the United States will not be subject to any United States federal income tax.

Shipping Income attributable to transportation exclusively between United States ports is considered to be 100% derived from United States sources. However, we are not permitted by United States law to engage in the transportation of cargoes that produces 100% United States Source Shipping Income.

Unless exempt from tax under Section 883, our gross United States Source Shipping Income would be subject to a 4% tax imposed without allowance for deductions, as described more fully below.

Exemption of Operating Income from United States Federal Income Taxation

Under Section 883 and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, a foreign corporation will be exempt from United States federal income taxation on its United States Source Shipping Income if:

- (1) it is organized in a “qualified foreign country,” which is one that grants an “equivalent exemption” from tax to corporations organized in the United States in respect of each category of shipping income for which exemption is being claimed under Section 883; and
- (2) one of the following tests is met:
 - (A) more than 50% of the value of its shares is beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by “qualified shareholders,” which as defined includes individuals who are “residents” of a qualified foreign country, which we refer to as the “50% Ownership Test”; or
 - (B) its shares are “primarily and regularly traded on an established securities market” in a qualified foreign country or in the United States, to which we refer as the “Publicly-Traded Test”.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands, the jurisdiction where we and our ship-owning subsidiaries are incorporated, has been officially recognized by the IRS as a qualified foreign country that grants the requisite “equivalent exemption” from tax in respect of each category of shipping income we earn and currently expect to earn in the future. Therefore, we will be exempt from United States federal income taxation with respect to our United States Source Shipping Income if we satisfy either the 50% Ownership Test or the Publicly-Traded Test.

For our 2023 taxable tax year, we intend to take the position that we satisfy the Publicly-Traded Test and we anticipate that we will continue to satisfy the Publicly-Traded Test for future taxable years. However, as discussed below, this is a factual determination made on an annual basis. We do not currently anticipate a circumstance under which we would be able to satisfy the 50% Ownership Test.

Publicly-Traded Test

The Treasury Regulations under Section 883 provide, in pertinent part, that shares of a foreign corporation will be considered to be “primarily traded” on an established securities market in a country if the number of shares of each class of stock that are traded during any taxable year on all established securities markets in that country exceeds the number of shares in each such class that are traded during that year on established securities markets in any other single country. Our common shares, which constitute our sole class of issued and outstanding stock, are “primarily traded” on the NYSE.

Under the Treasury Regulations, our common shares will be considered to be “regularly traded” on an established securities market if one or more classes of our stock representing more than 50% of our outstanding stock, by both total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote and total value, are listed on such market, to which we refer as the “Listing Threshold.” Since our common shares are listed on the NYSE, we expect to satisfy the Listing Threshold.

It is further required that with respect to each class of stock relied upon to meet the Listing Threshold, (i) such class of stock is traded on the market, other than in minimal quantities, on at least 60 days during the taxable year or one-sixth of the days in a short taxable year, or the “Trading Frequency Test”; and (ii) the aggregate number of shares of such class of stock traded on such market during the taxable year is at least 10% of the average number of shares of such class of stock outstanding during such year or as appropriately adjusted in the case of a short taxable year, or the “Trading Volume Test.” We currently satisfy and anticipate that we will continue to satisfy the Trading Frequency Test and Trading Volume Test. Even if this were not the case, the Treasury Regulations provide that the Trading Frequency Test and Trading Volume Test will be deemed satisfied if, as is the case with our common shares, such class of stock is traded on an established securities market in the United States and such class of stock is regularly quoted by dealers making a market in such stock.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Treasury Regulations provide, in pertinent part, that a class of stock will not be considered to be “regularly traded” on an established securities market for any taxable year during which 50% or more of the vote and value of the outstanding shares of such class are owned, actually or constructively under specified attribution rules, on more than half the days during the taxable year by persons who each own 5% or more of the vote and value of such class of outstanding shares, to which we refer as the “5% Override Rule.”

For purposes of being able to determine the persons who actually or constructively own 5% or more of the vote and value of our common shares, or “5% Shareholders,” the Treasury Regulations permit us to rely on those persons that are identified on Schedule 13G and Schedule 13D filings with the SEC as owning 5% or more of our common shares. The Treasury Regulations further provide that an investment company which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, will not be treated as a 5% Shareholder for such purposes.

In the event the 5% Override Rule is triggered, the Treasury Regulations provide that the 5% Override Rule will nevertheless not apply if we can establish that within the group of 5% Shareholders, there are sufficient qualified shareholders for purposes of Section 883 to preclude non-qualified shareholders in such group from owning 50% or more of our common shares for more than half the number of days during the taxable year. In order to benefit from this exception to the 5% Override Rule, we must satisfy certain substantiation requirements in regard to the identity of our 5% Shareholders.

We believe that we currently satisfy the Publicly-Traded Test and intend to take this position on our United States federal income tax return for the 2023 taxable year. However, there are factual circumstances beyond our control that could cause us to lose the benefit of the Section 883 exemption. For example, if we trigger the 5% Override Rule for any future taxable year, there is no assurance that we will have sufficient qualified 5% Shareholders to preclude nonqualified 5% Shareholders from owning 50% or more of our common shares for more than half the number of days during such taxable year, or that we will be able to satisfy the substantiation requirements in regards to our 5% Shareholders.

United States Federal Income Taxation in Absence of Section 883 Exemption

If the benefits of Section 883 are unavailable, our United States source shipping income would be subject to a 4% tax imposed by Section 887 of the Code on a gross basis, without the benefit of deductions, which we refer to as the “4% Gross Basis Tax Regime,” to the extent that such income is not considered to be “effectively connected” with the conduct of a United States trade or business, as described below. Since under the sourcing rules described above, no more than 50% of our shipping income would be treated as being United States source shipping income, the maximum effective rate of United States federal income tax on our shipping income would never exceed 2% under the 4% Gross Basis Tax Regime.

To the extent our United States source shipping income is considered to be “effectively connected” with the conduct of a United States trade or business, any such “effectively connected” United States source shipping income,

net of applicable deductions, would be subject to United States federal income tax, currently imposed at a rate of 21%. In addition, we would generally be subject to the 30% “branch profits” tax on earnings effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business, as determined after allowance for certain adjustments, and on certain interest paid or deemed paid attributable to the conduct of our United States trade or business.

Our United States Source Shipping Income would be considered “effectively connected” with the conduct of a United States trade or business only if:

- we have, or are considered to have, a fixed place of business in the United States involved in the earning of United States Source Shipping Income; and
- substantially all of our United States Source Shipping Income is attributable to regularly scheduled transportation, such as the operation of a vessel that follows a published schedule with repeated sailings at regular intervals between the same points for voyages that begin or end in the United States.

We do not currently have, intend to have, or permit circumstances that would result in having, any vessel sailing to or from the United States on a regularly scheduled basis. Based on the foregoing and on the expected mode of our shipping operations and other activities, it is anticipated that none of our United States source shipping income will be “effectively connected” with the conduct of a United States trade or business.

United States Federal Income Taxation of Gain on Sale of Vessels

If we qualify for exemption from tax under Section 883 in respect of the shipping income derived from the international operation of our vessels, then a gain from the sale of any such vessel should likewise be exempt from United States federal income tax under Section 883. If, however, our shipping income from such vessels does not for whatever reason qualify for exemption under Section 883, then any gain on the sale of a vessel will be subject to United States federal income tax if such sale occurs in the United States. To the extent possible, we intend to structure the sales of our vessels so that the gain therefrom is not subject to United States federal income tax. However, there is no assurance we will be able to do so.

United States Federal Income Taxation of United States Holders

The following is a discussion of the material United States federal income tax considerations relevant to an investment decision by a United States Holder, as defined below, with respect to our common shares. This discussion does not purport to deal with the tax consequences of owning common shares to all categories of investors, some of which may be subject to special rules. This discussion only addresses considerations relevant to those United States Holders who hold the common shares as capital assets, that is, generally for investment purposes. You are encouraged to consult your own tax advisors concerning the overall tax consequences arising in your own particular situation under United States federal, state, local or foreign law of the ownership of common shares.

As used herein, the term United States Holder means a beneficial owner of common shares that is an individual United States citizen or resident, a United States corporation or other United States entity taxable as a corporation, an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source, or a trust if (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary jurisdiction over the administration of the trust and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) it has in place an election to be treated as a United States person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If a partnership holds our common shares, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and upon the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner in a partnership holding common shares, you are encouraged to consult your tax advisor.

Distributions

Subject to the discussion of passive foreign investment companies below, any distributions made by us with respect to our common shares to a United States Holder will generally constitute dividends to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under United States federal income tax principles. Distributions in excess of such earnings and profits will be treated first as a nontaxable return of capital to the extent of the United States Holder's tax basis in his common shares on a dollar-for-dollar basis and thereafter as capital gain. Because we are not a United States corporation, United States Holders that are corporations will generally not be entitled to claim a dividends received deduction with respect to any distributions they receive from us. Dividends paid with respect to our common shares will generally be treated as "passive category income" for purposes of computing allowable foreign tax credits for United States foreign tax credit purposes.

Dividends paid on our common shares to a United States Holder who is an individual, trust or estate, or a United States Non-Corporate Holder, will generally be treated as "qualified dividend income" that is taxable to such United States Non-Corporate Holder at preferential tax rates provided that (1) the common shares are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States (such as the NYSE, on which our common shares are traded); (2) we are not a passive foreign investment company for the taxable year during which the dividend is paid or the immediately preceding taxable year (which, as discussed below, we believe we have not been, we believe we are not and do not anticipate being in the future); (3) the United States Non-Corporate Holder has owned the common shares for more than 60 days in the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the date on which the common shares become ex-dividend; and (4) the United States Non-Corporate Holder is not under an obligation to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property. Any distributions out of earnings and profits we pay which are not eligible for these preferential rates will be taxed as ordinary income to a United States Non-Corporate Holder.

Special rules may apply to any "extraordinary dividend"—generally, a dividend in an amount which is equal to or in excess of 10% of a shareholder's adjusted tax basis (or fair market value in certain circumstances) or dividends received within a one-year period that, in the aggregate, equal or exceed 20% of a shareholder's adjusted tax basis (or fair market value upon the shareholder's election) in his common shares—paid by us. If we pay an "extraordinary dividend" on our common shares that is treated as "qualified dividend income," then any loss derived by a United States Non-Corporate Holder from the sale or exchange of such common shares will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of such dividend.

Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Common Shares

Assuming we do not constitute a passive foreign investment company for any taxable year, a United States Holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss upon a sale, exchange or other disposition of our common shares in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized by the United States Holder from such sale, exchange or other disposition and the United States Holder's tax basis in such shares. Such gain or loss will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the United States Holder's holding period is greater than one year at the time of the sale, exchange or other disposition. Such capital gain or loss will generally be treated as United States source income or loss, as applicable, for United States foreign tax credit purposes. Long-term capital gains of United States Non-Corporate Holders are currently eligible for reduced rates of taxation. A United States Holder's ability to deduct capital losses is subject to certain limitations.

Passive Foreign Investment Company Status and Significant Tax Consequences

Special United States federal income tax rules apply to a United States Holder that holds shares in a foreign corporation classified as a "passive foreign investment company", or a PFIC, for United States federal income tax purposes. In general, we will be treated as a PFIC with respect to a United States Holder if, for any taxable year in which such Holder holds our common shares, either:

- at least 75% of our gross income for such taxable year consists of passive income (e.g., dividends, interest, capital gains and rents derived other than in the active conduct of a rental business); or
- at least 50% of the average value of our assets during such taxable year produce, or are held for the production of, passive income.

For purposes of determining whether we are a PFIC, we will be treated as earning and owning our proportionate share of the income and assets, respectively, of any of our subsidiary corporations in which we own at least 25% of the value of the subsidiary's stock. Income earned, or deemed earned, by us in connection with the performance of services would not constitute passive income. By contrast, rental income would generally constitute "passive income" unless we were treated under specific rules as deriving our rental income in the active conduct of a trade or business.

Based on our current operations and future projections, we do not believe that we have been, are, nor do we expect to become, a PFIC with respect to any taxable year. Although there is no legal authority directly on point, our belief is based principally on the position that, for purposes of determining whether we are a PFIC, the gross income we derive or are deemed to derive from the time chartering and voyage chartering activities of our wholly-owned subsidiaries should constitute services income, rather than rental income. Accordingly, such income should not constitute passive income, and the assets that we own and operate in connection with the production of such income, in particular, the vessels, should not constitute assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income for purposes of determining whether we are a PFIC. Therefore, based on our current operations and future projections, we should not be treated as a PFIC with respect to any taxable year. There is substantial legal authority supporting this position, consisting of case law and IRS pronouncements concerning the characterization of income derived from time charters and voyage charters as services income for other tax purposes. However, there is also authority that characterizes time charter income as rental income rather than services income for other tax purposes. It should be noted that in the absence of any legal authority specifically relating to the statutory provisions governing PFICs, the IRS or a court could disagree with our position. Furthermore, although we intend to conduct our affairs in a manner to avoid being classified as a PFIC with respect to any taxable year, we cannot assure you that the nature of our operations will not change in the future.

As discussed more fully below, if we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, a United States Holder would be subject to different United States federal income taxation rules depending on whether the United States Holder makes an election to treat us as a “Qualified Electing Fund,” which election we refer to as a “QEF election.” As an alternative to making a QEF election, a United States Holder should be able to make a “mark-to-market” election with respect to our common shares, as discussed below. In addition, if we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, a United States Holder will generally be required to file an annual report with the IRS for that year with respect to such Holder’s common shares.

Taxation of United States Holders Making a Timely QEF Election

If a United States Holder makes a timely QEF election, which United States Holder we refer to as an Electing Holder, the Electing Holder must report for United States federal income tax purposes his pro rata share of our ordinary earnings and net capital gain, if any, for each of our taxable years during which we are a PFIC that ends with or within the taxable year of the Electing Holder, regardless of whether distributions were received from us by the Electing Holder. No portion of any such inclusions of ordinary earnings will be treated as “qualified dividend income.” Net capital gain inclusions of United States Non-Corporate Holders would be eligible for preferential capital gain tax rates. The Electing Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the common shares will be increased to reflect taxed but undistributed earnings and profits. Distributions of earnings and profits that had been previously taxed will result in a corresponding reduction in the adjusted tax basis in the common shares and will not be taxed again once distributed. An Electing Holder would not, however, be entitled to a deduction for its pro rata share of any losses that we incur with respect to any taxable year. An Electing Holder would generally recognize capital gain or loss on the sale, exchange or other disposition of our common shares. A United States Holder would make a timely QEF election for our shares by filing one copy of IRS Form 8621 with his United States federal income tax return for the first year in which he held such shares when we were a PFIC. If we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, we would provide each United States Holder with all necessary information in order to make the QEF election described above.

Taxation of United States Holders Making a “Mark-to-Market” Election

Alternatively, if we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year and, as we anticipate will be the case, our common shares are treated as “marketable stock,” a United States Holder would be allowed to make a “mark-to-market” election with respect to our common shares, provided the United States Holder completes and files IRS Form 8621 in accordance with the relevant instructions and related Treasury Regulations. If that election is made, the United States Holder generally would include as ordinary income in each taxable year the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the common shares at the end of the taxable year over such Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the common shares. The United States Holder would also be permitted an ordinary loss in respect of the excess, if any, of the United States Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the common shares over its fair market value at the end of the taxable year, but only to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the mark-to-market election. A United States Holder’s tax basis in his common shares would be adjusted to reflect any such income or loss amount. Gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of our common shares would be treated as ordinary income, and any loss realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of the common shares would be treated as ordinary loss to the extent that such loss does not exceed the net mark-to-market gains previously included by the United States Holder.

Taxation of United States Holders Not Making a Timely QEF or Mark-to-Market Election

Finally, if we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, a United States Holder who does not make either a QEF election or a “mark-to-market” election for that year, whom we refer to as a Non-Electing Holder, would be subject to special rules with respect to (1) any excess distribution (i.e., the portion of any distributions received by the Non-Electing Holder on the common shares in a taxable year in excess of 125% of the average annual distributions received by the Non-Electing Holder in the three preceding taxable years, or, if shorter, the Non-Electing Holder’s holding period for the common shares), and (2) any gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of our common shares. Under these special rules:

- the excess distribution or gain would be allocated ratably over the Non-Electing Holder’s aggregate holding period for the common shares;
- the amount allocated to the current taxable year, and any taxable year prior to the first taxable year in which we were a PFIC, would be taxed as ordinary income and would not be “qualified dividend income”; and
- the amount allocated to each of the other taxable years would be subject to tax at the highest rate of tax in effect for the applicable class of taxpayer for that year, and an interest charge for the deemed tax deferral benefit would be imposed with respect to the resulting tax attributable to each such other taxable year.

United States Federal Income Taxation of Non-United States Holders

A beneficial owner of common shares (other than a partnership) that is not a United States Holder is referred to herein as a Non-United States Holder.

If a partnership holds common shares, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and upon the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner in a partnership holding common shares, you are encouraged to consult your tax advisor.

Dividends on Common Stock

A Non-United States Holder generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax or withholding tax on dividends received from us with respect to his common shares, unless that income is effectively connected with the Non-United States Holder’s conduct of a trade or business in the United States. If the Non-United States Holder is entitled to the benefits of a United States income tax treaty with respect to those dividends, that income is subject to United States federal income tax only if it is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-United States Holder in the United States.

Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Common Shares

Non-United States Holders generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax or withholding tax on any gain realized upon the sale, exchange or other disposition of our common shares, unless:

- the gain is effectively connected with the Non-United States Holder’s conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if the Non-United States Holder is entitled to the benefits of a United States income tax treaty with respect to that gain, that gain is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-United States Holder in the United States); or
- the Non-United States Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year of disposition and other conditions are met.

If the Non-United States Holder is engaged in a United States trade or business for United States federal income tax purposes, dividends on the common shares, and gains from the sale, exchange or other disposition of such shares, that are effectively connected with the conduct of that trade or business will generally be subject to regular United States federal income tax in the same manner as discussed in the previous section relating to the taxation of United States Holders. In addition, if you are a corporate Non-United States Holder, your earnings and profits that are attributable to the effectively connected income, subject to certain adjustments, may be subject to an additional “branch profits” tax at a rate of 30%, or at a lower rate as may be specified by an applicable United States income tax treaty.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

In general, dividend payments, or other taxable distributions, made within the United States to you will be subject to information reporting requirements if you are a non-corporate United States Holder. Such payments or distributions may also be subject to backup withholding if you are a non-corporate United States Holder and you:

- fail to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number;
- are notified by the IRS that you have failed to report all interest or dividends required to be shown on your United States federal income tax returns; or

- in certain circumstances, fail to comply with applicable certification requirements.

Non-United States Holders may be required to establish their exemption from information reporting and backup withholding by certifying their status on an appropriate IRS Form W-8.

If you are a Non-United States Holder and you sell your common shares to or through a United States office of a broker, the payment of the proceeds is subject to both United States backup withholding and information reporting unless you certify that you are a non-United States person, under penalties of perjury, or you otherwise establish an exemption. If you sell your common shares through a non-United States office of a non-United States broker and the sales proceeds are paid to you outside the United States, then information reporting and backup withholding generally will not apply to that payment. However, United States information reporting requirements, but not backup withholding, will apply to a payment of sales proceeds, even if that payment is made to you outside the United States, if you sell your common shares through a non-United States office of a broker that is a United States person or has some other contacts with the United States. Such information reporting requirements will not apply, however, if the broker has documentary evidence in its records that you are a non-United States person and certain other conditions are met, or you otherwise establish an exemption.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, you generally may obtain a refund of any amounts withheld under backup withholding rules that exceed your United States federal income tax liability by filing a refund claim with the IRS.

Individuals who are United States Holders (and to the extent specified in applicable Treasury Regulations, certain individuals who are Non-United States Holders and certain United States entities) who hold “specified foreign financial assets” (as defined in Section 6038D of the Code) are required to file IRS Form 8938 with information relating to the asset for each taxable year in which the aggregate value of all such assets exceeds \$75,000 at any time during the taxable year or \$50,000 on the last day of the taxable year (or such higher dollar amount as prescribed by applicable Treasury regulations). Specified foreign financial assets would include, among other assets, our common shares, unless the shares are held through an account maintained with a United States financial institution. Substantial penalties apply to any failure to timely file IRS Form 8938, unless the failure is shown to be due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect. Additionally, in the event an individual United States Holder (and to the extent specified in applicable Treasury Regulations, an individual Non-United States Holder or a United States entity) that is required to file IRS Form 8938 does not file such form, the statute of limitations on the assessment and collection of United States federal income taxes of such holder for the related tax year may not close until three years after the date that the required IRS Form 8938 is filed. United States Holders (including United States entities) and Non-United States Holders are encouraged to consult their own tax advisors regarding their reporting obligations under this legislation.

Changes in Global Tax Laws

Long-standing international tax initiatives that determine each country’s jurisdiction to tax cross-border international trade and profits are evolving as a result of, among other things, initiatives such as the Anti-Tax Avoidance Directives, as well as the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting reporting requirements, mandated and/or recommended by the EU, G8, G20 and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, including the imposition of a minimum global effective tax rate for multinational businesses regardless of the jurisdiction of operation and where profits are generated (Pillar Two). As these and other tax laws and related regulations change (including changes in the interpretation, approach and guidance of tax authorities), our financial results could be materially impacted. Given the unpredictability of these possible changes and their potential interdependency, it is difficult to assess whether the overall effect of such potential tax changes on our earnings and cash flow, but such changes could adversely affect our financial results.

On December 12, 2022, the European Union member states agreed to implement the OECD’s Pillar Two global corporate minimum tax rate of 15% on companies with revenues of at least €750 million effective from 2024. Various countries have either adopted implementing legislation or are in the process of drafting such legislation. Any new tax law in a jurisdiction where we conduct business or pay tax could have a negative effect on our company.

We are incorporated in the Marshall Islands, and also have subsidiaries or local branches in Monaco, the United States, and Singapore. As of the date of this report, Singapore is the only jurisdiction in which we have a presence that has announced its intention to adopt components of the Pillar Two tax rules into legislation for financial years commencing on or after January 1, 2025, namely the Income Inclusion Rule (IIR) and the Domestic Top-up Tax (DTT). We do not expect that the adoption of this legislation will subject us to material income taxes in this or any other jurisdiction in which we operate.

F. Dividends and Paying Agents

Not applicable.

G. Statement by Experts

Not applicable.

H. Documents on Display

We file reports and other information with the SEC. These materials, including this annual report and the accompanying exhibits are available from <http://www.sec.gov>.

Shareholders may also visit the Investor Relations section of our website at www.scorpiotankers.com or request a copy of our filings at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address: Scorpio Tankers Inc., L'Exotique, 99 Boulevard du Jardin Exotique, Monaco 98000, +377-9798-5716. The information included on or accessible through our website is not incorporated by reference into this annual report.

I. Subsidiary Information

Not applicable.

J. Annual Report to Security Holders

We intend to submit any annual report provided to security holders in electronic format as an exhibit to a current report on Form 6-K.

ITEM 11. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to the impact of interest rate changes primarily through our unhedged variable-rate borrowings. Significant increases in interest rates could adversely affect our operating margins, results of operations and our ability to service our debt. From time to time, we will use interest rate swaps to reduce our exposure to market risk from changes in interest rates. The principal objective of these contracts is to minimize the risks and costs associated with our variable-rate debt and are not for speculative or trading purposes.

Based on the floating rate debt at December 31, 2023 and 2022, a one-percentage point increase in the floating interest rate would increase interest expense by \$15.3 million and \$18.1 million per year, respectively. The following table presents the due dates for the principal payments on our fixed and floating rate debt:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	As of December 31,			
	2024	2025 - 2026	2027- 2028	Thereafter
Principal payments floating rate debt (unhedged)	\$ 411,908	\$ 382,561	\$ 634,977	\$ 96,786
Principal payments fixed rate debt	21,653	70,571	—	—
Total principal payments on outstanding debt	\$ 433,561	\$ 453,132	\$ 634,977	\$ 96,786

Spot Market Rate Risk

The cyclical nature of the tanker industry causes significant increases or decreases in the revenue that we earn from our vessels, particularly those vessels that operate in the spot market or participate in pools that are concentrated in the spot market such as the Scorpio Pools. Additionally, we have the ability to remove our vessels from the pools on relatively short notice if attractive time charter opportunities arise. A \$1,000 per day increase or decrease in spot rates for all of our vessel classes would have increased or decreased our operating income by \$35.3 million and \$40.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

Our primary economic environment is the international shipping market. This market utilizes the US dollar as its functional currency. Consequently, virtually all of our revenues and the majority of our operating expenses are in US dollars. However, we incur some of our combined expenses in other currencies, particularly the Euro. The amount and frequency of some of these expenses (such as vessel repairs, supplies and stores) may fluctuate from period to period. Depreciation in the value of the US dollar relative to other currencies will increase the US dollar cost of us paying such expenses. The portion of our business conducted in other currencies could increase in the future, which could expand our exposure to losses arising from currency fluctuations.

There is a risk that currency fluctuations will have a negative effect on our cash flows. We have not entered into any hedging contracts to protect against currency fluctuations. However, we have some ability to shift the purchase of goods and services from one country to another and, thus, from one currency to another, on relatively short notice. We may seek to hedge this currency fluctuation risk in the future.

Bunker Price Risk

Our operating results are affected by movement in the price of fuel oil consumed by the vessels – known in the industry as bunkers. The price and supply of fuel is unpredictable and fluctuates based on events outside our control, including geopolitical developments, supply and demand for oil and gas, actions by OPEC and other oil and gas producers, war and unrest in oil producing countries and regions, regional production patterns and environmental concerns. Further, fuel may become much more expensive in the future, which may reduce our profitability. We do not hedge our exposure to bunker price risk.

Inflation

We do not expect inflation to be a significant risk to direct expenses in the current and foreseeable economic environment.

See Note 22 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for additional information.

ITEM 12. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES OTHER THAN EQUITY SECURITIES

Not applicable.

PART II

ITEM 13. DEFAULTS, DIVIDEND ARREARAGES AND DELINQUENCIES

None.

ITEM 14. MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None.

ITEM 15. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

A. Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We carried out an evaluation under the supervision, and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) as of December 31, 2023. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2023 to provide reasonable assurance that (1) information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and (2) that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

There are inherent limitations to the effectiveness of any system of disclosure controls and procedures, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of the controls and procedures. Accordingly, even effective disclosure controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives.

B. Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In accordance with Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act, the management of the Company is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of adequate internal controls over financial reporting for the Company. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's system of internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements. Management has performed an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023 based on the provisions of *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, or COSO. Based on our assessment, management determined that the Company's internal controls over financial reporting were effective as of December 31, 2023 based on the criteria in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by COSO.

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, at December 31, 2023, has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which appears herein.

C. Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, at December 31, 2023, has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which appears herein.

D. Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in internal control over financial reporting (as defined by Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2023 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 16A. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

Our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Reidar Brekke, who serves on the Audit Committee, qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" and that he is "independent" in accordance with SEC rules.

ITEM 16B. CODE OF ETHICS

We have adopted a Code of Conduct and Ethics applicable to the Company's officers, directors, employees and agents, which complies with applicable guidelines issued by the SEC. Our Code of Conduct and Ethics as in effect on the date hereof, has been filed as an exhibit to this annual report and is also available on our website at www.scorpiotankers.com. The information included on or accessible through our website is not incorporated by reference into this annual report.

ITEM 16C. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

(a) Audit Fees

Our principal accountant for fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit and the audit fee for those periods was \$973,500 and \$745,400, respectively.

Our principal accountant, PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit, or its affiliates, provided additional services related to the reviews of our published interim financial results. The aggregate fees for these services were \$37,000 and \$67,000 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

(b) Audit-Related Fees

None

(c) Tax Fees

None

(d) All Other Fees

None

(e) Audit Committee's Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

Our Audit Committee pre-approves all audit, audit-related and non-audit services not prohibited by law to be performed by our independent auditors and associated fees prior to the engagement of the independent auditor with respect to such services.

(f) Audit Work Performed by Other Than Principal Accountant if Greater Than 50%

Not applicable.

ITEM 16D. EXEMPTIONS FROM LISTING STANDARDS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEES

Not applicable.

ITEM 16E. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS

Month	Total number of shares purchased	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced program	Maximum amount that may yet be expected on share repurchases under program
January	1,891,303	\$ 50.27	1,891,303	\$ 114,182,233
March	792,307	\$ 54.41	792,307	\$ 206,888,226
April	931,158	\$ 54.34	931,158	\$ 156,291,883
May	3,699,336	\$ 47.54	3,699,336	\$ 250,000,000
June	756,576	\$ 45.33	756,576	\$ 215,705,883
July	506,254	\$ 43.69	506,254	\$ 193,586,531
August	1,004,386	\$ 49.67	1,004,386	\$ 143,696,559
September	137,715	\$ 48.59	137,715	\$ 137,005,324
October	241,288	\$ 49.88	241,288	\$ 124,970,209
November	—	\$ —	—	\$ 250,000,000
Total	9,960,323	\$ 49.16	9,960,323	

2020 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program

In May and July 2022, we repurchased \$10.8 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, in aggregate principal amount of our Convertible Notes Due 2025 in the open market for \$12.6 million and \$1.7 million. Additionally, from January 2022 through October 2022, we repurchased an aggregate of 3,120,341 of our common shares at an average price of \$38.66 per share. These repurchases include the repurchase of 1,293,661 of our common shares from Eneti Inc., a former related party, for \$38.65 per share and 1,826,680 common shares in the open market for an average price of \$38.66 per share. These shares were purchased under the 2020 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program.

2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program

In October 2022, our Board of Directors authorized a new securities repurchase program to purchase up to an aggregate of \$250 million of securities, which, in addition to our common shares, consisted of our Senior Notes Due 2025 (NYSE: SBBA), and Convertible Notes Due 2025 at the date of authorization. The 2020 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program was terminated upon the authorization of the 2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program.

In December 2022, we repurchased 789,532 of our common shares in the open market at an average price of \$51.61 per share under the 2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program. From January 1, 2023 through February 15, 2023, we repurchased an aggregate of 1,891,303 of our common shares in the open market at an average price of \$50.27 per share under the 2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program.

2023 Securities Repurchase Program

On February 15, 2023, our Board of Directors authorized a new securities repurchase program to purchase up to an aggregate of \$250 million of securities which, in addition to our common shares, consisted of our Senior Notes Due 2025 (NYSE: SBBA) at the date of authorization.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we repurchased an aggregate of 8,069,020 common shares at an average price of \$48.90 per share under the 2023 Securities Repurchase Program.

On each of May 1, 2023, May 31, 2023, and November 9, 2023, the Board of Directors authorized resetting the amount available to repurchase the Company's securities under the 2023 Securities Repurchase Program up to an aggregate of \$250 million.

We had \$250 million remaining under our 2023 Securities Repurchase Program as of December 31, 2023. We expect to repurchase any securities in the open market, at times and prices that are considered to be appropriate, but we are not obligated under the terms of the program to repurchase any securities.

There were 21,389,520 and 11,429,197 common shares held in treasury at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

ITEM 16F. CHANGE IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

None.

ITEM 16G. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Pursuant to an exception for foreign private issuers, we, as a Marshall Islands company, are not required to comply with the corporate governance practices followed by U.S. companies under the NYSE listing standards. We believe that our established practices in the area of corporate governance are in line with the spirit of the NYSE standards and provide adequate protection to our shareholders. In this respect, we have voluntarily adopted NYSE required practices, such as (i) having a majority of independent directors, (ii) establishing audit, compensation and nominating committees and (iii) adopting a Code of Ethics.

There are two significant differences between our corporate governance practices and the practices required by the NYSE. The NYSE requires that non-management directors meet regularly in executive sessions without management. The NYSE also requires that all independent directors meet in an executive session at least once a year. Marshall Islands law and our Bylaws do not require our non-management directors to regularly hold executive sessions without management. During 2023 and through the date of this annual report, our non-management directors met in executive session three times. The NYSE requires companies to adopt and disclose corporate governance guidelines. The guidelines must address, among other things: director qualification standards, director responsibilities, director access to management and independent advisers, director compensation, director orientation and continuing education, management succession and an annual performance evaluation. We are not required to adopt such guidelines under Marshall Islands law and we have not adopted such guidelines.

ITEM 16H. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

ITEM 16I. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS

Not applicable.

ITEM 16J. INSIDER TRADING POLICIES

Our Board of Directors has adopted an insider trading policy governing the purchase, sale and other dispositions of our securities by our directors, executive officers and employees.

ITEM 16K. CYBERSECURITY

Risk Management and Strategy

The Company, through SSH as its administrator, maintains a cybersecurity team with dedicated personnel and resources to prevent, detect, and respond to cyberattacks. Our focus is to reduce the risk of occurrences of attacks by utilizing available technologies to establish and maintain detection capabilities for new and emerging threats and to contain threats in the event of a successful cyberattack. These cybersecurity services are provided to us under the Amended Administrative Services Agreement with SSH, pursuant to which SSH acts as administrator of information technology services, which maintains an information technology department (the "IT Department") of over 40 employees that carry out cybersecurity policies and procedures for the Company.

The IT Department's cybersecurity team regularly reviews, amends or adopts policies and processes to identify and contain cybersecurity threats, including but not limited to the following areas:

- Information technology and proper usage of resources
- Patch Management
- Network Security
- Application Security
- Systems Security
- Cryptography

The governance procedures of the IT Department are built in accordance with known standards and frameworks, such as ISO, NIST, and OWASP, among others.

Our public attack surface and internet-based services are monitored regularly, which is reinforced by regular invasive tests and attack simulations. Further, SSH performs manual and automated internal audits and engages and oversees external third party consultants to perform audits of its cybersecurity activities (e.g. vulnerability exercises, configuration audits). The objective of these efforts is to promote effective compliance with our governance policies and to detect deviations in cybersecurity policies as early as possible to allow timely remediation.

The Company, through SSH as its administrator, has built a cybersecurity operation center for the IT Department supported by dedicated tools and personnel for the purpose of detecting and responding to cybersecurity threats and attacks and implementing incident responses. The IT Department evaluates the cybersecurity policies and strategies of third parties to protect the Company's interests. A vendor assessment process is also used to ensure a vendor's digital footprint matches our requirements.

Governance and Communication to the Board

The Chief Information Officer, supported by the Information Security Officer, (both of whom are employees of SSH), are responsible for the oversight of the Company's cybersecurity strategy. The Chief Information Officer reports to the Company's Chief Operating Officer who has the overall risk ownership and accountability to control such risks. Our Chief Operating Officer formulates cybersecurity strategies and drives initiatives, and together with the Chief Information Officer, set targets, develop policies and procedures to mitigate the cybersecurity risks, and execute our cybersecurity efforts.

Furthermore, the IT Department collects key performance indicators ("KPIs") which are reported to the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer on a monthly basis. These KPIs include the public attack surface score and the infrastructure vulnerability index.

The cybersecurity team is part of Scorpio's Cyber-Security Committee, which is made up of Scorpio's ship management security officers and selected representatives from all corporate departments within Scorpio. The Cybersecurity Committee meets monthly to discuss main threats to information technology (including those systems related to our vessels), coordinates vessel drills and aligns on the various cybersecurity initiatives conducted through the year.

The Chief Information Officer and Chief Operating Officer provide reports to the Company's Audit Committee, which ultimately oversees cybersecurity risks and initiatives, on at least a quarterly basis. These reports summarize any material cybersecurity incidents, updates on the Company's cybersecurity strategy, and any recent actions taken.

Management's cyber security experience

The Chief Information Officer has more than 20 years of experience in IT management and has held the role of Chief Information Officer with Scorpio for 7 years with enterprise responsibility for information security. The Information Security Officer has extensive experience of more than 7 years in Information Security and cybersecurity and has the following certifications:

- ISACA CISM Certified Security Information Manager
- ISC2 CISSP Certified Information Systems Security Professional
- EC-Council CCISO Certified Chief Security Information Officer
- PECB ISO27001 Lead Implementer and Lead Auditor
- EC-Council (CEH) Certified Ethical Hacker, (CIH) Certified Incident Handler, (CHFI) Computer Hacking Forensics Investigator, (CSA) Certified SOC Analyst

The Chief Operating Officer has extensive experience in senior positions in the shipping industry for over 30 years and from overseeing the Company's information technology and enterprise risk management for more than 14 years. As Chief Operating Officer and a member of the Board of Directors, he has had the overall managerial responsibility for the Company's information security, and he has been closely involved in designing our risk management policies and procedures.

Cybersecurity Threats

For the year ended December 31, 2023 and through the date of this annual report, we are not aware of any material risks from cybersecurity threats that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company, including our business strategy, results of operations or financial condition. Please also see Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors— *"Breakdowns in our information technology, including as a result of cyberattacks, may negatively impact our business, including our ability to service customers, and may have a material adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position."*

PART III

ITEM 17. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

See “Item 18. Financial Statements.”

ITEM 18. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial information required by this Item is set forth beginning on page F-1 and is filed as part of this annual report.

ITEM 19. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
1.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company (1)
1.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (3)
1.3	Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company (8)
1.4	Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company (11)
2.1	Form of Stock Certificate (11)
2.2	Form of Senior Debt Securities Indenture (4)
2.3	Form of Subordinated Debt Securities Indenture (4)
2.4	Base Indenture, dated May 12, 2014, by and between the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company (7)
2.5	Description of Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act (13)
2.6	Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated May 29 2020, by and between the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee, relating to the Company's 7.00% Senior Notes due 2025 (12)
4.1	2013 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan (6)
4.2	Administrative Services Agreement between the Company and Liberty Holding Company Ltd. (2)
4.2(a)	Deed of Amendment between the Company, SSH, SCM and SSM dated September 29, 2016 (9)
4.3	Master Agreement between the Company, SSM and SCM dated January 24, 2013 (5)
4.3(a)	Amended and Restated Master Agreement between the Company, SSM and SCM dated November 15, 2016 (9)
4.3(b)	Amended and Restated Master Agreement between the Company, SSM and SCM dated February 21, 2018 (10)
4.3(c)	Amended and Restated Master Agreement between the Company, SSM and SCM dated March 21, 2024
8.1	Subsidiaries of the Company
10.1	Professional Services Agreement between the Company and Geoserve Energy Transport DMCC, dated March 11, 2024
11.1	Code of Conduct and Ethics (10)
11.2	Whistleblower Policy (6)
11.3	Whistleblower Policy - Environmental (6)
12.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer
12.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer
13.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
13.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
15.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
15.2	Consent of Drewry Maritime Services (Asia) Pte Ltd.
15.3	Consent of Seward & Kissel LLP
97.1	Policy Regarding the Recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation
101	Inline Interactive Data Files
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)
(1)	Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Amended Registration Statement on Form F-1/A (Amendment No. 1) (File No. 333-164940) on March 10, 2010, and incorporated by reference herein.
(2)	Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Amended Registration Statement on Form F-1/A (Amendment No. 2) (File No. 333-164940) on March 18, 2010, and incorporated by reference herein.
(3)	Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Annual Report filed on Form 20-F on June 29, 2010, and incorporated by reference herein.
(4)	Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-173929) on May 4, 2011, and incorporated by reference herein.

- (5) Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F on March 29, 2013, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (6) Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F on March 31, 2014, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (7) Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Report on Form 6-K on May 13, 2014, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (8) Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F on March 31, 2015, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (9) Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F on March 16, 2017, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (10) Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F on March 23, 2018, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (11) Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Report on Form 6-K on January 18, 2019, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (12) Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Report on Form 6-K on May 29, 2020, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (13) Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F on March 31, 2021, and incorporated by reference herein.

SIGNATURES

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

Dated: March 22, 2024

Scorpio Tankers Inc.
(Registrant)

/s/ Emanuele Lauro
Emanuele Lauro
Chief Executive Officer

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Scorpio Tankers Inc.

Opinions on the Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Scorpio Tankers Inc. and its subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareholders’ equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statements”). We also have audited the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023 in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the COSO.

Basis for Opinions

The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 15B. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the Company’s consolidated financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud, and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

A company’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Critical Audit Matters

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (i) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (ii) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Identification of vessels and related drydock costs that might be impaired

As described in Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements, as of December 31, 2023, the net book value of vessels and drydock costs was \$3,578 million. As further described in Notes 1 and 7, management reviews the carrying amount of vessels and related drydock costs at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication of impairment exists, the recoverable amount of the vessels and related drydock costs is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). As part of this evaluation, management considered both internal and external indicators of potential impairment in accordance with IAS 36, *Impairment of assets*, including changes in the technological, market, economic, or legal environments in which the Company operates, changes in forecasted charter rates, and movements in external broker valuations. Management also assessed whether any evidence suggests potential obsolescence of or physical damage to their vessels, whether the Company has any plans to dispose of a vessel before the end of its estimated useful life, and whether any evidence suggests that the economic performance of a vessel was, or may become, worse than expected. Management determined that there were no indications of impairment on any of the vessels as of December 31, 2023.

The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to identification of vessels and related drydock costs that might be impaired is a critical audit matter are (i) the significant judgment by management in evaluating whether any indication of impairment exists; and (ii) a high degree of auditor judgment and effort in performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence related to management's identification of indicators of impairment.

Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. These procedures included testing the effectiveness of controls relating to management's identification of indicators of impairment. These procedures also included evaluating management's assessment if any indication of impairment exists considering external and internal sources of information, including, among others: i) identifying any indications of decline in the vessels' values by obtaining and reviewing external broker valuations for the Company's vessels and assessed the reasonableness of these valuations by independently evaluating newbuilding prices as well as recent purchase and sale activity (including those of the Company) for second-hand vessels with similar characteristics, such as type and size; ii) evaluating if any significant adverse changes have taken place in the economic environment that the Company operates or in its markets. This consisted of reviewing the estimated daily charter rates projected by management with third party analysts' reports for tanker vessels with similar characteristics; iii) evaluating the evolution of interest rates during the period by reviewing recent financing activities by the Company and current trends in market interest rates; and iv) assessing the reasonableness of the vessels' performance by reviewing recent and projected utilization rates of the Company. We also assessed the adequacy of the disclosures on vessels indicators of impairment in Notes 1 and 7 in the consolidated financial statements.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit

Neuilly-sur-Seine, France

March 22, 2024

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2013.

Scorpio Tankers Inc. and Subsidiaries
**Consolidated Balance Sheets
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

In thousands of U.S. dollars	Notes	As of	
		December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	\$ 355,551	\$ 376,870
Accounts receivable	4	203,500	276,700
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3	10,213	18,159
Inventories		7,816	15,620
Total current assets		577,080	687,349
Non-current assets			
Vessels and drydock	5	3,577,935	3,089,254
Right of use assets for vessels	6	—	689,826
Other assets	8	65,440	83,754
Goodwill	7	8,197	8,197
Restricted cash	9	—	783
Total non-current assets		3,651,572	3,871,814
Total assets		\$ 4,228,652	\$ 4,559,163
Current liabilities			
Current portion of long-term bank debt	12	220,965	31,504
Sale and leaseback liability	12	206,757	269,145
IFRS 16 - lease liability	6	—	52,346
Accounts payable	10	10,004	28,748
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	11	72,678	91,508
Total current liabilities		510,404	473,251
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term bank debt and bonds	12	939,188	264,106
Sale and leaseback liability	12	221,380	871,469
IFRS 16 - lease liability	6	—	443,529
Other long-term liabilities		3,974	—
Total non-current liabilities		1,164,542	1,579,104
Total liabilities		1,674,946	2,052,355
Shareholders' equity			
Issued, authorized and fully paid-in share capital:			
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share; 150,000,000 and 150,000,000 shares authorized; 53,107,765 and 61,262,838 outstanding shares as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.	14	745	727
Additional paid-in capital	14	3,097,054	3,049,732
Treasury shares	14	(1,131,225)	(641,545)
Retained earnings	14	587,132	97,894
Total shareholders' equity		2,553,706	2,506,808
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		\$ 4,228,652	\$ 4,559,163

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Scorpio Tankers Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Operations
For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021

		For the year ended December 31,		
<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars except per share and share data</i>	Notes	2023	2022	2021
Revenue				
Vessel revenue	16	\$ 1,341,222	\$ 1,562,873	\$ 540,786
Operating expenses				
Vessel operating costs	17	(315,582)	(323,725)	(334,840)
Voyage expenses	16	(13,243)	(92,698)	(3,455)
Depreciation - vessels and drydock	5	(178,259)	(168,008)	(197,467)
Depreciation - right of use assets for vessels	6	(24,244)	(38,827)	(42,786)
Reversal of previously recorded impairment	7	—	12,708	—
Write-off of deposits on scrubbers	8	(10,508)	—	—
General and administrative expenses	18	(106,255)	(88,131)	(52,746)
Net gain / (loss) on sales of vessels	5	12,019	(66,486)	—
Total operating expenses		(636,072)	(765,167)	(631,294)
Operating income / (loss)		705,150	797,706	(90,508)
Other (expense) and income, net				
Financial expenses	19	(183,231)	(169,795)	(144,104)
Gain / (loss) on repurchase/exchange of convertible notes	12	—	481	(5,504)
Financial income		19,112	6,884	3,623
Other income, net		5,867	1,975	2,058
Total other expense, net		(158,252)	(160,455)	(143,927)
Net income / (loss)		\$ 546,898	\$ 637,251	\$ (234,435)
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent		\$ 546,898	\$ 637,251	\$ (234,435)
Earnings / (loss) per share				
Basic	21	\$ 10.44	\$ 11.49	\$ (4.28)
Diluted	21	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.34	\$ (4.28)
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	21	52,369,269	55,455,277	54,718,709
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	21	54,527,747	63,511,276	54,718,709

There are no items of other comprehensive income or loss.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Scorpio Tankers Inc. and Subsidiaries
**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity
For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021**

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars except share data</i>	Number of shares outstanding	Share capital	Additional paid-in capital	Treasury shares	(Accumulated deficit) / retained earnings	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2020	58,093,147	\$ 656	\$ 2,850,206	\$ (480,172)	\$ (304,922)	\$ 2,065,768
Net loss for the period	—	—	—	—	(234,435)	(234,435)
Equity component of issuance of Convertible Notes due 2025	—	—	7,502	—	—	7,502
Write off of equity portion of Convertible Notes due 2022	—	—	(1,518)	—	—	(1,518)
Issuance of restricted stock	276,369	3	(3)	—	—	—
Equity settled share based compensation expense	—	—	22,931	—	—	22,931
Dividends paid, \$0.40 per share ⁽¹⁾	—	—	(23,320)	—	—	(23,320)
Balance as of December 31, 2021	<u>58,369,516</u>	<u>\$ 659</u>	<u>\$ 2,855,798</u>	<u>\$ (480,172)</u>	<u>\$ (539,357)</u>	<u>\$ 1,836,928</u>
Net income for the period	—	—	—	—	637,251	637,251
Repurchase of Convertible Notes due 2025	—	—	(1,966)	—	—	(1,966)
Issuance of restricted stock, net of forfeitures	1,045,497	10	(11)	—	—	(1)
Conversion of Convertible Notes due 2025 to common shares	5,757,698	58	198,827	—	—	198,885
Equity settled share based compensation expense	—	—	20,397	—	—	20,397
Purchase of treasury shares	(3,909,873)	—	—	(161,373)	—	(161,373)
Dividends paid, \$0.40 per share ⁽¹⁾	—	—	(23,313)	—	—	(23,313)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	<u>61,262,838</u>	<u>\$ 727</u>	<u>\$ 3,049,732</u>	<u>\$ (641,545)</u>	<u>\$ 97,894</u>	<u>\$ 2,506,808</u>
Net income for the period	—	—	—	—	546,898	546,898
Issuance of restricted stock, net of forfeitures	1,805,250	18	(18)	—	—	—
Equity settled share based compensation expense	—	—	47,340	—	—	47,340
Purchase of treasury shares	(9,960,323)	—	—	(489,680)	—	(489,680)
Dividends paid, \$1.05 per share ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	—	(57,660)	(57,660)
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u>53,107,765</u>	<u>\$ 745</u>	<u>\$ 3,097,054</u>	<u>\$ (1,131,225)</u>	<u>\$ 587,132</u>	<u>\$ 2,553,706</u>

⁽¹⁾ The Company's policy is to distribute dividends from available retained earnings first and then from additional paid in capital.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Scorpio Tankers Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021

		For the year ended December 31,		
<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	Notes	2023	2022	2021
Operating activities				
Net income / (loss)		\$ 546,898	\$ 637,251	\$ (234,435)
Depreciation - owned or sale and leaseback vessels	5	178,259	168,008	197,467
Depreciation - right of use assets	6	24,244	38,827	42,786
Equity settled share based compensation expense	14	47,340	20,397	22,931
Reversal of previously recorded impairment	7	—	(12,708)	—
Amortization of deferred financing fees	12	7,292	6,385	7,570
Non-cash debt extinguishment costs	12	8,320	6,604	3,604
Accretion of convertible notes	12	—	12,718	13,265
Net (gain) / loss on sales of vessels	5	(12,019)	66,486	—
Write-off of deposits on scrubbers	8	10,508	—	—
Gain on sale and leaseback amendment	12	—	—	(2,851)
Accretion of fair value measurement on debt assumed in business combinations	12	1,128	2,106	3,682
(Gain) / loss on repurchase / exchange of Convertible Notes	12	—	(481)	5,504
Share of income from dual fuel tanker joint venture	8	(5,950)	(679)	(560)
		806,020	944,914	58,963
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Decrease / (increase) in inventories		7,804	(7,522)	480
Decrease / (increase) in accounts receivable		73,201	(238,631)	(5,052)
Decrease / (increase) in prepaid expenses and other current assets		7,944	(10,205)	4,476
Decrease / (increase) in other assets		2,884	19,492	(601)
(Decrease) / increase in accounts payable		(16,748)	(4,482)	20,716
(Decrease) / increase in accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(15,613)	65,767	(5,682)
		59,472	(175,581)	14,337
Net cash inflow from operating activities		865,492	769,333	73,300
Investing activities				
Net proceeds from disposal of vessels		64,878	607,693	—
Investment in dual fuel tanker joint venture		—	(1,750)	(6,701)
Distributions from dual fuel tanker joint venture		1,822	493	1,525
Drydock, scrubber, ballast water treatment system and other vessel related payments (owned, sale leaseback and bareboat-in vessels)		(23,089)	(34,480)	(47,102)
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from investing activities		43,611	571,956	(52,278)
Financing activities				
Debt repayments		(1,224,529)	(971,622)	(650,927)
Issuance of debt		1,386,482	122,638	650,804
Debt issuance costs		(29,691)	(1,702)	(17,820)
Principal repayments on IFRS 16 lease liabilities		(516,127)	(79,502)	(56,729)
Issuance of convertible notes		—	—	119,419
Decrease in restricted cash		783	4,008	502
Repurchase / repayment of convertible notes		—	(83,968)	—
Equity issuance costs		—	—	(47)
Dividends paid		(57,660)	(23,313)	(23,320)

Repurchase of common stock	(489,680)	(161,373)	—
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from financing activities	(930,422)	(1,194,834)	21,882
(Decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(21,319)	146,455	42,904
Cash and cash equivalents at January 1,	376,870	230,415	187,511
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31,	\$ 355,551	\$ 376,870	\$ 230,415
Supplemental information:			

Interest paid (which includes \$0.0 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million of interest capitalized during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively)

\$ 154,653 \$ 134,921 \$ 114,671

We completed the following non-cash transactions during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. There were no such transactions during year ended December 31, 2023.

- In December 2022, all of the holders of our 3.00% Convertible Notes due 2025 (the "Convertible Notes Due 2025") converted their notes into an aggregate of 5,757,698 of our common shares. The principal balance of these notes was \$205.1 million upon conversion, which included the principal that had accreted since issuance. This transaction is described in Note 12.
- The March 2021 and June 2021 exchange of approximately \$62.1 million and \$19.4 million, respectively, in aggregate principal amount of Convertible Notes Due 2022 for approximately \$62.1 million and \$19.4 million, respectively in aggregate principal amount of new Convertible Notes Due 2025 pursuant to separate, privately negotiated, agreements with certain holders of the Convertible Notes Due 2022, which we refer to as the 2021 Convertible Notes Exchanges. These transactions are described in Note 12.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements

1. General information and significant accounting policies

Company

Scorpio Tankers Inc. and its subsidiaries (together “we”, “our” or the “Company”) are engaged in the seaborne transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products in the international shipping markets. Scorpio Tankers Inc. was incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands on July 1, 2009. On April 6, 2010, we closed on our initial public offering, and our common stock currently trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “STNG.”

Our fleet as of December 31, 2023 consisted of 111 owned, sale and leaseback, or bareboat chartered-in product tankers (14 Handymax, 58 MR and 39 LR2).

Our vessels are commercially managed by Scorpio Commercial Management S.A.M., or SCM, which is majority owned by the Lolli-Ghetti family of which Mr. Emanuele Lauro, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Filippo Lauro, our Vice President, are members. SCM’s services include securing employment for our vessels in pools, in the spot market, and on time charters.

Our vessels are technically managed by Scorpio Ship Management S.A.M., or SSM, which is majority owned by the Lolli-Ghetti family. SSM facilitates vessel support such as crew, provisions, deck and engine stores, insurance, maintenance and repairs, and other services necessary to operate the vessels such as drydocks and vetting/inspection under a technical management agreement.

We also have an administrative services agreement with Scorpio Services Holding Limited, or SSH, which is majority owned by the Lolli-Ghetti family. The administrative services provided under this agreement primarily include accounting, legal compliance, financial, information technology services, and the provision of administrative staff and office space, which are contracted to subsidiaries of SSH. We pay our managers fees for these services and reimburse them for direct or indirect expenses that they incur in providing these services.

Basis of accounting

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of Scorpio Tankers Inc. and its subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements have been presented in United States dollars, or USD or \$, which is the functional currency of Scorpio Tankers Inc. and all its subsidiaries, and have been authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on March 22, 2024. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, or IFRS, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

All inter-company transactions, balances, income and expenses were eliminated on consolidation.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the going concern basis of accounting as described further in the “Liquidity risk” section of Note 22.

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial instruments. We manage liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and borrowing facilities and by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows. Liquidity risks can manifest themselves when economic conditions deteriorate or when we have significant maturities of our financial instruments.

Our revenues are earned via the seaborne transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products in the international shipping markets. Since March 2022, there has been a significant increase in product tanker rates which have continued through the date of the issuance of these financial statements as seaborne exports and ton mile demand have continued to outpace the global supply of vessels. The cash flows generated from operations over this period have been, and continue to be, utilized to repay our outstanding debt and lease obligations.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we reduced the carrying amount of our outstanding debt and lease obligations (including leases accounted for under IFRS 16) by \$343.8 million. At December 31, 2023, we had \$355.6 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$288.2 million available under a revolving line of credit (see Notes 12 and 23) and 14 unencumbered vessels.

Favorable market conditions have continued into 2024 through the date of approval of these financial statements and, in addition to our regularly scheduled debt and lease repayments, we have repaid, or are committed to repaying certain debt and lease financing obligations on an additional 24 vessels for an aggregate of \$380.2 million thus far during 2024.

Based on internal forecasts and projections that take into account reasonably possible changes in our trading performance and the aforementioned commitments to repay additional debt and lease financing obligations, we believe that we have adequate financial resources to continue in operation and meet our financial commitments (including, but not limited to, debt service and lease financing obligations) for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of these consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, we continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing our financial statements.

Material Accounting Policies

The following is a discussion of our material accounting policies that were in effect during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

Revenue recognition

Revenue earned by our vessels is comprised of pool revenue, time charter revenue and voyage revenue.

- (1) Pool revenue for each vessel is determined in accordance with the profit-sharing terms specified within each pool agreement. In particular, the pool manager aggregates the revenues and expenses of all of the pool participants and distributes the net earnings to participants based on:
 - the pool points attributed to each vessel (which are determined by vessel attributes such as cargo carrying capacity, fuel consumption, and construction characteristics); and
 - the number of days the vessel participated in the pool in the period.
- (2) Time charter agreements are when our vessels are chartered to customers for a fixed period of time at rates that are generally fixed, but may contain a variable component based on inflation, interest rates, or current market rates.
- (3) Voyage charter agreements are charter hires, where a contract is made in the spot market for the use of a vessel for a specific voyage for a specified charter rate.

Of these revenue streams, revenue generated in the spot market from voyage charter agreements is within the scope of IFRS 15 - *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which was issued by the International Accounting Standards Board on May 28, 2014 and applied to an entity's first annual IFRS financial statements for a period beginning on or after January 1, 2018. IFRS 15 amended the existing accounting standards for revenue recognition and is based on principles that govern the recognition of revenue at an amount an entity expects to be entitled when products or services are transferred to customers.

Revenue generated from pools and time charters is accounted for as revenue earned under operating leases and is therefore within the scope of IFRS 16 - *Leases*. IFRS 16, *Leases*, was issued by the International Accounting Standards Board on January 13, 2016 and applied to an entity's first annual IFRS financial statements for a period beginning on or after January 1, 2019. IFRS 16 amended the definition of what constitutes a lease to be a contract that conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset if the lessee has both (i) the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the identified asset, and (ii) the right to direct the use of the identified asset throughout the period of use. We have determined that our existing pool and time charter-out arrangements meet the definition of leases under IFRS 16, with the Company as lessor, on the basis that the pool or charterer manages the vessels in order to enter into transportation contracts with their customers, and thereby enjoys the economic benefits derived from such arrangements. Furthermore, the pool or charterer can direct the use of a vessel (subject to certain limitations in the pool or charter agreement) throughout the period of use.

Moreover, under IFRS 16, we are also required to identify the lease and non-lease components of revenue and account for each component in accordance with the applicable accounting standard. In time charter-out or pool arrangements, we have determined that the lease component is the vessel and the non-lease component is the technical management services provided to operate the vessel. These components are accounted for as follows:

- All fixed lease revenue earned under these time charter-out arrangements is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.
- Lease revenue earned under our pool arrangements is recognized as it is earned, since it is 100% variable.
- The non-lease component is accounted for as services revenue under IFRS 15 - *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. This revenue is recognized "over time" as the customer (i.e. the pool or the charterer) is simultaneously receiving and consuming the benefits of the service.

The accounting for our different revenue streams pursuant to the above accounting standards is therefore summarized as follows:

Pool revenue

We recognize pool revenue based on quarterly reports from the pools which identifies the number of days the vessel participated in the pool, the total pool points for the period, the total pool revenue for the period, and the calculated share of pool revenue for the vessel.

Spot market revenue

For vessels operating in the spot market, we recognize revenue ‘over time’ as the customer (i.e. the charterer) is simultaneously receiving and consuming the benefits of the vessel. Under IFRS 15, the performance obligation has been identified as the transportation of cargo from one point to another. Therefore, in a spot market voyage under IFRS 15, revenue is recognized on a pro-rata basis commencing on the date that the cargo is loaded and concluding on the date of discharge.

Time charter revenue

Time charter revenue is recognized as services are performed based on the daily rates specified in the time charter contract.

Voyage expenses

Voyage expenses primarily include bunkers, port charges, canal tolls, cargo handling operations and brokerage commissions paid by us under voyage charters for vessels trading in the spot market. Under IFRS 15, voyage costs incurred in the fulfillment of a voyage charter are deferred and amortized over the course of the charter commencing on the date that the cargo is loaded and concluding on the date of discharge. Voyage costs are only deferred if they (i) relate directly to such charter, (ii) generate or enhance resources to be used in meeting obligations under the charter, and (iii) are expected to be recovered.

Vessel operating costs

Vessel operating costs, which include crewing, repairs and maintenance, insurance, stores, lubricating oil consumption, communication expenses, and technical management fees, are expensed as incurred for vessels that are owned, lease financed or bareboat chartered-in.

Earnings / (Loss) per share

Basic earnings / (loss) per share is calculated by dividing net income / (loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings / (loss) per share is calculated by adjusting the net income / (loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent and the weighted average number of common shares used for calculating basic income / (loss) per share for the effects of all potentially dilutive shares (including restricted stock awards). Such dilutive common shares are excluded when the effect would be to increase earnings per share or reduce a loss per share.

In the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, there were potentially dilutive items as a result of our 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (as defined in Note 14), and in the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, there were potentially dilutive items as a result of (i) our Convertible Notes due 2022, and (ii) our Convertible Notes due 2025 (both of which are described in Note 12).

We applied the if-converted method when determining diluted earnings / (loss) per share. This requires the assumption that all potential ordinary shares with respect to our Convertible Notes due 2022 and Convertible Notes due 2025 have been converted into ordinary shares at the beginning of the period or, if not in existence at the beginning of the period, the date of the issue of the financial instrument or the granting of the rights by which they are granted. Under this method, once potential ordinary shares are converted into ordinary shares during the period, the dividends, interest and other expense associated with those potential ordinary shares will no longer be incurred. The effect of conversion, therefore, is to increase income (or reduce losses) attributable to ordinary equity holders as well as the number of shares in issue. Conversion will not be assumed for purposes of computing diluted earnings per share if the effect would be anti-dilutive.

The impact of potentially dilutive items on the calculations of earnings / (loss) per share are set forth in Note 21.

Leases

In a time or bareboat charter-in arrangement, we pay to lease a vessel for a fixed period of time at rates that are generally fixed, but may contain a variable component based on inflation, interest rates, profit sharing or current market rates. In a time charter-in arrangement, the vessel's owner is responsible for crewing and other vessel operating costs, whereas these costs are the responsibility of the charterer in a bareboat charter-in arrangement.

IFRS 16 - *Leases* amended the existing accounting standards to require lessees to recognize, on a discounted basis, the rights and obligations created by the commitment to lease assets on the balance sheet as right-of-use assets and corresponding lease liabilities, unless the term of the lease is 12 months or less. As of December 31, 2023, we did not have any bareboat chartered-in vessels which are being accounted for under IFRS 16, *Leases* as right of use assets and related lease liabilities. Under IFRS 16, there is no charterhire expense for these vessels as the right of use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis (through depreciation expense) over the lease term, and the lease liability is amortized over that same period (with a portion of each payment allocated to principal and a portion allocated to interest expense).

Foreign currencies

The individual financial statements of Scorpio Tankers Inc. and each of its subsidiaries are presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which we operate (its functional currency), which in all cases is U.S. dollars. For the purpose of the consolidated financial statements, our results and financial position are also expressed in U.S. dollars.

In preparing the financial statements of Scorpio Tankers Inc. and each of its subsidiaries, transactions in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are recorded at the rate of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of each reporting period, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies are translated into the functional currency at rates ruling at that date. All resultant exchange differences have been recognized in the consolidated statements of operations. The amounts charged to the consolidated statements of operations during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were not significant.

Segment reporting

During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, we owned, lease financed, or chartered-in vessels spanning four different vessel classes, Handymax, MR, LR1 (2022 and 2021 only, see Note 5) and LR2, all of which earned revenues in the seaborne transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products in the international shipping markets. Vessel class is the aggregate level of information reported to our chief operating decision maker.

Segment results are evaluated based on reported net income or loss from each segment. The accounting policies applied to the reportable segments are the same as those used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

It is not practical to report revenue or non-current assets on a geographical basis due to the global nature of the shipping market.

Vessels and drydock

Our fleet is measured at cost, which includes the cost of work undertaken to enhance the capabilities of the vessels, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to the estimated residual value over the anticipated useful life of the vessel from the date of delivery. We estimate the useful lives of our vessels to be 25 years. Vessels under construction are not depreciated until such time as they are ready for use. The residual value is estimated as the lightweight tonnage of each vessel multiplied by a scrap value per ton. The scrap value per ton is estimated taking into consideration the historical four-year average scrap market rates available at the balance sheet date with changes accounted for in the period of change and in future periods.

The vessels are required to undergo planned drydocks for replacement of certain components, major repairs and maintenance of other components, which cannot be carried out while the vessels are operating, approximately every 30 months or 60 months depending on the nature of work and external requirements. These drydock costs are capitalized and depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated period until the next drydock. In deferred drydocking, we only include direct costs that are incurred as part of the drydocking to meet regulatory requirements, or are expenditures that add economic life to the vessel, increase the vessel's earnings capacity or improve the vessel's efficiency. Direct costs include shipyard costs as well as the costs of placing the vessel in the shipyard. Expenditures for normal maintenance and repairs, whether incurred as part of the drydocking or not, are expensed as incurred.

For an acquired or newly built vessel, a notional drydock component is allocated from the vessel's cost. The notional drydock cost is estimated by us, based on the expected costs related to the next drydock, which is based on experience and past history of similar vessels, and carried separately from the cost of the vessel. Subsequent drydocks are recorded at actual cost incurred. The drydock component is depreciated on a straight-line basis to the next estimated drydock. The estimated amortization period for a drydock is based on the estimated period between drydocks. When the drydock expenditure is incurred prior to the expiry of the period, the remaining balance is expensed.

During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, we made investments in exhaust gas cleaning systems, or scrubbers, and/or ballast water treatment systems, or BWTS. The costs of these systems are primarily being depreciated over the estimated remaining useful life of each vessel, which is our estimate of the useful life of this equipment based on experience with such systems. Additionally, for a newly installed scrubber, a notional component is allocated from the scrubber's cost. The notional scrubber cost is estimated by us, based on the expected related costs that we will incur for this equipment at the next scheduled drydock date and relates to the replacement of certain components and maintenance of other components. This notional scrubber cost is carried separately from the cost of the scrubber. Subsequent costs will be recorded at actual cost incurred. The notional component of the scrubber is depreciated on a straight-line basis to the next estimated drydock date.

Impairment of goodwill

Goodwill arising from our 2017 acquisition of Navig8 Product Tankers Inc. was allocated to the cash generating units within each of the respective operating segments that were expected to benefit from the synergies of the merger (LR2s and LR1s). Goodwill is not amortized and is tested annually (or more frequently, if impairment indicators arise) by comparing the aggregate carrying amount of the cash generating units within the reportable segment, plus the allocated goodwill, to their recoverable amounts.

If there are impairment triggering events, the recoverable amount of goodwill is measured by the value in use of the cash generating units within the reportable segment. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows of the reportable segment are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the reportable segment for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount is determined to be less than the aggregate carrying amount of the assets in each respective operating segment, plus goodwill, then goodwill is reduced to the lower of the recoverable amount or zero. An impairment loss is recognized as an expense immediately.

Impairment of vessels and drydock, vessels under construction and right of use assets for vessels

At each balance sheet date, we review the carrying amount of our vessels and drydock, vessels under construction (if applicable), and right of use assets for vessels to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the vessels and drydock, vessels under construction and right of use assets for vessels is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). We treat each vessel and the related drydock as a cash generating unit.

Recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less cost to sell (determined by taking into consideration two valuations from independent ship brokers) and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted. Where appropriate, our value in use calculations also incorporate probability weighted assessments of different scenarios (such as potential vessel sales).

If the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the cash-generating unit is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognized as an expense immediately.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the cash generating unit is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the cash generating unit in the prior years. A reversal of impairment is recognized as income immediately. As described in Note 7, we reversed \$12.7 million of the \$14.2 million previously recorded impairment as the recoverable amount of the previously impaired 13 MRs in our fleet were greater than their carrying values. This reversal was recorded as income for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Inventories

Inventories consist of bunkers, lubricating oils and other items including stock provisions, and are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined using the first in first out method. Stores and spares are charged to vessel operating costs when purchased. Bunker consumption is recorded to voyage expenses (except when off-hire, where it is recorded as a vessel operating cost) and lubricating oil consumption is recorded to vessel operating costs.

Interests in joint ventures

In August 2021, we acquired a minority interest in a portfolio of nine product tankers, consisting of five dual-fuel MR methanol tankers (built between 2016 and 2021) which, in addition to traditional petroleum products, are designed to both carry methanol as a cargo and to consume it as a fuel, along with four ice class 1A LR1 product tankers (two of which were sold during the fourth quarter of 2021). As part of this agreement, we acquired a 50% interest in a joint venture that ultimately has a minority interest in the entities that own the vessels for final consideration of \$6.7 million. On November 1, 2022, we contributed an additional \$1.75 million to the joint venture.

A joint venture is an arrangement where we have joint control and have rights to the net assets of the arrangement, rather than rights to the joint venture's assets and obligations for its liabilities. We account for our interest in this structure as a joint venture pursuant to IFRS 11 - *Joint arrangements*, and therefore account for our share of the net profit or loss of this arrangement using the equity method under IAS 28. Under this guidance, the investment is initially measured at cost, and the carrying amount of the investment is adjusted in subsequent periods based on our share of profits or losses from the joint venture (adjusted for any fair value adjustments made upon initial recognition). Any distributions received from the joint venture reduce the carrying amount. This investment is described in Note 8.

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time (for example, the time period necessary to construct a vessel) to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalization.

All other borrowing costs are recognized in the consolidated statement of operations or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

Financial instruments

IFRS 9, *Financial instruments*, sets out requirements for recognizing and measuring financial assets, financial liabilities and some contracts to buy or sell non-financial items. Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized in our balance sheet when we become a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets

All financial assets are recognized and derecognized on a trade date where the purchase or sale of a financial asset is under a contract whose terms require delivery within the timeframe established by the market concerned, and are initially measured at fair value, plus transaction costs, except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value.

Financial assets are classified into the following specified categories: financial assets "at fair value through profit or loss", or FVTPL, "at fair value through other comprehensive income" or at amortized cost on the basis of the Company's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset.

Income is recognized on an effective interest basis for debt instruments other than those financial assets classified as at FVTPL.

Financial assets at amortized cost

Financial assets are measured at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if both of the following conditions are met:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets are classified as at FVTPL where the financial asset is held for trading.

A financial asset is classified as held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near future; or
- it is a part of an identified portfolio of financial instruments that we manage together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

Financial assets at FVTPL are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognized in the statement of income or loss. The net gain or loss recognized in income or loss incorporates any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset. Fair value is determined in the manner described in Note 22.

Accounts receivable

Amounts due from the Scorpio Pools (defined in Note 4) and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments and are not quoted in an active market are classified as accounts receivable. Accounts receivable without a significant financing component are initially measured at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortized cost, less any impairment (as discussed below). Interest income is recognized by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

Impairment of financial assets

IFRS 9 introduced the expected credit loss ("ECL") model to determine and recognize impairments. ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses and are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and cash flows that we expect to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset. Under IFRS 9, credit losses are recognized earlier than under the previous accounting guidance, IAS 39.

Under the general model to ECLs under IFRS 9, loss allowances are measured in two different ways:

- *12-month ECLs*: 12-month ECLs are the expected credit losses that may result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. 12-month ECLs are utilized when a financial asset has a low credit risk at the reporting date or has not had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.
- *Lifetime ECLs*: these are ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. Lifetime ECLs are determined when an impaired financial asset has been purchased or originated or when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.

IFRS 9 also permits operational simplifications for trade receivables, contract assets and lease receivables because they are often held by entities that do not have sophisticated credit risk management systems (i.e. the ‘simplified model’). These simplifications eliminate the need to calculate 12-month ECLs and to assess when a significant increase in credit risk has occurred. Under the simplified approach:

- For trade receivables or contract assets that do not contain a significant financing component, the loss allowance is required to be measured at initial recognition and throughout the life of the receivable at an amount equal to lifetime ECL.
- For finance lease receivables, operating lease receivables, or trade receivables or contract assets that do contain a significant financing component, IFRS 9 permits an entity to choose as its accounting policy to measure the loss allowance using the general model or the simplified model (i.e. at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses).

We measure loss allowances for all trade and lease receivables under the simplified model using the lifetime ECL approach. When estimating ECLs, we consider reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

The application of the ECL requirements under IFRS 9 have not resulted in the recognition of an impairment charge under the new impairment model. This determination was made on the basis that we have never experienced a material historical credit loss of amounts due to our vessels operating in the Scorpio Pools on time charter or in the spot market. This determination also considers reasonable and supportable information about current conditions and forecast future economic conditions.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and other short-term highly-liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities at amortized cost or financial liabilities at FVTPL. There were no financial liabilities recorded at FVTPL during the years ended December 31, 2023 or December 31, 2022.

Financial liabilities at amortized cost

Financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL

Financial liabilities not classified at amortized cost are classified as FVTPL.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognized in the statement of operations. The net gain or loss recognized in the statement of operations incorporates any interest paid on the financial liability. Fair value is determined in the manner described in Note 22.

Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset and a financial liability. It allocates interest income and interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash flows (including all fees or points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) over the expected life of the financial asset and financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period.

Convertible debt instruments

Our convertible debt (which was repaid or fully converted into common shares during the year ended December 31, 2022 as described in Note 12) was accounted for pursuant to IAS 32 - *Financial liabilities and equity*. Under IAS 32, we must separately account for the liability and equity components of convertible debt instruments in a manner that reflects the issuer's economic interest cost. Under this methodology, the instrument is split between its liability and equity components upon initial recognition. The fair value of the liability is measured first, by estimating the fair value of a similar liability that does not have any associated equity conversion option. This becomes the liability's carrying amount at initial recognition, which is recorded as part of Debt on the consolidated balance sheet. The equity component (the conversion feature) is assigned the residual amount after deducting the amount separately determined for the liability component from the fair value of the instrument as a whole and is recorded as part of Additional paid-in capital within stockholders' equity on the consolidated balance sheet. Issuance costs are allocated proportionately between the liability and equity components.

The value of the equity component is treated as an original issue discount for purposes of accounting for the liability component. Accordingly, we are required to record non-cash interest expense as a result of the amortization of the discounted carrying value of the convertible notes to their face amount over the term of each instrument. IAS 32 therefore requires interest to include both the current period's amortization of the debt discount and the instrument's coupon interest.

Lease Financing

During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, we entered into sale and leaseback transactions in which certain of our vessels were sold to a third party and then leased back to us under bareboat chartered-in arrangements. In these transactions, the criteria necessary to recognize a sale of these vessels were not met under IFRS 15. Accordingly, these transactions have been accounted for as financing arrangements, with the liability under each arrangement recorded at amortized cost using the effective interest method and the corresponding vessels recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation, on our consolidated balance sheet. All of these arrangements are further described in Note 12.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in our assets after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by us are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

We had 53,107,765 and 61,262,838 registered shares authorized, issued and outstanding with a par value of \$0.01 per share at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. These shares provide the holders with the same rights to dividends and voting rights.

Provisions

Provisions are recognized when we have a present obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that we will be required to settle that obligation. Provisions are measured at our best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the balance sheet date and are discounted to present value where the effect is material.

Dividends

A provision for dividends payable is recognized when the dividend has been declared in accordance with the terms of the shareholder agreement.

Share based payments

The restricted stock awards granted under our 2013 Equity Incentive Plan as described in Note 14 contain only service conditions and are classified as equity settled. Accordingly, the fair value of our restricted stock awards was calculated by multiplying the average of the high and low share price on the grant date and the number of restricted stock shares granted that are expected to vest. In accordance with IFRS 2 - *Share based payment*, the share price at the grant date serves as a proxy for the fair value of services to be provided by the individual under the plan.

Compensation expense related to the awards is recognized ratably over the vesting period, based on our estimate of the number of awards that will eventually vest. The vesting period is the period during which an individual is required to provide service in exchange for an award and is updated at each balance sheet date to reflect any revisions in estimates of the number of awards expected to vest as a result of the effect of service vesting conditions. The impact of the revision of the original estimate, if any, is recognized in the consolidated statements of operations such that the cumulative expense reflects the revised estimate, with a corresponding adjustment to equity reserves.

Critical accounting judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the accounting policies, we are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The significant judgments and estimates are as follows:

Revenue recognition

Our revenue is primarily generated from time charters, spot voyages, or pools (see Note 16 for the components of our revenue generated during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021). Revenue recognition for time charters and pools is generally not as complex or as subjective as voyage charters (spot voyages). Time charters are for a specific period of time at a specific rate per day. For long-term time charters, revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the charter. Pool revenues are determined by the pool managers from the total revenues and expenses of the pool and allocated to pool participants using a mechanism set out in the time charter agreement between the vessel owner and the pool.

We generated revenue from spot voyages during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021. We recognize spot market revenue ‘over time’ as the customer (i.e. the charterer) is simultaneously receiving and consuming the benefits of the vessel. Under IFRS 15, the performance obligation has been identified as the transportation of cargo from one point to another. Therefore, in a spot market voyage under IFRS 15, revenue is recognized on a pro-rata basis commencing on the date that the cargo is loaded and concluding on the date of discharge. Under IFRS 15, voyage costs incurred in the fulfillment of a voyage charter are deferred and amortized over the course of the charter commencing on the date that the cargo is loaded and concluding on the date of discharge. Voyage costs are only deferred if they (i) relate directly to such charter, (ii) generate or enhance resources to be used in meeting obligations under the charter and (iii) are expected to be recovered.

Vessel impairment

We evaluate the carrying amounts of our vessels, vessels under construction (if applicable) and right of use assets for vessels to determine whether there is any indication that those vessels have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of vessels is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell (determined by taking into consideration vessel valuations from independent ship brokers for each vessel) and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted. The projection of cash flows related to vessels is complex and requires us to make various estimates including future freight rates, earnings from the vessels and discount rates. All of these items have been historically volatile. As part of our process of assessing fair value less selling costs of the vessel, we obtain vessel valuations for our operating vessels from independent ship brokers on an annual basis or when there is an indication that an asset or assets may be impaired. We generally do not obtain vessel valuations for vessels under construction. If an indication of impairment is identified, the need for recognizing an impairment loss is assessed by comparing the carrying amount of the vessels to the higher of the fair value less selling costs and the value in use. Likewise, if there is an indication that an impairment loss recognized in prior periods no longer exists or may have decreased, the need for recognizing an impairment reversal is assessed by comparing the carrying amount of the vessels to the latest estimate of recoverable amount.

The results of our impairment testing for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are described in Note 7.

Vessel lives and residual value

The carrying value of each of our vessels represents its original cost at the time it was delivered or purchased less depreciation and impairment. We depreciate our vessels to their residual value on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of 25 years. The estimated useful life of 25 years is management’s best estimate and is also consistent with industry practice for similar vessels. The residual value is estimated as the lightweight tonnage of each vessel multiplied by a forecast scrap value per ton. The scrap value per ton is estimated by taking into consideration the historical four-year scrap market rate average at the balance sheet date, which we update annually.

An increase in the estimated useful life of a vessel or in its scrap value would have the effect of decreasing the annual depreciation charge and extending it into later periods. A decrease in the useful life of a vessel or scrap value would have the effect of increasing the annual depreciation charge.

When regulations place significant limitations over the ability of a vessel to trade on a worldwide basis, the vessel's useful life is adjusted to end at the date such regulations become effective. No such regulations have been identified that would have impacted the estimated useful life of our vessels. The estimated salvage value of the vessels may not represent the fair value at any one time since market prices of scrap values tend to fluctuate.

Deferred drydock cost

We recognize drydock costs as a separate component of each vessel's carrying amount and amortize the drydock cost on a straight-line basis over the estimated period until the next drydock. We use judgment when estimating the period between when drydocks are performed, which can result in adjustments to the estimated amortization of the drydock expense. If the vessel is disposed of before the next drydock, the remaining balance of the deferred drydock is written-off and forms part of the gain or loss recognized upon disposal of vessels in the period when contracted. We expect that our vessels will be required to be drydocked approximately every 30 to 60 months for major repairs and maintenance that cannot be performed while the vessels are operating. Costs capitalized as part of the drydock include actual costs incurred at the drydock yard and parts and supplies used in making such repairs.

Impact of Climate change

We consider the impact of climate change on significant estimates and assumptions made, where appropriate. This assessment includes possible impacts due to both physical and transition risks. Even though climate-related risks might not currently have a significant impact on accounting measurements, we are closely monitoring relevant changes and developments, such as new climate-related legislation. The items and considerations that could be most directly impacted by climate-related matters include the impairment of and the determination of useful life for our vessels. As of December 31, 2023, we have concluded that climate change had no significant impact on the carrying values or remaining useful lives of our vessels.

Adoption of new and amended IFRS and IFRIC interpretations from January 1, 2023

Standards and Interpretations adopted during the year ended December 31, 2023.

- Amendments to IAS 1 - *Disclosure of Accounting Policies*
- Amendment to IAS 8 - *Changes in Accounting Estimates*
- Amendment to IAS 12 - *Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities Arising from a Single Transaction*
- Amendment to IAS 12 - *International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules*
- Amendment to IFRS 17 - *Insurance Contracts*

Standards and Interpretations adopted during the year ended December 31, 2022.

- Amendments to IFRS 3 - *Reference to the Conceptual Framework*
- Amendments to IAS 16 - *Property, Plant and Equipment - Proceeds before Intended Use*
- Amendments to IAS 37 - *Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract*
- Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020

The adoption of these standards did not have a significant impact on these consolidated financial statements.

Standards and Interpretations yet not adopted

Additionally, at the date of authorization of these consolidated financial statements, the following Standards which have not been applied in these consolidated financial statements were issued but not yet effective. We do not expect that the adoption of these standards in future periods will have a significant impact on our financial statements.

- Amendment to IAS 1 - *Non-current Liabilities with Covenants* - Regarding liabilities with a right to defer settlement that is subject to future covenants, this amendment clarifies that only covenants with which an entity must comply on or before the reporting date will affect a liability's classification as current or non-current. Additional disclosures are required for non-current liabilities arising from loan arrangements that are subject to covenants to be complied with within twelve months after the reporting period. The effective date is for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, with earlier application permitted.
- Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 - *Supplier Finance Arrangements* - The amendment requires the reporting entity to provide qualitative and quantitative information about supplier finance arrangements. The effective date is for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, with earlier application permitted.

- Amendments to IFRS 16 - *Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback* - The amendment requires, in a sale and leaseback transaction, the seller-lessee to measure the lease liability without recognizing any gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains. The effective date is for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, with earlier application permitted.
- Amendments to IAS 21 – *Lack of Exchangeability* - The amendments clarify how an entity should assess whether a currency is exchangeable and how it should determine a spot exchange rate when exchangeability is lacking, as well as require the disclosure of information that enables users of financial statements to understand the impact of a currency not being exchangeable. The effective date is for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2025, with earlier application permitted.

2. Cash and cash equivalents

The following is a table summarizing the components of our cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	At December 31,	
	2023	2022
Cash at banks	\$ 353,805	\$ 375,229
Cash on vessels	1,746	1,641
	\$ 355,551	\$ 376,870

3. Prepaid expenses and other current assets

The following is a table summarizing the components of our prepaid expenses and other current assets as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	At December 31,	
	2023	2022
Prepaid vessel operating expenses - SSM	\$ 5,522	\$ 5,450
Prepaid expense - SCM	28	84
Scorpio Services Holding Limited (SSH)	3	—
Prepaid expense - related party port agent	2	98
Scorpio MR Pool Limited	—	14
Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool Limited	—	3
Scorpio LR2 Pool Limited	—	1
Prepaid expenses and other current assets - related parties	5,555	5,650
Third party - prepaid vessel operating expenses	1,553	2,787
Prepaid insurance	588	744
Prepaid port agent advances	72	3,086
Other prepaid expenses	2,445	5,892
	10,213	18,159

4. Accounts receivable

The following is a table summarizing the components of our accounts receivable as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	At December 31,	
	2023	2022
Scorpio MR Pool Limited	\$ 118,717	\$ 115,092
Scorpio LR2 Pool Limited	75,252	113,523
Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool Limited	3,532	7,149
Mercury Pool Limited	3,346	—
Scorpio LR1 Pool Limited	494	607
Scorpio Services Holding Limited (SSH)	7	4,976
Receivables from the related parties	201,348	241,347
Spot voyage and time charter receivables	557	34,475
Insurance receivables	1,595	878
	\$ 203,500	\$ 276,700

Scorpio MR Pool Limited, Scorpio LR2 Pool Limited, Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool Limited, Scorpio LR1 Pool Limited and Mercury Pool Limited (collectively referred to as the "Scorpio Pools") are related parties, as described in Note 15. Amounts due from the Scorpio Pools relate to income receivables and receivables for working capital contributions which are expected to be collected within one year. For all owned vessels, we assume that these contributions will not be repaid within 12 months and are therefore considered as non-current within Other Assets on the consolidated balance sheets. For chartered-in vessels, we classify the amounts as current (within accounts receivable) or non-current (within Other Assets) according to the expiration of the contract.

Accounts receivable from SSH include revenue earned and expenses incurred for voyages in the spot market or on time charter through SSH, a related party.

Spot voyage and time charter receivables represent amounts collectible from customers for our vessels operating on time charter or in the spot market.

Insurance receivables primarily represent amounts collectible on our insurance policies in relation to vessel repairs.

We consider that the carrying amount of accounts receivable approximates their fair value due to the short maturity thereof. Accounts receivable are non-interest bearing. Our accounts receivable mostly consist of accounts receivable from the Scorpio Pools, or from vessels in the spot market or on time charter. We have never experienced a historical credit loss of amounts due from the Scorpio Pools and all amounts are considered current.

5. Vessels

Operating vessels and drydock

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	Vessels	Drydock	Total
Cost			
As of January 1, 2023	\$ 4,045,062	\$ 117,641	\$ 4,162,703
Transfer from right of use assets, net ⁽¹⁾	695,162	3,722	698,884
Additions ⁽²⁾	4,711	16,738	21,449
Disposal of vessels ⁽³⁾	(79,429)	(3,134)	(82,563)
Write-offs ⁽⁴⁾	(771)	(1,500)	(2,271)
As of December 31, 2023	4,664,735	133,467	4,798,202
Accumulated depreciation and impairment			
As of January 1, 2023	(1,016,258)	(57,191)	(1,073,449)
Charge for the period	(152,661)	(25,598)	(178,259)
Disposal of vessels ⁽³⁾	28,505	1,436	29,941
Write-offs ⁽⁴⁾	—	1,500	1,500
As of December 31, 2023	(1,140,414)	(79,853)	(1,220,267)
Net book value			
As of December 31, 2023	\$ 3,524,321	\$ 53,614	\$ 3,577,935
Cost			
As of January 1, 2022	\$ 4,782,886	\$ 135,471	\$ 4,918,357
Additions ⁽²⁾	20,426	19,807	40,233
Disposal of vessels ⁽³⁾	(758,250)	(22,641)	(780,891)
Write-offs ⁽⁴⁾	—	(14,996)	(14,996)
As of December 31, 2022	4,045,062	117,641	4,162,703
Accumulated depreciation and impairment			
As of January 1, 2022	(1,020,407)	(55,879)	(1,076,286)
Charge for the period	(145,140)	(22,868)	(168,008)
Disposal of vessels ⁽³⁾	136,581	6,560	143,141
Reversal of previously recorded impairment	12,708	—	12,708
Write-offs ⁽⁴⁾	—	14,996	14,996
As of December 31, 2022	(1,016,258)	(57,191)	(1,073,449)
Net book value			
As of December 31, 2022	\$ 3,028,804	\$ 60,450	\$ 3,089,254

- (1) During the year ended December 31, 2023, we exercised the purchase options on leases for 17 MR vessels (*STI Magnetic*, *STI Marshall*, *STI Magic*, *STI Mystery*, *STI Marvel*, *STI Magister*, *STI Mythic*, *STI Miracle*, *STI Maestro*, *STI Mighty*, *STI Modest*, *STI Maverick*, *STI Millennia*, *STI Maximus*, *STI Beryl*, *STI Larvotto* and *STI Le Rocher*) and four LR2 vessels (*STI Lavender*, *STI Lobelia*, *STI Lotus* and *STI Lily*) that had been previously recorded as Right of use assets for vessels. The carrying amounts of these Right of Use Assets were reclassified to Vessels and Drydock as a result of these transactions. These transactions are further described in Note 6.
- (2) Additions during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 primarily relate to the drydock, BWTS (defined below), and scrubber costs incurred on certain of our vessels.
- (3) Represents the net book value of an aggregate of 19 vessels that were sold during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. These sales consisted of two MRs (*STI Ville* and *STI Amber*) during the year ended December 31, 2023, and three LR2s (*STI Savile Row*, *STI Carnaby* and *STI Nautilus*), 12 LR1s (*STI Excelsior*, *STI Executive*, *STI Excellence*, *STI Pride*, *STI Providence*, *STI Prestige*, *STI Experience*, *STI Express*, *STI Exceed*, *STI Excel*, *STI Expedite*, and *STI Precision*), and two MRs (*STI Fontvieille* and *STI Benicia*) during the year ended December 31, 2022. These transactions are described below.
- (4) Primarily represents write-offs of fully depreciated equipment and notional drydock costs on certain of our vessels.

The following is a summary of the items that were capitalized during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	Drydock ⁽¹⁾	Notional component of scrubber ⁽²⁾	Total drydock additions	Scrubber	BWTS	Other equipment	Capitalized interest	Total vessel additions
For the year ended December 31, 2023	\$ 16,738	\$ —	\$ 16,738	\$ —	\$ 4,554	\$ 150	\$ 7	\$ 4,711
For the year ended December 31, 2022	19,657	150	19,807	14,386	5,522	347	171	20,426

- (1) Additions during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 include new costs accrued in prior periods relating to drydocks, ballast water treatment system, and scrubber installations.
- (2) For a newly installed scrubber, a notional component of approximately 10% is allocated from the scrubber's cost. The notional scrubber cost is estimated by us, based on the expected related costs that we will incur for this equipment at the next scheduled drydock date and relates to the replacement of certain components and maintenance of other components. This notional scrubber cost is carried separately from the cost of the scrubber. Subsequent costs are recorded at actual cost incurred. The notional component of the scrubber is depreciated on a straight-line basis to the next estimated drydock date. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we did not allocate the notional component of the scrubber installation costs for those vessels that were sold during the period.

Activity

We did not take delivery of any owned vessels during the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022. As of December 31, 2023, we did not have any newbuildings on order.

Ballast Water Treatment Systems and Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems, or Scrubbers

In July 2018, we executed an agreement to purchase 55 ballast water treatment systems, or BWTS, from an unaffiliated third-party supplier. These systems were installed between 2019 through 2023, as each respective vessel under the agreement came due for its International Oil Pollution Prevention, or IOPP, renewal survey. Costs capitalized for these systems include the cost of the base equipment that we have contracted to purchase in addition to directly attributable installation costs, costs incurred for systems that were installed during the period, and installation costs incurred in advance of installations that are expected to occur in subsequent periods. We estimate the useful life of these systems to be for the duration of each vessel's remaining useful life and are depreciating the equipment and related installation costs on this basis.

We have also retrofitted the substantial majority of our vessels with exhaust gas cleaning systems, or scrubbers. The scrubbers enable our ships to use high sulfur fuel oil, which is less expensive than low sulfur fuel oil, in certain parts of the world. From August 2018 through November 2018, we entered into agreements with two separate suppliers to retrofit a total of 77 of our tankers with such systems and in 2019 we exercised options to retrofit an additional 21 our vessels with scrubbers.

In 2020, and as further amended in February 2021, we reached an agreement to extend the options to purchase and install scrubbers on 19 vessels. In August 2021, we exercised options to purchase six of these scrubbers. We let our options to purchase scrubbers on the remaining vessels expire during 2023 and wrote-off \$10.5 million related to previously incurred deposits and installation costs.

Costs capitalized for these systems include the base equipment and systems purchased, and installation costs incurred. We estimate the useful life of these systems to be for the duration of each vessel's remaining useful life, with the exception of approximately 10% of the equipment cost, which is estimated to require replacement at each vessel's next scheduled drydock. This amount has been allocated as a notional component upon installation. The carrying value of the equipment, related installation costs, and notional component will be depreciated on this basis.

We installed scrubbers on six vessels in during the year ended December 31, 2022. We did not install any scrubbers during the year ended December 31, 2023. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we retrofitted a total of four vessels and four vessels with BWTS, respectively.

There were no further obligations due under contracts for the purchase of BWTS or scrubbers as of December 31, 2023.

Vessel Sales

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we closed on the sale of two MR vessels, *STI Ville* and *STI Amber*, in July 2023 and November 2023, respectively, for aggregate net proceeds of \$64.6 million, which includes \$0.3 million of accrued and unpaid selling costs as of December 31, 2023. The aggregate net book value of the vessels was \$52.6 million on the dates they were held for sale and, we recorded an aggregate gain of \$12.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2023 as a

result of these sales. Additionally, we repaid the outstanding sale and leaseback obligation of \$8.2 million with respect to *STI Amber* as a result of this sale.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, we sold 18 vessels consisting of three LR2s (*STI Savile Row*, *STI Carnaby* and *STI Nautilus*); 12 LR1s (*STI Excelsior*, *STI Executive*, *STI Excellence*, *STI Pride*, *STI Providence*, *STI Prestige*, *STI Experience*, *STI Express*, *STI Exceed*, *STI Excel*, *STI Expedite*, and *STI Precision*); and three MRs (*STI Fontvieille*, *STI Benicia*, and *STI Majestic*). Seven vessel sales closed in the first quarter of 2022, nine vessel sales closed in the second quarter of 2022 and two vessel sales vessels closed in the third quarter of 2022 for aggregate net proceeds of \$607.7 million.

Of these vessels, the net book value of 17 vessels of \$637.8 million was previously recorded within Vessels and drydock, and the net book value for one vessel (*STI Majestic*) of \$35.4 million was previously recorded within Right of use assets for vessels (Note 6). As a result of these transactions, we recorded an aggregate net loss of \$66.5 million (inclusive of a \$0.7 million write-off of goodwill on the LR2 vessels).

Additionally, we repaid aggregate outstanding debt, sale and leaseback obligations, and lease liabilities under IFRS 16 of \$347.4 million and incurred debt extinguishment costs (write-offs of deferred financing fees and discounts plus fees) of \$3.5 million related to these vessel sales. The financing facilities to which these repayments relate are described in Note 12.

The sale of the LR1s was not a strategic shift in our operations that had, or is expected to have, a material effect on our operations. Moreover, the vessels disposed did not constitute a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations. We therefore determined that the sale of these vessels did not constitute a discontinued operation under IFRS 5.

Collateral agreements

The below table is a summary of vessels with an aggregate carrying value of \$3.2 billion at December 31, 2023 which have been pledged as collateral under the terms of our secured debt and lease financing arrangements as of December 31, 2023:

Credit Facility	Vessel Name
Prudential Credit Facility	STI Acton, STI Camden, STI Clapham
BNPP Sinasure Credit Facility	STI Elysees, STI Fulham, STI Hackney, STI Orchard, STI Park
2023 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility	STI Duchessa, STI San Antonio, STI Yorkville, STI Milwaukee, STI Battery, STI Madison, STI Opera, STI Venere, STI Virtus, STI Aqua, STI Dama, STI Regina, STI Sanctity
2023 \$49.1 Million Credit Facility	STI Rose, STI Rambla
2023 \$117.4 Million Credit Facility	STI Battersea, STI Wembley, STI Texas City, STI Meraux, STI St. Charles, STI Mayfair, STI Alexis
2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility	STI Lobelia, STI Lotus, STI Lily, STI Lavender, STI Magic, STI Mystery, STI Marvel, STI Magnetic, STI Millennium, STI Magister, STI Mythic, STI Modest, STI Maverick, STI Miracle, STI Maestro, STI Mighty, STI Maximus, STI Spiga, STI Kingsway, STI Bosphorus, STI Leblon, STI Jermyn, STI Donald C Trauscht, STI Esles II, STI Solace, STI Solidarity, STI Stability, STI Tribeca, STI Bronx, STI Manhattan, STI Seneca, STI Sloane, STI Condotti, STI Brooklyn, STI Goal, STI Gladiator, STI Gratitude, STI Steadfast, STI Supreme
2023 \$94.0 Million Credit Facility	STI Marshall, STI Grace, STI Guide, STI Gauntlet
Ocean Yield Lease Financing	STI Symphony
BCFL Lease Financing (MRs)	STI Topaz, STI Garnet, STI Onyx
2020 SPDBFL Lease Financing	STI San Telmo, STI Jardins
2021 AVIC Lease Financing	STI Memphis, STI Soho, STI Osceola, STI Lombard
2021 CMBFL Lease Financing	STI Brixton, STI Comandante, STI Finchley, STI Pimlico, STI Westminster
2021 TSFL Lease Financing	STI Black Hawk, STI Pontiac, STI Notting Hill
2021 Ocean Yield Lease Financing	STI Gallantry, STI Guard
2022 AVIC Lease Financing	STI Oxford, STI Selatar, STI Gramercy, STI Queens

The below table is a summary of vessels with an aggregate carrying value of \$411.2 million which were unencumbered at December 31, 2023:

	Vessel Name
Unencumbered	STI Hammersmith, STI Rotherhithe, STI Poplar, STI Ruby, STI Galata, STI La Boca, STI Beryl, STI Larvotto, STI Le Rocher, STI Broadway, STI Winnie, STI Connaught, STI Lauren, STI Veneto

6. Right of use assets and related lease liabilities

For lease arrangements that were accounted for under IFRS 16 – *Leases*, we had bareboat charter-in commitments on three vessels under fixed rate bareboat agreements and 18 vessels under variable rate bareboat agreements during the year ended December 31, 2023 and we had bareboat charter-in commitments on three vessels under fixed rate bareboat agreements and 19 vessels under variable rate bareboat agreements during the year ended December 31, 2022. These arrangements were accounted for under IFRS 16 - *Leases*.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we exercised the purchase options for all vessels under lease arrangements and had no further commitments as of December 31, 2023.

IFRS 16 - Leases - 3 MRs

In January 2019, we recognized right-of-use assets and corresponding liabilities relating to three bareboat chartered-in vessel commitments (*STI Beryl*, *STI Le Rocher* and *STI Larvotto*). The bareboat contracts for these three vessels were entered into in April 2017, were scheduled to expire in April 2025, and had a fixed lease payment of \$8,800 per vessel per day. We had the option to purchase these vessels beginning at the end of the fifth year of the agreement through the end of the eighth year of the agreement, which we exercised during the year ended December 31, 2023. Additionally, a deposit (a seller's credit) of \$4.4 million per vessel was retained by the buyer, the present value of which was recorded within Other Assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheet, which was accreted (as part of interest income) under the effective interest method over the expected life of the lease. Based on the analysis of the purchase options performed at the lease inception date, we determined the lease terms to be eight years, from the commencement date through the expiration date of each lease. A weighted average incremental borrowing rate of approximately 6.0% was applied at the date of initial application of IFRS 16 on this arrangement.

The IFRS 16 - Leases - 3 MRs obligations were secured by, among other things, assignments of earnings and insurances and stock pledges and account charges in respect of the subject vessels and contain customary events of default, including cross-default provisions as well as subjective acceleration clauses under which the lessor could have canceled the lease in the event of a material adverse change in our business.

In November 2023, we gave notice to exercise the purchase options for each of the three vessels, triggering a re-assessment of the lease liabilities resulting in an aggregate increase in the lease liabilities and corresponding adjustment to the right of use assets of \$28.8 million. Additionally, we recorded a \$1.0 million gain to accelerate the remaining accretion on the deposits. The aggregate deposits of \$13.1 million were applied to the purchase price of the vessels when the purchase options were exercised in December 2023.

As of December 31, 2023, we had no further obligation related to these lease liabilities. The aggregate outstanding balance of these lease liabilities was \$21.1 million as of December 31, 2022.

IFRS 16 - Leases - Trafigura Transaction

On September 26, 2019, we acquired subsidiaries of Trafigura Maritime Logistics Pte. Ltd. ("Trafigura") which had leasehold interests in 19 product tankers under bareboat charter agreements (the "Agreements") with subsidiaries of an international financial institution (the "Trafigura Transaction").

On the date of the Trafigura Transaction, certain terms of the Agreements were modified ("Modified Agreements" and, collectively, "IFRS 16 - Leases - \$670.0 Million"). Under *IFRS 16- Leases* the Modified Agreements did not meet the criteria to qualify as separate leases and were measured accordingly as lease modifications. The Modified Agreements each had a term of eight years from the latter of the date of the Trafigura Transaction or the delivery date of the respective vessel, and we had purchase options beginning after the first year of each agreement, limited to eight vessels until after the third anniversary date. Based on the analysis of the purchase options performed at the inception date of the leases, we determined the lease terms to be eight years from the commencement date of the Modified Agreements, through the expiration date of each lease, at which time we assumed that the exercise of the purchase options to be reasonably certain.

The Modified Agreements bore interest at LIBOR plus a margin of 3.50% per annum and were being repaid in equal monthly installments of approximately \$0.2 million per month per vessel. Additionally, an aggregate prepayment of \$18.0 million (\$0.8 million for each MR and \$1.5 million for each LR2) was made in equal monthly installments over the first 12 months of each Modified Agreement.

Commencing with the date of the Trafigura Transaction, the following vessels were leased under the Modified Agreements: *STI Magic*, *STI Majestic*, *STI Mystery*, *STI Marvel*, *STI Magnetic*, *STI Millennia*, *STI Magister*, *STI Mythic*, *STI Marshall*, *STI Modest*, *STI Maverick*, *STI Miracle*, *STI Maestro*, *STI Mighty*, *STI Maximus*, *STI Lobelia*, *STI Lotus*, *STI Lily* and *STI Lavender*. The Modified Agreements were secured by, among other things, assignments of earnings and insurances and stock pledges and account charges in respect of the subject vessels and contain customary events of default, including cross-default provisions as well as subjective acceleration clauses under which the lessor could cancel the lease in the event of a material adverse change in our business. The leased vessels are required to maintain a fair value, as determined by an annual appraisal from an approved third-party broker, of 111% of the outstanding principal balance as of the last banking day of the year.

In April 2022, we exercised the purchase option on *STI Majestic* and repaid the aggregate outstanding lease obligation of \$25.6 million relating to this vessel under the IFRS 16 - Leases - \$670.0 Million lease agreement. This vessel was subsequently sold as described in Note 5.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we gave notice to exercise the purchase options on the remaining 18 vessels, triggering a re-assessment of the lease liabilities and resulting in an aggregate increase in the lease liabilities and corresponding adjustment to the right of use assets of \$4.5 million. Upon the closing of these purchases, we repaid the aggregate outstanding lease obligation of \$459.1 million relating to these vessels under the IFRS 16 - Leases - \$670.0 Million lease agreement.

At December 31, 2023, there was no further obligation under these lease liabilities. The aggregate outstanding balance of these lease liabilities was \$475.9 million at December 31, 2022.

The following is the activity of the "Right of use assets for vessels" starting on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023:

<i>In thousands of U.S. Dollars</i>	Vessels	Drydock	Total
Cost			
As of January 1, 2023	\$ 798,083	\$ 22,577	\$ 820,660
Transfers to vessels, net ⁽¹⁾	(831,385)	(19,942)	(851,327)
Additions ⁽²⁾	33,302	—	33,302
Write-offs ⁽³⁾	—	(2,635)	(2,635)
As of December 31, 2023	—	—	—
Accumulated depreciation and impairment			
As of January 1, 2023	(114,902)	(15,932)	(130,834)
Charge for the period	(21,321)	(2,923)	(24,244)
Transfers to vessels, net ⁽¹⁾	136,223	16,220	152,443
Write-offs ⁽³⁾	—	2,635	2,635
As of December 31, 2023	—	—	—
Net book value			
As of December 31, 2023	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

⁽¹⁾ Primarily represents the net book value of the 21 vessels for which the purchase options were exercised during the year ended December 31, 2023 and transferred to Vessels and drydock.

⁽²⁾ Represents the adjustment to the right of use asset as a result of the remeasurement of the related lease liability upon the commitments to exercise the purchase options.

⁽³⁾ Represents the write-offs of fully depreciated notional drydock costs on certain of our vessels.

<i>In thousands of U.S. Dollars</i>	Vessels	Drydock	Total
Cost			
As of January 1, 2022	\$ 836,246	\$ 23,562	\$ 859,808
Disposal of vessels ⁽¹⁾	(38,163)	(985)	(39,148)
As of December 31, 2022	<u>798,083</u>	<u>22,577</u>	<u>820,660</u>
Accumulated depreciation and impairment			
As of January 1, 2022	(84,221)	(11,562)	(95,783)
Charge for the period	(33,928)	(4,899)	(38,827)
Disposal of vessels ⁽¹⁾	3,247	529	3,776
As of December 31, 2022	<u>(114,902)</u>	<u>(15,932)</u>	<u>(130,834)</u>
Net book value			
As of December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 683,181</u>	<u>\$ 6,645</u>	<u>\$ 689,826</u>

⁽¹⁾ Represents the net book value of one MR vessel (*STI Majestic*) which was sold during the year ended December 31, 2022. This transaction is described in Note 5 above.

The following table summarizes the payments made for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 relating to lease liabilities accounted for under *IFRS 16 - Leases*:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Interest expense recognized in consolidated statements of operations	\$ 23,749	\$ 30,420
Principal repayments recognized in consolidated cash flow statements ⁽¹⁾	516,127	79,502
Net decrease (increase) in accrued interest expense	467	(188)
Total payments on lease liabilities under <i>IFRS 16 - Leases</i>	<u>\$ 540,343</u>	<u>\$ 109,734</u>

⁽¹⁾ Principal repayments during the year ended December 31, 2022 includes the \$25.6 million repayment of the lease obligation of one MR vessel (*STI Majestic*) which was sold during the year ended December 31, 2022. This transaction is described above.

Vessels recorded as Right of use assets derive income from subleases through time charter-out and pool arrangements. For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, sublease income of \$136.6 million, \$246.5 million and \$91.8 million, respectively, is included in Vessel revenue.

7. Carrying values of vessels, vessels under construction, right of use assets for vessels and goodwill

At each balance sheet date, we review the carrying amounts of our goodwill, vessels and related drydock costs to determine if there is any indication that these amounts have suffered an impairment loss. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the vessels and related drydock costs is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. As part of this evaluation, we consider both internal and external indicators of potential impairment, in accordance with IAS 36. Indicators of possible impairment may include, but are not limited to, comparing the carrying amount of net assets to market capitalization, changes in interest rates, changes in the technological, market, economic, or legal environments in which we operate, changes in forecasted charter rates, and movements in external broker valuations. We also assess whether any evidence suggests the obsolescence or physical damage of our assets, whether we have any plans to dispose of an asset before the end of its estimated useful life, and whether any evidence suggests that the economic performance of an asset was, or may become, worse than expected.

At December 31, 2023, we reviewed the carrying amount of our vessels to determine if there was an indication that these assets had suffered an impairment. First, we assessed the fair value less the cost to sell of our vessels taking into consideration vessel valuations from independent ship brokers. We then compared the fair value less selling costs to each vessel's carrying value and, if the carrying value exceeded the vessel's fair value less selling costs, an indicator of impairment existed.

At December 31, 2023, our operating fleet consisted of 111 owned or sale and leaseback vessels. All of the vessels in our operating fleet had fair values less selling costs greater than their carrying amount at this date. We also considered external factors as part of this assessment as the markets in which we operate continued to experience significant strength during the year ended December 31, 2023. This strength is evidenced by, among other things:

- The continued upward trajectory in second-hand vessel values from the elevated levels reached in 2022;
- The spot market TCE rates that our vessels earned during the year (both in and out of the Scorpio pools), which were near record highs, and were a reflection of the supply and demand imbalance for product tankers;
- The continued strength of charter rates provides an indication of strong future cash flows;
- The operating cash flows that we generated during the year ended December 31, 2023.

It is on this basis that we determined that there were no indications of impairment on any of our vessels as of December 31, 2023.

Impairment testing at December 31, 2022

At December 31, 2022, we reviewed the carrying amount of our vessels and right of use assets for vessels to determine if there was an indication that these assets had suffered an impairment. First, we assessed the fair value less the cost to sell of our vessels taking into consideration vessel valuations from independent ship brokers. We then compared the fair value less selling costs to each vessel's carrying value and, if the carrying value exceeded the vessel's fair value less selling costs, an indicator of impairment existed.

At December 31, 2022, our operating fleet consisted of 113 owned, sale and leaseback, or right of use vessels ("ROU vessels"). All of the vessels in our operating fleet had fair values less selling costs greater than their carrying amount at this date. As such, we determined that there were no indications of impairment on any of our vessels as of December 31, 2022.

We also considered external factors as part of this assessment as the markets in which we operate experienced significant strength during the year ended December 31, 2022. In addition to the increase in the fair value of second-hand product tankers, the strength in the market was also apparent by reference to:

- The spot market TCE rates that our vessels earned during the year (both in and out of the Scorpio pools), which averaged record highs;
- The time charter market for long-term fixtures, which also averaged record highs (with particular reference to the time charters that we entered into in 2022 as described in Note 16).

Our operating results for the year ended December 31, 2022 are a reflection of these market conditions, with revenues, operating cash flows, and net income significantly exceeding all-time company highs.

Reversal of previously recorded impairment

At December 31, 2020 an impairment charge of \$14.2 million was recorded on 13 MR vessels by reference to their value in use. At December 31, 2022, we evaluated whether this impairment should be reversed pursuant to the principles set forth under IAS 36, *Impairment of assets*. Given the external factors noted above, we concluded that there were indicators that the recoverable amount of these 13 vessels should be estimated again.

When assessing a potential reversal of a previously recorded impairment under IAS 36, we are required to recalculate the carrying value of each of the 13 previously impaired vessels as if no impairment were recorded, and then compare this recalculated carrying value to each vessel's recoverable amount at December 31, 2022. In all instances, the recoverable amount as determined by fair value less estimated costs to sell, taking into consideration vessel valuations from independent ship brokers (a Level 2 measure of fair value), significantly exceeded the recalculated carrying value. As such, we determined that the previous impairment, less the depreciation that would have been recorded had the impairment not been recorded, should be reversed. This resulted in the reversal of the previously recorded impairment of \$12.7 million.

The reversal of the previously recorded impairment was not triggered by the passage of time as there has been a significant improvement in market conditions during 2022 that was not forecasted in our previous value in use calculations. We also do not believe that this reversal is an indication that each vessel's useful life, depreciation method, or residual value should be changed. This is on the basis that all 13 vessels were approximately 10 years of age or younger, and we continue to believe 25 years is a reasonable estimate of each vessel's useful life. In accordance with our accounting policy, we update the residual value of our vessels annually (in the period of change and in future periods) to incorporate the most recent scrap values. We therefore believe that this policy reflects the most recently available information.

Goodwill

Goodwill arising from our September 2017 acquisition of Navig8 Product Tankers Inc. has been allocated to the cash generating units within each of the respective operating segments that are expected to benefit from the synergies of this transaction (LR2s and LR1s). The carrying value of the goodwill allocated to the LR2 segment was \$8.2 million at both December 31, 2023 and 2022. Goodwill is not amortized and is tested annually (or more frequently, if impairment indicators arise) by comparing the aggregate carrying amount of the cash generating units in each respective operating segment, plus the allocated goodwill, to their recoverable amounts. We used the fair value less cost to sell to determine recoverable amount, by taking into consideration vessel valuations from independent ship brokers for each vessel within each segment.

This test was performed in connection with the assessment of the carrying amount of our vessels and related drydock costs at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and an impairment charge was not recorded.

Capitalized interest

In accordance with IAS 23 “Borrowing Costs,” applicable interest costs are capitalized during the period that ballast water treatment systems and scrubbers for our vessels are constructed and installed. For the year ended December 31, 2022, we capitalized interest expense for the respective vessels of \$0.2 million. There was minimal capitalized interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2023. The capitalization rate used to determine the amount of borrowing costs eligible for capitalization was 0.1% for the year ended December 31, 2022. We cease capitalizing interest when the vessels reach the location and condition necessary to operate in the manner intended by management.

There were no vessels under construction during the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

8. Other non-current assets

The following is a table summarizing the components of our Other non-current assets as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	At December 31,	
	2023	2022
Scorpio LR2 Pool Ltd. pool working capital contributions ⁽¹⁾	\$ 22,950	\$ 25,500
Scorpio MR Pool Ltd. pool working capital contributions ⁽¹⁾	21,200	22,000
Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool Ltd. pool working capital contributions ⁽¹⁾	5,661	5,661
Mercury Pool Limited pool working capital contributions ⁽¹⁾	1,600	—
Working capital contributions to Scorpio Pools	51,411	53,161
Investment in dual fuel tanker joint venture ⁽²⁾	11,800	7,672
Capitalized loan fees ⁽³⁾	2,229	—
Seller's credit on sale leaseback vessels ⁽⁴⁾	—	11,430
Deposits for exhaust gas cleaning system ("scrubbers") ⁽⁵⁾	—	9,737
Other	—	1,754
	\$ 65,440	\$ 83,754

- ⁽¹⁾ Upon entrance into the Scorpio Pools, all vessels are required to make initial working capital contributions of both cash and bunkers. Initial working capital contributions are repaid, without interest, upon a vessel's exit from the pool. Bunkers on board a vessel exiting the pool are credited against such repayment at the actual invoice price of the bunkers. For all owned vessels, we assume that these contributions will not be repaid within 12 months and are thus classified as non-current within Other Assets on the consolidated balance sheets. For chartered-in vessels we classify the amounts as current (within Accounts Receivable) or non-current (within Other Assets) according to the expiration of the contract.

- (2) In August 2021, we acquired a minority interest in a portfolio of nine product tankers, consisting of five dual-fuel MR methanol tankers (built between 2016 and 2021) which, in addition to traditional petroleum products, are designed to both carry methanol as a cargo and to consume it as a fuel, along with four ice class 1A LR1 product tankers (two of which were sold during the fourth quarter of 2021). The dual-fuel MR methanol tankers are currently on long-term time charter contracts greater than five years. As part of this agreement, we acquired a 50% interest in a joint venture that ultimately has a minority interest in the entities that own the vessels for final consideration of \$6.7 million. In November 2022, we contributed an additional \$1.75 million to the joint venture to increase the joint venture's ownership interest in one of the LR1 tankers. We account for our interest in this joint venture using the equity method pursuant to IFRS 11 - *Joint arrangements*. Under this guidance, the investment is initially measured at cost, and the carrying amount of the investment is adjusted in subsequent periods based on our share of profits or losses from the joint venture (adjusted for any fair value adjustments made upon initial recognition). Any distributions received from the joint venture reduce the carrying amount. We recorded \$5.9 million and \$0.7 million as our share of net income resulting from this joint venture during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The joint venture issued cash distributions of \$1.8 million and \$0.5 million during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- (3) Represents upfront loan fees on credit facilities that are expected to be used to partially finance the purchase and installation of scrubbers or refinance the indebtedness on certain vessels. These fees are reclassified as deferred financing fees (net of Debt) when the tranche of the loan to which the vessel relates is drawn.
- (4) The seller's credit on vessels sold and leased back represents the present value of the deposits of \$4.4 million per vessel (\$13.1 million in aggregate) that was retained by the buyer as part of the 2017 sale and operating leaseback transactions for *STI Beryl*, *STI Le Rocher* and *STI Larvotto*, which is described in Note 6. The present value of these deposits was calculated based on the interest rate implied in the leases with the carrying value accreting over the lives of the leases through interest income. We recorded \$0.6 million and \$0.6 million as interest income as part of these agreements during each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. As described in Note 6, we exercised the purchase options on these vessels during the year ended December 31, 2023. Upon the notice to exercise the purchase options on the leases, we recorded a \$1.0 million gain to accelerate the remaining accretion on these deposits. These deposits were applied against the purchase price of the vessels when the purchases closed.
- (5) From August 2018 through September 2019, we entered into agreements with two separate suppliers to retrofit a total of 98 of our tankers with scrubbers. In April 2020, we reached an agreement to extend the options to purchase and install scrubbers on 19 of our vessels. In August 2021, we declared options to purchase and install scrubbers on six vessels that were installed within the first half of 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the options to purchase the remaining scrubbers expired unexercised, resulting in a write-off of \$10.5 million, which consisted of \$9.7 million related to the previously made deposits and \$0.8 million in related equipment that was previously purchased.

9. Restricted Cash

Restricted cash as of December 31, 2022 primarily represented debt service reserve accounts that had to be maintained as part of the terms and conditions of our Bank of Communications Financial Leasing (LR2s) sale and leaseback. The funds in these accounts were released as part of the exercise of the purchase options on three LR2 product tankers (*STI Solidarity*, *STI Solace* and *STI Stability*) during the year ended December 31, 2023.

10. Accounts payable

The following is a table summarizing the components of our accounts payable as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	At December 31,	
	2023	2022
Scorpio Ship Management S.A.M. (SSM)	\$ 2,131	\$ 734
Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool Limited	434	2,333
Scorpio Services Holding Limited (SSH)	283	286
Scorpio Commercial Management S.A.M. (SCM)	260	507
Amounts due to related party port agents	260	137
Scorpio MR Pool Limited	180	7,333
Amounts due to a related party bunker supplier	95	2,322
Mercury Pool Limited	10	—
Scorpio LR2 Pool Limited	2	424
Accounts payable to related parties	3,655	14,076
Suppliers	6,349	14,672
	\$ 10,004	\$ 28,748

The majority of accounts payable are settled with a cash payment within 90 days. No interest is charged on accounts payable. We consider that the carrying amount of accounts payable approximates fair value.

11. Accrued expenses and other current liabilities

The following is a table summarizing the components the components of our accrued expenses and other current liabilities as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	At December 31,	
	2023	2022
Accrued expenses to related party port agents	\$ 1,108	\$ 876
Scorpio Ship Management S.A.M. (SSM)	337	89
Scorpio Commercial Management S.A.M. (SCM)	56	33
Scorpio Services Holding Limited (SSH)	1	1
Accrued expenses to related parties	1,502	999
Accrued short-term employee benefits	33,329	40,295
Suppliers	17,984	32,051
Deferred income	11,653	10,963
Accrued interest	8,210	7,200
	\$ 72,678	\$ 91,508

Deferred income represents amounts collected in advance from customers for our vessels on time charter or deferred revenue on time charter out arrangements whose payment terms differ from the pattern of revenue recognition on a straight line basis. The terms of these agreements are described in Note 16.

12. Current and long-term debt

The following is a breakdown of the current and non-current portion of our debt outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	At December 31,	
	2023	2022
Current portion of bank debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 220,965	\$ 31,504
Sale and leaseback liabilities ⁽²⁾	206,757	269,145
Current portion of long-term debt	427,722	300,649
Non-current portion of bank debt and bonds ⁽³⁾	939,188	264,106
Sale and leaseback liabilities ⁽⁴⁾	221,380	871,469
	\$ 1,588,290	\$ 1,436,224

- (1) The current portion at December 31, 2023 was net of unamortized deferred financing fees of \$5.0 million. The current portion at December 31, 2022 was net of unamortized deferred financing fees of \$0.5 million.
- (2) The current portion at December 31, 2023 was net of unamortized deferred financing fees of \$0.8 million and prepaid interest of \$0.3 million. The current portion at December 31, 2022 was net of unamortized deferred financing fees of \$0.8 million and prepaid interest of \$2.5 million.
- (3) The non-current portion at December 31, 2023 was net of unamortized deferred financing fees of \$20.6 million. The non-current portion at December 31, 2022 was net of unamortized deferred financing fees of \$4.0 million.
- (4) The non-current portion at December 31, 2023 was net of unamortized deferred financing fees of \$2.3 million. The non-current portion at December 31, 2022 was net of unamortized deferred financing fees of \$7.4 million.

The following is a roll-forward of the activity within debt (current and non-current, and inclusive of IFRS 16 - lease liabilities), by facility, for the year ended December 31, 2023:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	Carrying Value as of December 31, 2022	Activity			Carrying Value as of December 31, 2023	Balance as of December 31, 2023 consists of:	
		Drawdowns	Repayments	Other Activity ⁽¹⁾		Current	Non-Current
Hamburg Commercial Bank Credit Facility	33,732	—	(33,732)	—	—	—	—
Prudential Credit Facility	39,286	—	(5,546)	—	33,740	33,740	—
2019 DNB / GIEK Credit Facility	38,338	—	(38,338)	—	—	—	—
BNPP Sinasure Credit Facility	80,576	—	(10,909)	—	69,667	10,909	58,758
2020 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility	37,765	—	(37,765)	—	—	—	—
2023 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility	—	225,000	(25,425)	—	199,575	33,900	165,675
2023 \$49.1 Million Credit Facility	—	49,088	(3,462)	—	45,626	4,615	41,011
2023 \$117.4 Million Credit Facility	—	117,394	(8,504)	—	108,890	17,007	91,883
2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility	—	901,000	(336,093)	—	564,907	116,149	448,758
2023 \$94.0 Million Credit Facility	—	94,000	(1,092)	—	92,908	9,666	83,242
Ocean Yield Lease Financing	114,273	—	(89,484)	454	25,243	3,035	22,208
BCFL Lease Financing (LR2s)	67,058	—	(68,310)	1,252	—	—	—
CSSC Lease Financing	119,165	—	(121,279)	2,114	—	—	—
BCFL Lease Financing (MRs)	53,202	—	(31,068)	(481)	21,653	21,653	—
AVIC Lease Financing	77,769	—	(77,769)	—	—	—	—
2020 CMBFL Lease Financing	38,090	—	(38,090)	—	—	—	—
2020 TSFL Lease Financing	40,607	—	(40,607)	—	—	—	—
2020 SPDBFL Lease Financing	80,616	—	(43,753)	763	37,626	37,626	—
2021 AVIC Lease Financing	83,662	—	(7,252)	1,157	77,567	77,567	—
2021 CMBFL Lease Financing	68,045	—	(6,520)	—	61,525	6,520	55,005
2021 TSFL Lease Financing	49,997	—	(4,380)	865	46,482	46,482	—
2021 CSSC Lease Financing	48,631	—	(48,631)	—	—	—	—
2021 \$146.3 Million Lease Financing	133,699	—	(133,699)	—	—	—	—

2021 Ocean Yield Lease Financing	63,933	—	(5,850)	—	58,083	5,866	52,217
2022 AVIC Lease Financing	112,620	—	(9,169)	—	103,451	9,168	94,283
IFRS 16 - Leases - 3 MR (See Note 6)	21,138	—	(36,933)	15,795	—	—	—
IFRS 16 - Leases - \$670.0 Million (see Note 6)	475,939	—	(480,396)	4,457	—	—	—
Unsecured Senior Notes Due 2025	70,451	—	—	45	70,496	—	70,496
	<u>\$ 1,948,592</u>	<u>\$ 1,386,482</u>	<u>\$ (1,744,056)</u>	<u>\$ 26,421</u>	<u>\$ 1,617,439</u>	<u>\$ 433,903</u>	<u>\$1,183,536</u>
Less: deferred financing fees	(12,758)	(27,627)	—	11,571	(28,814)	(5,846)	(22,968)
Less: prepaid interest expense	(3,735)	—	3,400	—	(335)	(335)	—
Total	<u>\$ 1,932,099</u>	<u>\$ 1,358,855</u>	<u>\$ (1,740,656)</u>	<u>\$ 37,992</u>	<u>\$ 1,588,290</u>	<u>\$ 427,722</u>	<u>\$1,160,568</u>

- (1) Relates to non-cash accretion, write-offs, amortization or other adjustments on (i) debt or lease obligations assumed as part of the 2017 merger with Navig8 Product Tankers Inc. ("NPTI"), which were recorded at fair value on the closing dates, (ii) the carrying values of certain sale and leaseback arrangements related to the notifications to exercise purchase options; and (iii) our Unsecured Senior Notes Due 2025, as discussed below.

Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

Interest in most of our financing agreements has historically been based on published rates for LIBOR. The ICE Benchmark Administration ("IBA"), the administrator of LIBOR, with the support of the United States Federal Reserve and the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority, ceased the publication of all U.S. Dollar LIBOR tenors on June 30, 2023.

In response to the anticipated discontinuation of LIBOR, the Alternative Reference Rate Committee, a committee convened by the Federal Reserve that includes major market participants, proposed an alternative rate to replace U.S. Dollar LIBOR: the Secured Overnight Financing Rate, or "SOFR."

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we transitioned our existing loan and lease financing agreements from U.S. Dollar LIBOR to SOFR plus a credit spread adjustment ("CSA") which varied from zero basis points to 26.161 basis points depending on the financing arrangement. We have applied the practical expedient pursuant to the Amendments to IFRS 9 – *Financial Instruments (IBOR reform)* as our secured bank debt and lease financing arrangements are carried at amortized cost, and therefore the change in the effective interest rate on these arrangements that has arisen from IBOR reform was deemed to be economically equivalent to the previous basis. Accordingly, no gain or loss was recognized upon transition.

Secured Bank Debt

Each of our secured credit facilities contains financial and restrictive covenants, which require us to, among other things, comply with certain financial tests (described below); deliver quarterly and annual financial statements and annual projections; comply with restrictive covenants, including maintaining adequate insurances; comply with laws (including environmental laws and ERISA); and maintain flag and class of our vessels. Other such covenants may, among other things, restrict consolidations, mergers or sales of our assets; require us to obtain lender approval on changes in our vessel manager; limit our ability to place liens on our assets; limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness; prohibit us from paying dividends if there is a covenant breach under the loan or an event of default has occurred or would occur as a result of payment of such dividend; or prohibit our transactions with affiliates. Furthermore, our debt agreements contain customary events of default, including cross-default provisions, as well as subjective acceleration clauses under which the debt could become due and payable in the event of a material adverse change in the Company's business.

These secured credit facilities may be secured by, among other things:

- a first priority mortgage over the relevant collateralized vessels;
- a first priority assignment of earnings, insurances and charters from the mortgaged vessels for the specific facility;
- a pledge of earnings generated by the mortgaged vessels for the specific facility; and
- a pledge of the equity interests of each vessel owning subsidiary under the specific facility.

Each of our secured credit facilities are described below.

Hamburg Commercial Bank Credit Facility

In November 2019, we executed an agreement with Hamburg Commercial Bank AG for a senior secured term loan facility for \$43.65 million (the "Hamburg Commercial Bank Credit Facility"), of which, (i) \$42.2 million (Tranche 1) was used to refinance the existing debt for *STI Veneto* and *STI Poplar*, and (ii) \$1.4 million (Tranche 2) was used to finance the purchase and installation of a scrubber on *STI Veneto*.

The amount outstanding as of December 31, 2022 was \$33.7 million. The outstanding debt on this loan facility was repaid in full in September 2023 and the loan facility was terminated.

Prudential Credit Facility

In November 2019, we executed an agreement with Prudential Private Capital for a senior secured term loan facility for \$55.5 million (the "Prudential Credit Facility"). The Prudential Credit Facility was fully drawn in December 2019, with the primary purpose of refinancing *STI Clapham*, *STI Camden* and *STI Acton*.

The Prudential Credit Facility bears interest at the benchmark rate (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA) plus a margin of 3.00% per annum.

Our Prudential Credit Facility includes financial covenants that require us to maintain:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.60 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth of no less than \$1.0 billion plus (i) 25% of the cumulative positive net income (on a consolidated basis) for each fiscal quarter commencing on or after January 1, 2016 and (ii) 50% of the net proceeds of new equity issuances occurring on or after January 1, 2016.
- Minimum liquidity of not less than the greater of \$25.0 million and \$500,000 per each owned vessel plus \$250,000 per each time chartered-in vessel.
- The aggregate of the fair market value of the vessels provided as collateral under the facility shall be no less than 125% of the loan outstanding.

In December 2023, we gave notice to repay the outstanding balance in January 2024 (see Note 23). The outstanding balance has been classified as current on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2023.

The amounts outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$33.7 million and \$39.3 million, respectively.

2019 DNB / GIEK Credit Facility

In November 2019, we executed a term loan facility with DNB Bank ASA and the Norwegian Export Credit Guarantee Agency ("GIEK") for \$55.5 million (the "2019 DNB/GIEK Credit Facility"). The loan is comprised of two facilities: (i) an ECA facility of \$47.2 million (which is comprised of a \$41.6 million tranche which is guaranteed by GIEK, or the "GIEK Tranche", and a \$5.6 million commercial tranche or the "Commercial Bank Tranche") and (ii) a commercial facility of \$8.3 million, or the "Commercial Facility."

The amount outstanding as of December 31, 2022 was \$38.3 million. The outstanding debt on this loan facility was repaid in full in August 2023 and the loan facility was terminated.

BNPP Sinosure Credit Facility

In December 2019, we executed a senior secured term loan facility with BNP Paribas and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB for up to \$134.1 million. This loan is split into two facilities, (i) a commercial facility for up to \$67.0 million (the "Commercial Facility"), and (ii) a Sinosure facility for up to \$67.0 million (the "Sinosure Facility"), which was funded by the lenders under the commercial facility and insured by the China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation ("Sinore") and is currently being used to finance five of our vessels. These facilities are collectively referred to as the BNPP Sinosure Credit Facility.

During the years ended December 31, 2020, 2021 and 2022, we drew down an aggregate \$101.5 million, \$1.9 million and \$5.1 million, respectively.

The Sinore Facility and the Commercial Facility bear interest at the benchmark rate (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA) plus a margin of 1.80% and 2.80% per annum, respectively. The Sinore Facility is scheduled to be repaid in semi-annual principal installments, in aggregate, of \$5.5 million through October 2024, \$3.4 million in April 2025 and \$0.9 million in October 2025. The Commercial Facility is scheduled to be repaid at the final maturity date of the facility, or October 2025.

Our BNPP Sinore Credit Facility includes financial covenants that require us to maintain:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.60 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth of no less than \$1.0 billion plus (i) 25% of the cumulative positive net income (on a consolidated basis) for each fiscal quarter commencing on or after January 1, 2016 and (ii) 50% of the net proceeds of new equity issues occurring on or after January 1, 2016.
- Minimum liquidity of not less than the greater of \$25.0 million or \$500,000 per each owned vessel and \$250,000 per each time chartered-in vessel.
- The aggregate of the fair market value of the vessels provided as collateral under the facility shall at all times be no less than 130% of the then aggregate outstanding principal amount of the loans under the credit facility through December 31, 2022 and 135% at all times thereafter.

The amounts outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$69.7 million and \$80.6 million, respectively, and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of those dates.

2020 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility

In May 2020, we executed the 2020 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility with a group of European financial institutions and originally used it to finance nine vessels (seven LR2s and two LR1s).

The amount outstanding as of December 31, 2022 was \$37.8 million. The outstanding debt on this loan facility was repaid in full in August 2023 and the loan facility was terminated.

2023 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility

In January 2023, we executed the 2023 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility with a group of European financial institutions. In February and March 2023, we drew down \$184.9 million and \$40.1 million, respectively, and 13 product tankers (*STI Opera*, *STI Duchesssa*, *STI Venere*, *STI Virtus*, *STI Aqua*, *STI Dama*, *STI Regina*, *STI San Antonio*, *STI Yorkville*, *STI Battery*, *STI Milwaukee*, *STI Madison*, and *STI Sanctity*) were collateralized under this facility as part of these drawdowns.

The 2023 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility has a final maturity of five years from the signing date and bears interest at SOFR plus a margin of 1.975% per annum. The borrowings for the 11 MRs are expected to be repaid in equal quarterly installments of \$0.63 million per vessel for the first two years, and \$0.33 million per vessel for the remaining term of the loan, with a balloon payment due at maturity. The borrowings for the two LR2s are expected to be repaid in equal quarterly installments of \$0.8 million per vessel for the first two years, and \$0.45 million per vessel for the remaining term of the loan, with a balloon payment due at maturity.

Our 2023 \$225.0 Million Credit Facility includes financial covenants that require us to maintain:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.65 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth of no less than \$1.5 billion.
- Minimum liquidity of not less than the greater of \$25.0 million or \$500,000 per each owned vessel and \$250,000 per each time chartered-in vessel.
- The aggregate of the fair market value of the vessels provided as collateral under the facility shall at all times be no less than 140% of the then aggregate of (i) principal amount of the loans outstanding and (ii) negative value of any hedging exposure under such facility.

The amount outstanding as of December 31, 2023 was \$199.6 million and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of that date.

2023 \$49.1 Million Credit Facility

In February 2023, we executed the 2023 \$49.1 Million Credit Facility with a North American financial institution. In March 2023, we drew down \$49.1 million and two LR2 product tankers (*STI Rose* and *STI Rambla*) were collateralized under this facility as part of this drawdown.

The 2023 \$49.1 Million Credit Facility has a final maturity of five years from the drawdown date and bears interest at SOFR plus a margin of 1.90% per annum. The borrowing is expected to be repaid in equal, aggregate, installments of \$1.2 million per quarter, with a balloon payment upon maturity.

Our 2023 \$49.1 Million Credit Facility includes financial covenants that require us to maintain:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.65 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth of no less than \$1.6 billion plus (i) 25% of the cumulative positive net income (on a consolidated basis) for each fiscal quarter commencing on or after October 1, 2022 and (ii) 50% of the net proceeds of new equity issues occurring on or after December 31, 2022.
- Minimum liquidity of not less than the greater of \$25.0 million or \$500,000 per each owned vessel and \$250,000 per each time chartered-in vessel.
- The aggregate of the fair market value of the vessels provided as collateral under the facility shall at all times be no less than 150% of the then aggregate outstanding principal amount of the loans.

The amount outstanding as of December 31, 2023 was \$45.6 million and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of that date.

2023 \$117.4 Million Credit Facility

In May 2023, we executed the 2023 \$117.4 Million Credit Facility with a European financial institution. This facility was fully drawn upon execution and seven vessels (*STI Battersea*, *STI Wembley*, *STI Texas City*, *STI Meraux*, *STI Mayfair*, *STI St. Charles*, and *STI Alexis*) were collateralized under this facility upon drawdown.

The 2023 \$117.4 Million Credit Facility has a final maturity of five years from the drawdown date of each vessel and bears interest at SOFR plus a margin of 1.925% per annum. The borrowing is expected to be repaid in equal, aggregate, installments of \$4.3 million per quarter, with a balloon payment upon maturity.

Our 2023 \$117.4 Million Credit Facility includes financial covenants that require us to maintain:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.65 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth of no less than \$1.0 billion plus (i) 25% of the cumulative positive net income (on a consolidated basis) for each fiscal quarter commencing on or after January 1, 2016 and (ii) 50% of the net proceeds of new equity issues occurring on or after January 1, 2016.
- Minimum liquidity of not less than the greater of \$25.0 million or \$500,000 per each owned vessel and \$250,000 per each time chartered-in vessel.
- The aggregate of the fair market value of the vessels provided as collateral under the facility shall at all times be no less than 150% of the then aggregate of (i) principal amount of the loans outstanding and (ii) negative value of any hedging exposure under such credit facility.

The amount outstanding as of December 31, 2023 was \$108.9 million and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of that date.

2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility

In July 2023, we executed the 2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility with a group of financial institutions for up to \$1.0 billion, consisting of a term loan and a revolving credit facility.

Upon execution, we drew down \$440.6 million (split evenly between the term loan and the revolver) and 21 vessels (*STI Lobelia*, *STI Lavender*, *STI Jermyn*, *STI Steadfast*, *STI Magic*, *STI Mystery*, *STI Marvel*, *STI Millennia*, *STI Magister*, *STI Mythic*, *STI Modest*, *STI Maverick*, *STI Miracle*, *STI Maestro*, *STI Mighty*, *STI Magnetic*, *STI Seneca*, *STI Brooklyn*, *STI Manhattan*, *STI Bronx*, and *STI Tribeca*) were collateralized under this facility as part of this drawdown.

In August 2023, we drew down \$135.8 million (split evenly between the term loan and the revolver) and five vessels (*STI Supreme*, *STI Spiga*, *STI Kingsway*, *STI Sloane* and *STI Condotti*) were collateralized under this facility as part of this drawdown.

In September 2023, we repaid \$288.2 million on the revolving portion of this credit facility, which may be re-borrowed in the future.

In November 2023, we drew down \$202.3 million (split evenly between the term loan and the revolver) and eight vessels (*STI Lotus*, *STI Lily*, *STI Gladiator*, *STI Gratitude*, *STI Goal*, *STI Maximus*, *STI Leblon* and *STI Bosphorus*) were collateralized under this facility as part of this drawdown.

In December 2023, we drew down \$122.3 million (split evenly between the term loan and the revolver) and five vessels (*STI Donald C Trauscht*, *STI Esles II*, *STI Stability*, *STI Solace* and *STI Solidarity*) were collateralized under this facility as part of these drawdowns.

The 2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility has a final maturity of June 30, 2028 and bears interest at SOFR plus a margin of 1.95% per annum. The amounts drawn as of December 31, 2023, inclusive of the currently available \$288.2 million that was repaid under the revolving portion of the facility, are scheduled to be repaid and/or permanently reduced in aggregate amounts of \$29.0 million per quarter through June 30, 2025 and gradually decreasing from \$22.3 million to \$18.9 million per quarter in years three through five of the loan, with a balloon payment due at maturity. The scheduled repayments will be applied to the outstanding term loan for each vessel, until repaid in full, and then to the reduction of the revolver for each vessel. A commitment fee of 0.78% per annum is due quarterly on the undrawn available commitment.

Our 2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility includes financial covenants that require us to maintain:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.65 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth of no less than \$1.5 billion.
- Minimum liquidity of not less than the greater of \$25.0 million and \$500,000 per each owned vessel plus \$250,000 per each time chartered-in vessel.
- The aggregate of the fair market value of the vessels provided as collateral under the facility shall at all times be no less than 140% of the then aggregate principal amount of the loans outstanding.

The amount outstanding as of December 31, 2023 was \$564.9 million and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of that date. As of December 31, 2023, the amounts available under the term loan and the revolver were \$49.5 million and \$337.7 million, respectively (see Note 23).

2023 \$94.0 Million Credit Facility

In September 2023, we executed the 2023 \$94.0 Million Credit Facility with DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale for up to \$94.0 million. Upon execution, we drew down \$43.8 million and two vessels (*STI Marshall* and *STI Grace*) were collateralized under this facility as part of this drawdown. In October 2023, we drew down \$50.2 million and two vessels (*STI Guide* and *STI Gauntlet*) were collateralized under this facility as part of this drawdown.

This 2023 \$94.0 Million Credit Facility has a final maturity of five years from the drawdown date of each vessel and bears interest at SOFR plus a margin of 1.70% per annum. The facility is scheduled to be repaid in aggregate repayments of \$2.4 million per quarter with a balloon payment due at maturity.

Our 2023 \$94.0 Million Credit Facility includes financial covenants that require us to maintain:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.65 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth of no less than \$1.5 billion.
- Minimum liquidity of not less than the greater of \$25.0 million and \$500,000 per each owned vessel plus \$250,000 per each time chartered-in vessel.

- The aggregate of the fair market value of the vessels provided as collateral under the facility shall at all times be no less than 143% of the then aggregate of (i) principal amount of the loans outstanding and (ii) negative value of any hedging exposure under such credit facility.

The amount outstanding as of December 31, 2023 was \$92.9 million and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of that date.

Lease financing arrangements

The below summarizes the key terms of our lease financing arrangements. For each arrangement, we have evaluated whether, in substance, these transactions are leases or merely a form of financing. As a result of this evaluation, we have concluded that each agreement is a form of financing on the basis that each transaction is a sale and leaseback transaction which does not meet the criteria for a sale under IFRS 15. Accordingly, the cash received in the transfer has been accounted for as a liability under IFRS 9, and each arrangement has been recorded at amortized cost using the effective interest method, with the corresponding vessels being recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation, on our consolidated balance sheet.

The obligations set forth below are secured by, among other things, assignments of earnings and insurances and stock pledges and account charges in respect of the subject vessels. All of the financing arrangements contain customary events of default, including cross-default provisions as well as subjective acceleration clauses under which the lessor could cancel the lease in the event of a material adverse change in the Company's business.

Given the favorable market conditions during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we were able exercise purchase options and repay the lease obligations on 53 vessels. In all circumstances, we submitted binding notices to exercise the purchase options prior to the end of the lease term in accordance with the existing provisions of the leases. As these instruments were accounted for as financial liabilities at amortized cost under IFRS 9, the submission of the purchase option notice triggered a re-assessment of the cash flows associated with the liability. As almost all of these instruments were floating rate financial liabilities, the carrying values of the liabilities did not change with the exception of purchase option fees incurred on certain arrangements, all of which are detailed below. For fixed rate instruments, a nominal gain or loss was recorded upon re-assessment.

Ocean Yield Lease Financing

We assumed the obligations under a lease financing arrangement with Ocean Yield ASA for four LR2 tankers (*STI Sanctity*, *STI Steadfast*, *STI Supreme*, and *STI Symphony*) in connection with the September 2017 acquisition of Navig8 Product Tankers Inc. (the "Ocean Yield Lease Financing"). Under this arrangement, each vessel was subject to a 13-year bareboat charter, which expires between February and August 2029 (depending on the vessel). Charterhire, which is paid monthly in advance, includes a fixed payment in addition to a quarterly adjustment based on prevailing benchmark rates (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA).

Monthly principal payments are approximately \$0.2 million per vessel gradually increasing to \$0.3 million per vessel per month until the expiration of the agreement. The interest component of the leases approximates the prevailing benchmark rate plus 5.40% per annum. We also have purchase options to re-acquire each of the vessels during the bareboat charter period, with the first of such options exercisable beginning at the end of the seventh year from the delivery date of the subject vessel.

We are subject to certain terms and conditions, including financial covenants, under this arrangement which are summarized as follows:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.60 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth no less than \$1.0 billion plus (i) 25% of the cumulative positive net income (on a consolidated basis) for each fiscal quarter commencing on or after January 1, 2016 and (ii) 50% of the net proceeds of new equity issues occurring on or after January 1, 2016.
- Minimum liquidity of not less than the greater of \$25.0 million or \$500,000 per each owned vessel and \$250,000 per each time chartered-in vessel.

In September 2022, we gave notice to exercise the purchase option on *STI Sanctity*. The purchase option price for this vessel was \$27.8 million, and the purchase closed in March 2023. In October 2022, we gave notice to exercise the purchase options on *STI Steadfast* and *STI Supreme*. The purchase option price was \$27.8 million per vessel, and the purchases closed in May 2023 and August 2023. The carrying value of the lease obligations related to these vessels was classified as current on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2022.

The carrying values of the amounts due under this arrangement (which reflect fair value adjustments made as part of the initial purchase price allocation of the acquisition along with non-cash adjustments to the carrying values that were triggered

by notifications to exercise purchase options) were \$25.2 million and \$114.3 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. We were in compliance with the financial covenants as of those dates.

BCFL Lease Financing (LR2s)

We assumed the obligations of a lease financing arrangement with Bank of Communications Finance Leasing Co Ltd., or BCFL, for three LR2 tankers (*STI Solace*, *STI Solidarity*, and *STI Stability*) as part of the September 2017 acquisition of NPTI (the "BCFL Lease Financing (LR2s)"). Under the arrangement, each vessel was subject to a 10-year bareboat charter which was scheduled to expire in July 2026. Charterhire under the arrangement was determined in advance, on a quarterly basis and was calculated by determining the payment based off of the then outstanding balance, the time to expiration and an interest rate of the benchmark rate (LIBOR and LIBOR as of June 30, 2023) plus 3.50% per annum.

In April 2020, we executed an agreement to increase the borrowing capacity of our BCFL Lease Financing arrangements (LR2s) by up to \$1.9 million per vessel to partially finance the purchase and installation of scrubbers on the above vessels. The agreement was for a fixed term of three years at the rate of up to \$1,910 per vessel per day to be allocated to principal and interest.

In July 2020, we drew \$1.9 million to partially finance the purchase and installation of a scrubber on one vessel, and in January 2021, we drew \$3.8 million to partially finance the purchase and installation of scrubbers on two vessels.

In December 2023, we exercised the purchase options on all of the vessels under this arrangement and repaid the outstanding indebtedness of \$58.4 million as part of these transactions, thus terminating the leases.

Additionally, we had an aggregate of \$0.8 million on deposit in a deposit account, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this facility, which were not freely available and was recorded as non-current Restricted Cash on our consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2022. This deposit account was released after the exercise of the purchase options on the vessels in December 2023.

CSSC Lease Financing

We assumed the obligations under a lease financing arrangement with CSSC (Hong Kong) Shipping Company Limited, or CSSC, for eight LR2 tankers (*STI Gallantry*, *STI Nautilus*, *STI Guard*, *STI Guide*, *STI Goal*, *STI Gauntlet*, *STI Gladiator* and *STI Gratitude*) as part of the September 2017 acquisition of NPTI (the "CSSC Lease Financing").

This arrangement was amended and restated in 2019 and 2021 to, among others, increase the borrowing capacity and reduce the margin. The tenor of the amended and restated lease remained unchanged, with each lease scheduled to expire throughout 2026 and 2027; however, the amended and restated lease contained an option to extend the lease for each vessel by an additional 24 months. The interest under the amended and restated agreement was reduced to the prevailing benchmark rate (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA) plus a margin of 3.50% per annum and the principal balance was scheduled to be repaid in equal installments of approximately \$0.2 million per vessel per month. Each lease also contained purchase options to re-acquire each of the subject vessels beginning on the second anniversary date from the effective date of the amended agreement, with a purchase obligation for each vessel upon the expiration of each agreement.

In October and November 2020, we repaid \$81.7 million and paid a \$1.6 million prepayment fee when we refinanced the existing debt on *STI Nautilus*, *STI Guard*, and *STI Gallantry*.

In October 2023, we exercised the purchase options on all of the remaining vessels under this arrangement, repaid the outstanding indebtedness of \$110.4 million, and paid purchase option fees of \$1.7 million as part of these transactions. These leases were terminated as a result of these transactions.

BCFL Lease Financing (MRs)

In September 2017, we entered into agreements to sell and lease back five 2012 built MR product tankers (*STI Amber*, *STI Topaz*, *STI Ruby*, *STI Garnet* and *STI Onyx*) with Bank of Communications Finance Leasing Co Ltd., or BCFL, for a sales price of \$27.5 million per vessel (the "BCFL Lease Financing (MRs)"). The financing for *STI Topaz*, *STI Ruby* and *STI Garnet* closed in September 2017, the financing for *STI Onyx* closed in October 2017, and the financing for *STI Amber* closed in November 2017. Each agreement was for a fixed term of seven years at a bareboat rate of \$9,025 per vessel per day, with three consecutive one-year options to extend each charter beyond the initial term. Furthermore, we had the option to purchase these vessels beginning at the end of the fifth year of the agreements through the end of the tenth year of the agreements. A deposit of \$5.1 million per vessel was retained by the buyers and will either be applied to the purchase price of the vessel if a purchase option is exercised or refunded to us at the expiration of the agreement (as applicable).

In April 2020, we executed an agreement to increase the borrowing capacity by up to \$1.9 million per vessel to partially finance the purchase and installation of scrubbers on the above vessels. The agreement was for a fixed term of three years at the rate of up to \$1,910 per vessel per day to be allocated to principal and interest.

In July 2020, we drew \$1.9 million to partially finance the purchase and installation of a scrubber on one vessel and in January 2021, we drew \$5.8 million to partially finance the purchase and installation of scrubbers on three vessels.

Our BCFL Lease Financing (MRs) includes a financial covenant that requires us to maintain that the aggregate of the fair market value of each vessel leased under the facility plus the aforementioned \$5.1 million deposit shall at all times be no less than 100% of the then outstanding balance plus the aforementioned \$5.1 million deposit.

In November 2023, we exercised the purchase option on *STI Amber* prior to its sale and repaid the outstanding indebtedness of \$8.2 million, which was net of the vessel deposit, as part of this transaction, thus terminating the lease.

In November 2023, we gave notice to exercise the purchase options on the remaining four vessels. In December 2023, we closed on the purchase of *STI Ruby* and repaid the outstanding indebtedness of \$7.4 million, which was net of the vessel deposit, as part of this transaction, thus terminating the lease. The purchases of *STI Topaz*, *STI Garnet* and *STI Onyx* closed in January 2024 (see Note 23). The carrying value of the lease obligations related to these vessels have been classified as current on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2023.

The aggregate outstanding balances under this arrangement were \$21.7 million and \$53.2 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. We were in compliance with the financial covenants as of those dates.

AVIC Lease Financing

In July 2018, we executed an agreement to sell and leaseback three MR product tankers (*STI Ville*, *STI Fontvieille* and *STI Brooklyn*) and two LR2 product tankers (*STI Rose* and *STI Rambla*) to AVIC International Leasing Co., Ltd. (the "AVIC Lease Financing"). The borrowing amounts under the arrangement were \$24.0 million per MR and \$36.5 million per LR2 (\$145.0 million in aggregate). These transactions closed in August and September 2018.

Each vessel was subject to an eight-year bareboat charter, bearing interest at LIBOR plus a margin of 3.70% per annum, with options to purchase the vessels beginning at the end of the second year of each agreement. Each agreement also had a purchase obligation at the end of the eighth year, which was equal to the outstanding principal balance at that date.

In February 2020, we executed an agreement to upsize this arrangement to partially finance the purchase and installation of scrubbers on these vessels. In December 2020, we executed the agreements on three of the vessels (*STI Brooklyn*, *STI Rose* and *STI Rambla*) and drew down \$4.6 million under the upsized portion of this arrangement. The upsized portion of the lease financing had a final maturity of three years after the first drawdown, bearing interest at LIBOR plus a margin of 4.20% per annum.

In February 2022, we repaid \$17.2 million in connection with the sale of *STI Fontvieille*, thus terminating the lease.

In September 2022, we gave notice to exercise the purchase option on the remaining four vessels. The carrying value of the lease obligations related to these vessels was classified as current on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2022. The purchases closed in January 2023 and we repaid the aggregate outstanding lease obligation of \$77.8 million and paid purchase option fees of \$1.2 million as part of these transactions, thus terminating the leases.

2020 CMBFL Lease Financing

In September 2020, we executed an agreement with CMB Financial Leasing Co., Ltd to sell and leaseback two MR product tankers (*STI Leblon* and *STI Bosphorus*). The aggregate borrowing amount under the arrangement was \$45.4 million, which was drawn in September 2020 (the "2020 CMBFL Lease Financing").

Each vessel was subject to a seven-year bareboat charter, bearing interest at LIBOR plus a margin of 3.20% per annum, with options to purchase the vessels beginning on the third anniversary of the delivery date of each agreement. Each agreement also had a purchase option at the end of the seventh year, which was equal to the outstanding principal balance at that date.

In September 2023, we exercised the purchase options on the vessels under this arrangement, repaid the outstanding indebtedness of \$36.5 million, and paid purchase option fees of \$0.4 million as part of these transactions, thus terminating the leases.

2020 TSFL Lease Financing

In November 2020, we executed an agreement with Taiping & Sinopec Financial Leasing Co., Ltd. (the "2020 TSFL Lease Financing") to sell and leaseback two MR product tankers (*STI Galata* and *STI La Boca*). The aggregate borrowing amount under the arrangement was \$47.3 million, which was drawn in November 2020.

Each vessel was subject to a seven-year bareboat charter, bearing interest at the prevailing benchmark rate (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA) plus a margin of 3.20% per annum, with options to purchase the vessels beginning on the third anniversary of the delivery date of each agreement. Each agreement also had a purchase obligation at the end of the seventh year, which is equal to the outstanding principal balance at that date.

In November 2023, we exercised the purchase options on the vessels under this arrangement, repaid the outstanding indebtedness of \$38.1 million, and paid purchase option fees of \$1.1 million as part of these transactions, thus terminating the leases.

2020 SPDBFL Lease Financing

In November 2020, we executed an agreement with SPDB Financial Leasing Co., Ltd to sell and leaseback four MR product tankers (*STI Donald C Trauscht*, *STI Esles II*, *STI San Telmo*, and *STI Jardins*). The aggregate borrowing amount under the arrangement was \$96.5 million, which was drawn in November and December 2020 (the "2020 SPDBFL Lease Financing").

The agreements for *STI Donald C Trauscht* and *STI San Telmo* were for a fixed term of seven years. The agreements for *STI Esles II* and *STI Jardins* were for a fixed term of eight years. The leases bore interest at the prevailing benchmark rate (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA) plus a margin of 3.05% per annum and had options to purchase the vessels beginning on the third anniversary of the delivery date of each agreement. Each agreement also has a purchase obligation at the end of the term (which is equal to the outstanding principal balance at that date). Additionally, coinciding with the first payment dates in the first quarter of 2021, we were required to deposit with the lessor 3% of the borrowing amount, or \$2.9 million in aggregate.

In September 2023, we gave notice to exercise the purchase options on the vessels under this arrangement. The purchases of *STI Esles II* and *STI Donald C Trauscht* closed in November 2023 and we repaid the aggregate outstanding lease liability, net of \$1.5 million in deposits held by the lessor, of \$38.1 million related to these vessels, and paid purchase option fees of \$0.8 million as part of these transactions, thus terminating the leases. The purchases of *STI Jardins* and *STI San Telmo* closed in January 2024 (see Note 23). The carrying value of the lease obligations related to these vessels was classified as current on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2023.

The carrying values of the amounts due under the arrangement (net of the deposits of \$1.4 million and including accrued purchase option fees of \$0.8 million) were \$37.6 million and \$80.6 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of those dates.

2021 AVIC Lease Financing

In February 2021, we closed on the sale and leaseback of two vessels (*STI Memphis* and *STI Soho*) with AVIC International Leasing Co., Ltd. for aggregate proceeds of \$44.2 million (the "2021 AVIC Lease Financing"). In March 2021, we closed on the sale and leaseback of two additional vessels (*STI Lombard* and *STI Osceola*) under the 2021 AVIC Lease Financing for aggregate proceeds of \$53.1 million.

Each vessel was subject to a nine-year bareboat charter, bearing interest at the prevailing benchmark rate (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA) plus a margin of 3.45% per annum, with purchase options to re-acquire each of the subject vessels beginning on the second anniversary date from the delivery date of the respective vessel and a purchase obligation upon the expiration of each agreement. Additionally, we were required to deposit with the lessor 1% of the borrowing amount, or \$1.0 million in aggregate.

Our 2021 AVIC Lease Financing includes financial covenants that require us to maintain:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.70 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth shall always exceed \$650.0 million.
- The aggregate of the fair market value of the vessels provided as collateral under the lease financing shall at all times be no less than 115% of the then aggregate outstanding principal amount on or before the third anniversary date of the delivery of the vessel and 120% thereafter.

In October 2023, we gave notice to exercise the purchase options on the vessels under this arrangement. The purchases closed in January 2024 (see Note 23). The carrying value of the lease obligations related to these vessels was classified as current on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2023.

The carrying values of the amounts due under the arrangement (net of the deposits of \$1.0 million and including accrued purchase option fees of \$1.2 million) were \$77.6 million and \$83.7 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of those dates.

2021 CMBFL Lease Financing

In March 2021, we received a commitment to sell and leaseback four Handymax vessels (*STI Comandante*, *STI Brixton*, *STI Pimlico* and *STI Finchley*) and one MR (*STI Westminster*) from CMB Financial Leasing Co. Ltd, or CMBFL (the "2021 CMBFL Lease Financing"). In March 2021, we closed on the sale and leaseback of the aforementioned Handymax vessels for aggregate proceeds of \$58.8 million. In April 2021, we closed on the sale and leaseback of *STI Westminster* for aggregate proceeds of \$20.25 million.

Each vessel is subject to a seven-year bareboat charter, bearing interest at the prevailing benchmark rate (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA) plus a margin of 3.25% per annum for the Handymax vessels and 3.20% per annum for the MR vessel. Each agreement contains purchase options to re-acquire each of the subject vessels beginning on the third anniversary date from the delivery date of the respective vessel, with a purchase option for each vessel upon the expiration of each agreement.

Our 2021 CMBFL Lease Financing includes financial covenants that require us to maintain:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.60 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth of no less than \$1.0 billion plus (i) 25% of the cumulative positive net income (on a consolidated basis) for each fiscal quarter commencing on or after January 1, 2016 and (ii) 50% of the net proceeds of new equity issuances occurring on or after January 1, 2016.
- Minimum liquidity of not less than the greater of \$25.0 million and \$500,000 per each owned vessel plus \$250,000 per each time chartered-in vessel.
- The fair market value of each vessel leased under the facility shall at all times be no less than 120% of the outstanding balance for such vessel.

The amounts outstanding were \$61.5 million and \$68.0 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of those dates.

2021 TSFL Lease Financing

In March 2021, we closed on the sale and leaseback of three MR vessels (*STI Black Hawk*, *STI Notting Hill* and *STI Pontiac*) with Taiping & Sinopec Financial Leasing Co., Ltd. for aggregate proceeds of \$57.7 million (the "2021 TSFL Lease Financing").

Each vessel was subject to a seven-year bareboat charter, bearing interest at the prevailing benchmark rate (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA) plus a margin of 3.20% per annum. Each agreement contains purchase options to re-acquire each of the subject vessels beginning on the second anniversary date from the delivery date of the respective vessel, with a purchase option for each vessel upon the expiration of each agreement.

Our 2021 TSFL Lease Financing includes financial covenants that require us to maintain:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.65 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth of no less than \$1.0 billion.
- The fair market value of each vessel leased under the facility shall at all times be no less than 115% of the outstanding balance for such vessel.

In December 2023, we gave notice to exercise the purchase options on the vessels under this arrangement. The carrying value of the lease obligations related to these vessels was therefore classified as current on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2023.

The carrying values of the amounts due under the arrangement (including accrued purchase option fees of \$0.9 million) were \$46.5 million and \$50.0 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of those dates.

2021 CSSC Lease Financing

In May 2021, we closed on the sale and leaseback of two LR2 vessels (*STI Grace* and *STI Jermyn*) with CSSC (Hong Kong) Shipping Company Limited (the "2021 CSSC Lease Financing") for aggregate proceeds of \$57.4 million.

Each vessel was subject to a six-year bareboat charter, bearing interest at LIBOR plus a margin of 3.50% per annum, with purchase options beginning on the second anniversary date from the delivery date of the respective vessel and a purchase obligation for each vessel upon the expiration of each agreement.

In May 2023, we exercised the purchase options on the vessels under this arrangement, repaid the outstanding indebtedness of \$46.9 million, and paid purchase option fees of \$0.7 million as part of these transactions, thus terminating the leases.

2021 \$146.3 Million Lease Financing

In November 2021, we closed on the sale and leaseback transactions for four LR2 product tankers (*STI Connaught*, *STI Winnie*, *STI Lauren* and *STI Broadway*) and two Handymax product tankers (*STI Rotherhithe* and *STI Hammersmith*) with an international financial institution (the “2021 \$146.3 Million Lease Financing”). The borrowing amount under the agreement was \$146.3 million in aggregate.

Each vessel was subject to a seven-year bareboat charter, bearing interest at the prevailing benchmark rate (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA) plus a margin of 3.30% per annum, with purchase options beginning at the end of the second year and a purchase obligation for each vessel upon the expiration of each agreement.

In December 2023, we exercised the purchase options on the vessels under this arrangement, repaid the outstanding indebtedness of \$120.5 million, and paid purchase option fees of \$1.5 million as part of these transactions, thus terminating the leases.

2021 Ocean Yield Lease Financing

In December 2021, we closed on the sale and leaseback transactions for two LR2 product tankers (*STI Gallantry* and *STI Guard*) with Ocean Yield ASA (the “2021 Ocean Yield Lease Financing”). The borrowing amount under the agreements was \$70.2 million in aggregate.

Under this lease financing arrangement, each vessel is subject to a ten-year bareboat charter-in agreement. The lease financings bear interest at the prevailing benchmark rate (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA) plus a margin per annum and are scheduled to be repaid in equal monthly principal installments of approximately \$0.2 million per vessel. Each agreement contains purchase options to re-acquire each of the subject vessels on the fourth, fifth, and seventh anniversary dates from the effective date of each agreement, with a purchase obligation for each vessel upon the expiration of each agreement.

We are subject to certain terms and conditions, including financial covenants, under this arrangement which are summarized as follows:

- The ratio of net debt to total capitalization no greater than 0.60 to 1.00.
- Consolidated tangible net worth no less than \$1.0 billion plus (i) 25% of the cumulative positive net income (on a consolidated basis) for each fiscal quarter commencing on or after January 1, 2016 and (ii) 50% of the net proceeds of new equity issues occurring on or after January 1, 2016.
- Minimum liquidity of not less than the greater of \$25.0 million or \$500,000 per each owned vessel and \$250,000 per each time chartered-in vessel.

The amounts outstanding were \$58.1 million and \$63.9 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of those dates.

2022 AVIC Lease Financing

In May and June 2022, we closed on the sale and leaseback of two MR product tankers (*STI Gramercy* and *STI Queens*) and two LR2 product tankers (*STI Selatar* and *STI Oxford*) with AVIC International Leasing Co., Ltd. for aggregate proceeds of \$118.4 million (the “2022 AVIC Lease Financing”). We repaid the outstanding indebtedness of \$90.2 million related to these vessels on the \$116.0 Million Lease Financing as part of these transactions.

Each vessel is subject to a nine-year bareboat charter. The lease financings bear interest at the prevailing benchmark rate (LIBOR and SOFR plus a CSA) plus a margin of 3.50% per annum. The lease financings are scheduled to be repaid in equal aggregate quarterly repayments of approximately \$2.3 million. Each agreement contains purchase options to re-acquire each of the subject vessels beginning on the second anniversary date from the delivery date of the respective vessel, with a purchase obligation upon the expiration of each agreement. Additionally, we were required to deposit with the lessor 1% of the borrowing amount, or \$1.2 million in aggregate.

Our 2022 AVIC Lease Financing includes financial covenants that require us to maintain:

- Net debt to total capitalization shall not equal or exceed 70%.

- Net worth shall always exceed \$650.0 million.
- The aggregate of the fair market value of the vessels provided as collateral under the lease financing shall at all times be no less than 110% of the then aggregate outstanding principal amount.

The carrying value of the amounts due under the arrangement (net of the deposits of \$1.2 million) were \$103.5 million and \$112.6 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and we were in compliance with the financial covenants as of those dates.

Unsecured debt

Senior Notes Due 2025

In May 2020, we issued \$28.1 million aggregate principal amount of 7.00% senior unsecured notes due June 30, 2025, or our "Senior Notes Due 2025", in an underwritten public offering. This amount includes \$3.1 million related to the partial exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional Senior Notes due 2025 under the same terms and conditions. The aggregate net proceeds were approximately \$26.5 million after deducting underwriting commissions and offering expenses.

In January 2021, we entered into a note distribution agreement (the "Distribution Agreement") with B. Riley Securities, Inc. as the sales agent (the "Agent") under which we may offer and sell, from time to time, up to an additional \$75.0 million aggregate principal amount of our Senior Notes Due 2025 (the "Additional Notes").

Any Additional Notes sold were issued under that certain indenture pursuant to which we previously issued \$28.1 million aggregate principal amount our Senior Notes Due 2025, on May 29, 2020 (the "Initial Notes"). The Additional Notes have the same terms as the Initial Notes (other than date of issuance), form a single series of debt securities with the Initial Notes and have the same CUSIP number and were fungible with the Initial Notes immediately upon issuance, including for purposes of notices, consents, waivers, amendments and any other action permitted under the aforementioned indenture. The Senior Notes Due 2025 are listed on the NYSE under the symbol "SBBA."

During the year ended December 31, 2021, we issued \$42.1 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes Due 2025 under the program, resulting in \$41.2 million in aggregate net proceeds (net of underwriters commissions and expenses)

The Senior Notes Due 2025 bear interest at a coupon rate of 7.0% per year, payable quarterly in arrears on the 30th day of March, June, September, and December of each year. Coupon payments commenced on June 30, 2020. We may redeem the Senior Notes Due 2025 in whole or in part, at our option, at any time (i) on or after June 30, 2022 and prior to June 30, 2023, at a redemption price equal to 102% of the principal amount to be redeemed, (ii) on or after June 30, 2023 and prior to June 30, 2024, at a redemption price equal to 101% of the principal amount to be redeemed, and (iii) on or after June 30, 2024 and prior to maturity, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, in each case plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date.

The Senior Notes Due 2025 are a senior unsecured obligation and rank equally with all of our existing and future senior unsecured and unsubordinated debt, are effectively subordinated to our existing and future secured debt, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt, and are structurally subordinated to all existing and future debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries. No sinking fund is provided for the Senior Notes Due 2025. The Senior Notes Due 2025 were issued in minimum denominations of \$25.00 and integral multiples of \$25.00 in excess thereof.

The Senior Notes Due 2025 require us to comply with certain covenants, including financial covenants, restrictions on consolidations, mergers or sales of assets and prohibitions on paying dividends or returning capital to equity holders if a covenant breach or an event of default has occurred or would occur as a result of such payment.

The financial covenants under our Senior Notes Due 2025 include:

- Net borrowings shall not equal or exceed 70% of total assets.
- Net worth shall always exceed \$650.0 million.

The carrying values of the Senior Notes Due 2025 (net of unamortized net discount on the Additional Notes issued at market price during 2021) were \$70.5 million and \$70.5 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and we were in compliance with the financial covenants relating to the Senior Notes Due 2025 as of those dates.

Convertible Notes Due 2022

During the year ended December 31, 2018, we exchanged \$203.5 million in aggregate principal amount of our 3.00% senior Convertible Notes due 2019 for \$203.5 million in aggregate principal amount of newly issued unsecured Convertible Notes due 2022 bearing interest at 3.00%, or our "Convertible Notes Due 2022". The Convertible Notes Due 2022 matured on May 15, 2022, and the aggregate outstanding principal amount was repaid in cash upon maturity.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, we completed the exchange of approximately \$81.5 million in aggregate principal amount of Convertible Notes Due 2022 for approximately \$81.5 million in aggregate principal amount of new 3.00% Convertible Notes due 2025 (the "Convertible Notes Due 2025", which are described below) pursuant to separate, privately negotiated, agreements with certain holders of the Convertible Notes Due 2022, which we refer to as the 2021 Convertible Notes Exchanges.

We recorded an aggregate loss on the extinguishment of the Convertible Notes Due 2022 of \$5.5 million as a result of the 2021 Convertible Notes Exchanges.

Convertible Notes Due 2025

The Convertible Notes Due 2025 were our senior, unsecured obligations bearing coupon interest at a rate of 3.00% per annum. In addition to the 2021 Convertible Notes Exchanges noted above, during the year ended December 31, 2021, we issued and sold \$118.5 million in aggregate principal amount of Convertible Notes Due 2025 pursuant to separate, privately negotiated, agreements with certain investors in a private offering, which we refer to as the 2021 Convertible Notes Offerings. A portion of the 2021 Convertible Notes Offerings were issued at 102.25% of par, or \$43.3 million, plus accrued interest.

We determined the initial carrying value of the liability component of the Convertible Notes Due 2025, to be \$193.7 million. The residual value, attributable to the conversion feature, of \$7.7 million, was recorded to Additional paid-in capital upon issuance. The difference between the fair value of the liability component and the face value of the Convertible Notes Due 2025 was accreted over the term of the Convertible Notes Due 2025 under the effective interest method and recorded as part of financial expenses.

Additionally, commencing in March 2021, principal accreted on the principal amount, compounded semi-annually, at a rate equal to approximately 5.5202% per annum, which principal amount, together with any accretions thereon, is the "Accreted Principal Amount". The Accreted Principal Amount at maturity was expected to equal 125.3% of par, which together with the 3.00% coupon interest rate, compounds to a yield-to-maturity of approximately 8.25%.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, we repurchased an aggregate \$12.3 million face value of our Convertible Notes Due 2025 in the open market for \$14.3 million. The consideration paid included the Accreted Principal Amount.

As a result of these transactions, we reduced the liability and equity (the value of the conversion feature) components of the Convertible Notes Due 2025 by \$14.8 million and recorded a gain of \$0.5 million.

In November 2022, we sent a notice of redemption to all holders of the Convertible Notes Due 2025 pursuant to Section 16.01 of the indenture dated March 25, 2021.

All of the holders of the Convertible Notes Due 2025 fully converted their notes prior to the Redemption Date, resulting in the issuance of 5,757,698 common shares to settle all amounts outstanding, including accrued but unpaid interest.

As it was expected that all holders would convert their notes into shares, the economic substance of the exercise of the early redemption feature was a forced conversion. Therefore, no adjustments to the carrying amounts were made on the announcement of the early redemption. In accordance with IAS 32, we de-recognized the liability component and recognized it as equity, without any gain or loss recorded in profit or loss. The carrying value of the debt at the time of conversions was \$198.9 million comprised of: (i) principal (which included the par value and the Accreted Principal Amount which had accrued since the March 2021 issuance date) of \$205.1 million; (ii) less, unamortized deferred financing costs of \$2.1 million; (iii) less, unamortized value attributable to the conversion feature, net of unamortized premium, of \$4.2 million; and (iv) accrued coupon interest of \$0.1 million.

We incurred \$5.2 million of coupon interest and \$11.3 million of non-cash accretion (inclusive of the Accreted Principal Amount of \$9.8 million) during the year ended December 31, 2022.

13. Segment reporting

Information about our reportable segments for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

For the year ended December 31, 2023

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	Handymax	LR2	MR	Reportable segments subtotal	Corporate and eliminations	Total
Vessel revenue	\$ 154,586	\$ 530,736	\$ 655,900	\$ 1,341,222	\$ —	\$ 1,341,222
Vessel operating costs	(37,940)	(114,595)	(163,047)	(315,582)	—	(315,582)
Voyage expenses	(3,712)	(5,536)	(3,995)	(13,243)	—	(13,243)
Depreciation - owned or sale and leaseback vessels	(20,654)	(76,383)	(81,222)	(178,259)	—	(178,259)
Depreciation - right of use assets	—	(4,910)	(19,334)	(24,244)	—	(24,244)
General and administrative expenses	(1,432)	(3,876)	(4,748)	(10,056)	(96,199)	(106,255)
Write-off of deposits on scrubbers	—	—	(10,508)	(10,508)	—	(10,508)
Gain on sale of vessels	—	—	12,019	12,019	—	12,019
Financial expenses	—	—	—	—	(183,231)	(183,231)
Financial income	—	—	617	617	18,495	19,112
Other income, net	—	—	—	—	5,867	5,867
Segment income or loss	\$ 90,848	\$ 325,436	\$ 385,682	\$ 801,966	\$ (255,068)	\$ 546,898

For the year ended December 31, 2022

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	LR1	Handymax	LR2	MR	Reportable segments subtotal	Corporate and eliminations	Total
Vessel revenue	\$ 11,196	\$ 243,951	\$ 570,668	\$ 737,058	\$ 1,562,873	\$ —	\$ 1,562,873
Vessel operating costs	(9,076)	(36,507)	(112,407)	(165,735)	(323,725)	—	(323,725)
Voyage expenses	—	(44,996)	(26,641)	(21,061)	(92,698)	—	(92,698)
Depreciation - owned or sale and leaseback vessels	(1,593)	(20,874)	(75,360)	(70,181)	(168,008)	—	(168,008)
Depreciation - right of use assets	—	—	(8,297)	(30,530)	(38,827)	—	(38,827)
General and administrative expenses	(335)	(1,367)	(4,134)	(6,230)	(12,066)	(76,065)	(88,131)
Reversal of previously recorded impairment	—	—	—	12,708	12,708	—	12,708
Net loss on sale of vessels	(44,701)	—	(12,446)	(9,339)	(66,486)	—	(66,486)
Financial expenses	—	—	—	—	—	(169,795)	(169,795)
Gain on repurchase of convertible notes	—	—	—	—	—	481	481
Financial income	20	—	—	637	657	6,227	6,884
Other income, net	1,577	—	—	—	1,577	398	1,975
Segment income or loss	\$ (42,912)	\$ 140,207	\$ 331,383	\$ 447,327	\$ 876,005	\$ (238,754)	\$ 637,251

For the year ended December 31, 2021

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	LR1	Handymax	LR2	MR	Reportable segments subtotal	Corporate and eliminations	Total
Vessel revenue	\$ 47,053	\$ 50,143	\$ 180,912	\$ 262,678	540,786	\$ —	\$ 540,786
Vessel operating costs	(29,883)	(38,157)	(105,714)	(161,086)	(334,840)	—	(334,840)
Voyage expenses	24	(477)	(246)	(2,756)	(3,455)	—	(3,455)
Depreciation - owned or sale and leaseback vessels	(20,970)	(21,120)	(81,062)	(74,315)	(197,467)	—	(197,467)
Depreciation - right of use assets	—	(1,773)	(8,503)	(32,510)	(42,786)	—	(42,786)
General and administrative expenses	(1,158)	(1,464)	(4,050)	(6,148)	(12,820)	(39,926)	(52,746)
Financial expenses	—	—	—	—	—	(144,104)	(144,104)
Loss on exchange of convertible notes	—	—	—	—	—	(5,504)	(5,504)
Financial income	2	—	(5)	602	599	3,024	3,623
Other income and (expenses), net	—	—	—	—	—	2,058	2,058
Segment income or loss	\$ (4,932)	\$ (12,848)	\$ (18,668)	\$ (13,535)	\$ (49,983)	\$ (184,452)	\$ (234,435)

Revenue from customers representing greater than 10% of total revenue during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, within their respective segments was as follows:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>		For the year ended December 31,		
Segment	Customer	2023	2022	2021
MR	Scorpio MR Pool Limited ⁽¹⁾	\$ 605,442	\$ 639,743	\$ 256,874
LR2	Scorpio LR2 Pool Limited ⁽¹⁾	405,244	456,002	180,912
Handymax	Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool Limited ⁽¹⁾	135,481	79,636	50,143
		\$ 1,146,167	\$ 1,175,381	\$ 487,929

(1) These customers are related parties as described in Note 15.

14. Common shares

2013 Equity Incentive Plan

In April 2013, we adopted an equity incentive plan, which was amended in March 2014 and which we refer to as the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, under which directors, officers, employees, consultants and service providers of us and our subsidiaries and affiliates are eligible to receive incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units and unrestricted common stock. We initially reserved a total of 500,000 common shares for issuance under the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan which was increased by an aggregate of 5,824,646 common shares through December 31, 2020 and subsequently amended as follows:

- In June 2021, we reserved an additional 386,883 common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, for issuance pursuant to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan. All other terms of the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan remained unchanged.
- In October 2021, we reserved an additional 693,864 common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, for issuance pursuant to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan. All other terms of the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan remained unchanged.
- In March 2023, we reserved an additional 1,785,500 common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, for issuance pursuant to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan. All other terms of the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan remained unchanged.

Under the terms of the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, stock options and stock appreciation rights granted under the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan will have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of a common share on the date of grant, unless otherwise determined by the plan administrator, but in no event will the exercise price be less than the fair market value of a common share on the date of grant. Options and stock appreciation rights will be exercisable at times and under conditions as determined by the plan administrator, but in no event will they be exercisable later than ten years from the date of grant.

The plan administrator may grant shares of restricted stock and awards of restricted stock units subject to vesting, forfeiture and other terms and conditions as determined by the plan administrator. Following the vesting of a restricted stock unit, the award recipient will be paid an amount equal to the number of vested restricted stock units multiplied by the fair market value of a common share on the date of vesting, which payment may be paid in the form of cash or common shares or a combination of both, as determined by the plan administrator. The plan administrator may grant dividend equivalents with respect to grants of restricted stock units.

Adjustments may be made to outstanding awards in the event of a corporate transaction or change in capitalization or other extraordinary event. In the event of a “change in control” (as defined in the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan), unless otherwise provided by the plan administrator in an award agreement, awards then outstanding will become fully vested and exercisable in full.

Our Board of Directors may amend or terminate the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan and may amend outstanding awards, provided that no such amendment or termination may be made that would materially impair any rights, or materially increase any obligations, of a grantee under an outstanding award. Shareholder approval of plan amendments will be required under certain circumstances. Unless terminated earlier by our board of directors, the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan was scheduled to expire ten years from the date the plan was initially adopted. In April 2023, our Board of Directors extended the term of 2013 Equity Incentive Plan to April 2033.

The following paragraphs summarize our grants of restricted stock during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021. The vesting periods of these grants are determined by the plan administrator and generally range from one to five years. Additionally, vesting of these grants is generally subject to a grantee's continued employment with the Company through the vesting date unless the grantee is terminated without cause or due to the grantee's death or disability.

In April 2021, we issued 276,369 shares of restricted stock to certain of our employees for no cash consideration. The share price on the issuance date was \$18.38 per share. The vesting schedule for these restricted shares is (i) one-third of the shares vested on March 1, 2024, (ii) one-third of the shares vest on March 3, 2025, and (iii) one-third of the shares vest on March 2, 2026.

In April and May 2022, we issued an aggregate of 1,047,997 shares of restricted stock to certain of our employees, SSH employees, and independent directors for no cash consideration. The share price on the issuances dates was \$21.33 and \$26.11 per share, respectively. The vesting schedule for these restricted shares for employees and SSH employees is (i) one-third of the shares vest on September 3, 2024, (ii) one-third of the shares vest on September 2, 2025, and (iii) one-third of the shares vest on September 1, 2026. The vesting schedule for these restricted shares for independent directors is (i) one-third of the shares vested on December 1, 2022, (ii) one-third of the shares vested on December 1, 2023, and (iii) one-third of the shares vest on December 1, 2024.

In March and April 2023, we issued an aggregate of 1,817,750 shares of restricted stock to certain of our employees, SSH employees, and independent directors for no cash consideration. The share price on the issuance dates was \$55.57 and \$55.89 per share, respectively. The vesting schedule for these restricted shares for employees and SSH employees is (i) one-third of the shares vest on September 2, 2025, (ii) one-third of the shares vest on September 1, 2026, and (iii) one-third of the shares vest on September 1, 2027. The vesting schedule for these restricted shares for independent directors is (i) one-third of the shares vest on April 1, 2024 (ii) one-third of the shares vest on December 2, 2024, and (iii) one-third of the shares vest on December 2, 2025.

There were 15,513 shares eligible for issuance under the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan as of December 31, 2023.

The following is a summary of activity for awards of restricted stock during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding and non-vested, December 31, 2021	2,997,992	\$ 23.27
Granted	1,047,997	21.39
Vested	(1,337,500)	25.11
Forfeited	(2,500)	16.66
Outstanding and non-vested, December 31, 2022	2,705,989	\$ 21.63
Granted	1,817,750	55.61
Vested	(1,280,179)	27.11
Forfeited	(12,500)	24.27
Outstanding and non-vested, December 31, 2023	3,231,060	\$ 38.57

Compensation expense is recognized ratably over the vesting periods for each tranche using the straight-line method.

Assuming that all the restricted stock will vest, the stock compensation expense in future periods, including that related to restricted stock issued in prior periods will be:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	Employees	Directors	Total
For the year ending December 31, 2024	34,275	1,455	35,730
For the year ending December 31, 2025	26,228	382	26,610
For the year ending December 31, 2026	13,252	—	13,252
For the year ending December 31, 2027	4,399	—	4,399
	\$ 78,154	\$ 1,837	\$ 79,991

Dividend Payments

The following dividends were paid during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

Dividends per share	Date Paid
\$0.10	March 15, 2021
\$0.10	June 15, 2021
\$0.10	September 29, 2021
\$0.10	December 15, 2021
\$0.10	March 15, 2022
\$0.10	June 15, 2022
\$0.10	September 15, 2022
\$0.10	December 15, 2022
\$0.20	March 31, 2023
\$0.25	June 30, 2023
\$0.25	September 15, 2023
\$0.35	December 15, 2023

Convertible Notes Due 2025

In December 2022, all of the holders of the Convertible Notes Due 2025 converted their notes into an aggregate 5,757,698 of our common shares, as described in Note 12.

2020 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program

In May and July 2022, we repurchased \$10.8 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, in aggregate principal amount of our Convertible Notes Due 2025 in the open market for \$12.6 million and \$1.7 million. Additionally, from January 2022 through October 2022, we repurchased an aggregate of 3,120,341 of our common shares at an average price of \$38.66 per share. These repurchases include the repurchase of 1,293,661 of our common shares from Eneti Inc., a former related party, for \$38.65 per share and 1,826,680 common shares in the open market for an average price of \$38.66 per share. These shares were purchased under the 2020 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program.

2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program

In October 2022, our Board of Directors authorized a new securities repurchase program to purchase up to an aggregate of \$250 million of securities, which, in addition to our common shares, consisted of our Senior Notes Due 2025 (NYSE: SBBA), and Convertible Notes Due 2025 at the date of authorization. The 2020 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program was terminated upon the authorization of the 2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program.

In December 2022, we repurchased 789,532 of our common shares in the open market at an average price of \$51.61 per share under the 2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program. From January 1, 2023 through February 15, 2023, we repurchased an aggregate of 1,891,303 of our common shares in the open market at an average price of \$50.27 per share under the 2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program.

2023 Securities Repurchase Program

On February 15, 2023, our Board of Directors authorized a new securities repurchase program to purchase up to an aggregate of \$250 million of securities which, in addition to our common shares, consisted of our Senior Notes Due 2025 (NYSE: SBBA) at the date of authorization. The 2023 Securities Repurchase Program went into effect for trades initiated on or after February 16, 2023, thus, terminating the 2022 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program.

From February 16, 2023 through April 30, 2023, we repurchased an aggregate of 1,723,465 of our common shares in the open market at an average price of \$54.37 per share under the 2023 \$250 Million Securities Repurchase Program.

On May 1, 2023, our Board of Directors authorized to replenish the 2023 Securities Repurchase Program up to an aggregate of \$250 million of the Company's securities, which went into effect for trades initiated on or after May 1, 2023.

From May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023, we repurchased an aggregate of 3,699,336 of our common shares in the open market at an average price of \$47.54 per share under the 2023 Securities Repurchase Program.

On May 31, 2023, the Board of Directors authorized to replenish the 2023 Securities Repurchase Program up to an aggregate of \$250 million of the Company's securities, which went into effect for trades initiated on or after June 1, 2023.

From June 1, 2023 through November 9, 2023, we repurchased an aggregate of 2,646,219 of our common shares in the open market at an average price of \$47.25 per share under the 2023 Securities Repurchase Program.

On November 9, 2023, the Board of Directors authorized to replenish the 2023 Securities Repurchase Program up to an aggregate of \$250 million of the Company's securities.

We had \$250 million remaining under our 2023 Securities Repurchase Program as of December 31, 2023. We expect to repurchase any securities in the open market, at times and prices that are considered to be appropriate, but we are not obligated under the terms of the program to repurchase any securities.

Shares outstanding

We currently have 175,000,000 registered shares authorized of which 150,000,000 are designated as common shares with a par value of \$0.01 and 25,000,000 are designated as preferred shares with a par value of \$0.01.

As of December 31, 2023, we had 53,107,765 common shares outstanding. These shares provide the holders with rights to dividends and voting rights.

There were 21,389,520 and 11,429,197 common shares held in treasury at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

15. Related party transactions

Our vessels are commercially managed by SCM and technically managed by SSM pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth under a revised master agreement which was effective as from January 1, 2018 (the "Revised Master Agreement").

The Revised Master Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 24 months' notice, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Master Agreement. In the event of the sale of one or more vessels, a notice period of three months and a payment equal to three months of management fees will apply, provided that the termination does not amount to a change in control, including a sale of all or substantially all of our vessels, in which case a payment equal to 24 months of management fees will apply. SCM and SSM are related parties of ours. We expect that any additional vessels that we may acquire in the future will also be managed under the Revised Master Agreement or on substantially similar terms.

Transactions with entities controlled by the Lolli-Ghetti family (herein referred to as related parties) in the consolidated statements of operations and balance sheets are as follows:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Pool revenue⁽¹⁾			
Scorpio MR Pool Limited	\$ 605,442	\$ 639,743	\$ 256,874
Scorpio LR2 Pool Limited	405,244	456,002	180,912
Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool Limited	135,481	79,636	50,143
Mercury Pool Limited	9,077	—	—
Scorpio LR1 Pool Limited	—	11,196	47,053
Voyage revenue⁽²⁾	—	5,657	—
Time charter-out revenue⁽³⁾	21,555	2,358	—
Voyage expenses⁽⁴⁾	(4,495)	(9,194)	(1,461)
Vessel operating costs⁽⁵⁾	(33,061)	(33,084)	(35,427)
Administrative expenses⁽⁶⁾	(15,450)	(13,175)	(13,557)
Purchases of bunkers⁽⁷⁾	(4,784)	(45,957)	(2,561)

- (1) These transactions relate to revenue earned in the Scorpio Pools. The Scorpio Pools are related parties. When our vessels are in the Scorpio Pools, SCM, the pool manager, charges fees of \$300 per vessel per day with respect to LR1 vessels, \$250 per vessel per day with respect to LR2 vessels, and \$325 per vessel per day with respect to both Handymax and MR vessels, plus a commission of 1.50% on gross revenue per charter fixture. These were the same fees that SCM charges other vessels in these pools, including third party vessels.

- (2) These transactions relate to revenue earned in the spot market on voyages chartered through a chartering subsidiary of SSH, a related party, to the end customer.
- (3) These transactions relate to revenue earned for certain vessels on time charter, which have been time chartered-out through a chartering subsidiary of SSH, a related party, to the end customer.
- (4) Related party expenditures included within voyage expenses in the consolidated statements of operations consist of the following:
 - Expenses due to SCM, a related party, for commissions related to the commercial management services provided by SCM under the commercial management agreement for vessels that are not in one of the Scorpio Pools. SCM's services include securing employment, in the spot market and on time charters, for our vessels. When not in one of the Scorpio Pools, each vessel pays (i) flat fees of \$250 per day for LR1 and LR2 vessels and \$300 per day for Handymax and MR vessels and (ii) commissions of 1.25% of their gross revenue per charter fixture for LR1, LR2, Handymax and MR vessels.
 - Voyage expenses also consist of \$0.5 million, \$2.4 million and \$19,175 charged by related party port agents during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. SSH has a majority equity interest in port agents that provide supply and logistical services for vessels operating in their regions.
- (5) Related party expenditures included within vessel operating costs in the consolidated statements of operations consist of the following:
 - Technical management fees of \$28.3 million, \$29.8 million, and \$32.7 million charged by SSM, a related party, during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. SSM's services include day-to-day vessel operations, performing general maintenance, monitoring regulatory and classification society compliance, customer vetting procedures, supervising the maintenance and general efficiency of vessels, arranging the hiring of qualified officers and crew, arranging and supervising drydocking and repairs, purchasing supplies, spare parts and new equipment for vessels, appointing supervisors and technical consultants, and providing technical support. SSM administers the payment of salaries to our crew on our behalf. The crew wages that were administered by SSM (and disbursed through related party subcontractors of SSM) were \$136.3 million, \$141.2 million, and \$152.0 million during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. SSM's annual technical management fee is a fixed fee of \$175,000 per vessel plus certain itemized expenses pursuant to the technical management agreement.
 - Vessel operating expenses of \$4.8 million, \$3.3 million, and \$2.7 million charged by a related party port agent during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.
- (6) We have an Amended Administrative Services Agreement with SSH, a related party, for the provision of administrative staff and office space, and administrative services, including accounting, legal compliance, financial and information technology services. SSH also administers the payroll for certain of our employees. The services provided to us by SSH may be sub-contracted to other entities within Scorpio. The expenses incurred under this agreement were recorded in general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of operations and were as follows:
 - The expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 of \$15.5 million included (i) administrative fees of \$10.5 million charged by SSH, (ii) restricted stock amortization of \$5.0 million, which relates to 695,400 shares of restricted stock that was issued in the current or in prior years to SSH employees for no cash consideration pursuant to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, and (iii) the reimbursement of expenses of \$25,145 to SSH and \$26,653 to SCM.
 - The expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 of \$13.2 million included (i) administrative fees of \$11.0 million charged by SSH, (ii) restricted stock amortization of \$2.0 million, which relates to 493,300 shares of restricted stock that was issued in the current or in prior years to SSH employees for no cash consideration pursuant to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan and (iii) the reimbursement of expenses of \$81,762 to SSH and \$36,869 to SCM.
 - The expense for the year ended December 31, 2021 of \$13.6 million included (i) administrative fees of \$12.2 million charged by SSH, (ii) restricted stock amortization of \$1.3 million, which relates to the issuance of 315,950 shares of restricted stock that was issued in the current or in prior years to SSH employees for no cash consideration pursuant to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan and (iii) the reimbursement of expenses of \$51,962 to SSH and \$14,726 to SCM.
- (7) These amounts represent bunkers purchased from a related party which, for vessels operating in the spot market, are initially recorded as part of inventory on the balance sheet prior to being consumed.

We had the following balances with related parties, which have been included in the consolidated balance sheets:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
Assets:		
Prepaid expenses and accounts receivable (due from the Scorpio Pools) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 201,340	\$ 236,389
Prepaid expenses (SSM) ⁽²⁾	5,522	5,450
Prepaid expenses (SCM)	28	84
Prepaid expenses and accounts receivable (SSH)	10	4,976
Prepaid expenses (related party port agent)	2	98
Other assets (pool working capital contributions) ⁽³⁾	51,411	53,161
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (SSM)	2,468	823
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (related party port agent)	1,368	955
Accounts payable (owed to the Scorpio Pools) ⁽⁴⁾	626	10,090
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (SCM)	316	540
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (SSH)	284	287
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (related party bunker supplier)	95	2,380

(1) Accounts receivable due from the Scorpio Pools relate to hire receivables for revenues earned and receivables from working capital contributions. Upon entrance into such pools, all vessels are required to make working capital contributions of both cash and bunkers. Additional working capital contributions can be made from time to time based on the operating needs of the pools. These amounts are accounted for and repaid as follows:

- For vessels in the Scorpio LR2 Pool, Scorpio LR1 Pool, Scorpio MR Pool, Scorpio Handymax Tanker Pool and Mercury Pool, the initial contribution amount is repaid, without interest, upon a vessel's exit from the pool no later than six months after the exit date. Bunkers on board a vessel exiting the pool are credited against such repayment at the actual invoice price of the bunkers. For all owned or lease financed vessels we assume that these contributions will not be repaid within 12 months and are thus classified as non-current within other assets on the consolidated balance sheets.
- For time or bareboat chartered-in vessels we classify the initial contributions as current (within accounts receivable) or non-current (within other assets) according to the expiration of the contract. Any additional working capital contributions are repaid when sufficient net revenues become available to cover such amounts.

(2) Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses from SSM primarily relate to advances made for vessel operating expenses (such as crew wages) that will either be reimbursed or applied against future costs.

(3) Represents the non-current portion of working capital receivables as described above.

(4) Accounts payable and accrued expenses owed to the Scorpio Pools relate to expenses incurred by the Scorpio Pools on behalf of certain of our vessels.

Other transactions

In August 2021, we acquired a minority interest in a portfolio of nine product tankers, which at the time consisted of five dual-fuel MR methanol tankers (built between 2016 and 2021) along with four ice class 1A LR1 product tankers (two of which were sold during the fourth quarter of 2021). Two of the LR1 tankers that are part of this joint venture are commercially and technically managed by SCM and SSM, respectively.

Pursuant to the Revised Master Agreement with SCM and SSM, in the event of the sale of one or more vessels, a notice period of three months and a payment equal to three months of commercial and technical management fees would be due and payable upon the sales of these vessels.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we sold two MR product tankers, *STI Amber* and *STI Ville*. Termination fees of \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million were paid to SCM and SSM, respectively, during the year ended December 31, 2023. Additionally, \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million to SCM and SSM, respectively, remained accrued (and have been recorded within Accrued Expenses) as of December 31, 2023.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, we sold 18 vessels, consisting of three LR2s, 12 LR1s and three MRs. Termination fees of \$2.5 million and \$1.4 million were paid to SCM and SSM respectively, during the year ended December 31, 2022 as a result of these sales.

SSH also owns a non-controlling 7.5% interest in the buyer of one of the MR product tankers that was sold during the year ended December 31, 2022. SSH also has an interest in the entity that bareboat chartered-in one of the MR product tankers that we sold during the year ended December 31, 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2022, we received proceeds from an insurance claim of \$1.7 million for certain repairs that this vessel required but were not yet undertaken at the time of the sale. As part of the sale of this vessel, we forwarded these funds to SSH in August 2022.

In August 2022, we repurchased 1,293,661 of our common shares from Eneti Inc., a former related party, for \$38.65 per share.

Key management remuneration

The table below shows key management remuneration for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Short-term employee benefits	\$ 27,972	\$ 32,663	\$ 5,488
Share-based compensation ⁽¹⁾	31,702	13,777	17,476
Total	\$ 59,674	\$ 46,440	\$ 22,964

⁽¹⁾ Represents the amortization of restricted stock issued under our 2013 Equity Incentive Plan as described in Note 14.

For the purpose of the table above, key management are those persons who have authority and responsibility for making strategic decisions, and managing operating, financial and legal activities.

We have entered into employment agreements with the majority of our executives. These employment agreements remain in effect until terminated in accordance with their terms upon not less than between 24 months' and 36 months' prior written notice, depending on the terms of the employment agreement applicable to each executive. Pursuant to the terms of their respective employment agreements, our executives are prohibited from disclosing or unlawfully using any of our material confidential information.

Upon a change in control of us, the annual bonus provided under the employment agreement becomes a fixed bonus of between 150% and 250% of the executive's base salary, and the executive may receive an assurance bonus equal to the fixed bonus, depending on the terms of the employment agreement applicable to each executive.

Any such executive may be entitled to receive upon termination an assurance bonus equal to such fixed bonus and an immediate lump-sum payment in an amount equal to three times the sum of the executive's then current base salary and the assurance bonus, and he will continue to receive all salary, compensation payments and benefits, including additional bonus payments, otherwise due to him, to the extent permitted by applicable law, for the remaining balance of his then-existing employment period. If an executive's employment is terminated for cause or voluntarily by the employee, he shall not be entitled to any salary, benefits or reimbursements beyond those accrued through the date of his termination, unless he voluntarily terminated his employment in connection with certain conditions. Those conditions include a change in control combined with a significant geographic relocation of his office, a material diminution of his duties and responsibilities, and other conditions identified in the employment agreement.

There are no material post-employment benefits for our executive officers or directors. By law, our employees in Monaco are entitled to a one-time payment of up to two months salary upon retirement if they meet certain minimum service requirements.

16. Vessel revenue

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we had 15 and 14 vessels that earned revenue through long-term time-charter contracts (with initial terms of one year or greater), respectively. There were no vessels that earned revenue through long-term time-charter contracts during the year ended December 31, 2021. The remaining vessels earned revenue from the Scorpio Pools or in the spot market. The following table sets forth our revenue, by employment type, for these periods:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Pool revenue	\$ 1,155,244	\$ 1,186,577	\$ 534,982
Voyage revenue (spot market)	32,718	328,087	5,804
Time charter revenue	153,260	48,209	—
	<u>\$ 1,341,222</u>	<u>\$ 1,562,873</u>	<u>\$ 540,786</u>

IFRS 16 Lease Revenue

In accordance with *IFRS 16 - Leases*, we are required to identify the lease and non-lease components of revenue and account for each component in accordance with the applicable accounting standard. In time charter-out or pool arrangements, we have determined that the lease component is the vessel and the non-lease component is the technical management services provided to operate the vessel. Each component is quantified on the basis of the relative stand-alone price of each lease component and on the aggregate stand-alone price of the non-lease components.

These components are accounted for as follows:

- All fixed lease revenue earned under these time charter-out arrangements is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.
- Lease revenue earned under our pool arrangements is recognized as it is earned, since it is 100% variable.
- The non-lease component is accounted for as services revenue under IFRS 15. This revenue is recognized “over time” as the customer (i.e. the pool or the charterer) is simultaneously receiving and consuming the benefits of the service.

The following table summarizes the lease and non-lease components of revenue from time charter-out and pool revenue during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021. These figures are not readily quantifiable as the Company's contracts (with the Scorpio pools or under time charter-out arrangements) do not separate these components. We do not view pool and time charter-out revenue as two separate streams of revenue. Nevertheless, we have estimated these amounts by reference to (i) third party, published time charter rates for the lease component, and (ii) an approximation of the fair market value of vessel operating expenses for the non-lease component.

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Lease component of revenue from time charter-out and pool revenue	\$ 999,273	\$ 879,168	\$ 280,633
Non-lease component of revenue from time charter-out and pool revenue	309,231	355,618	254,349
	<u>\$ 1,308,504</u>	<u>\$ 1,234,786</u>	<u>\$ 534,982</u>

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we entered into a time charter-out agreement on an LR2 product tanker, which commenced in April 2023. During the year ended December 31, 2022, we entered into time charter-out agreements on 14 vessels. The terms of the agreements, including the dates of commencement are summarized as follows:

Vessel	Vessel class	Term	Rate (\$/day)	Commencement date
STI Gratitude	LR2	Three years	\$28,000 ⁽¹⁾	May-22
STI Guard	LR2	Five years	\$28,000 ⁽²⁾	July-22
STI Gladiator	LR2	Three years	\$28,000 ⁽³⁾	July-22
STI Guide	LR2	Three years	\$28,000 ⁽³⁾	July-22
STI Marshall	MR	Three years	\$23,000 ⁽⁴⁾	July-22
STI Magnetic	MR	Three years	\$23,000 ⁽⁵⁾	July-22
STI Miracle	MR	Three years	\$21,000 ⁽⁶⁾	August-22
STI Memphis	MR	Three years	\$21,000 ⁽⁷⁾	June-22
STI Connaught	LR2	Three years	\$30,000 ⁽⁸⁾	August-22
STI Lombard	LR2	Three years	\$32,750 ⁽⁹⁾	September-22
STI Gauntlet	LR2	Three years	\$32,750	November-22
STI Duchessa	MR	Three years	\$25,000	October-22
STI Lavender	LR2	Three years	\$35,000	December-22
STI Grace	LR2	Three years	\$37,500 ⁽¹⁰⁾	December-22
STI Jermyn	LR2	Three years	\$40,000 ⁽¹¹⁾	April-23

- (1) This vessel commenced a time charter in May 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$28,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$31,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$33,000 per day.
- (2) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for five years at a rate of \$28,000 per day. The charterers have the option to convert the term of this agreement to three years at \$30,000 per day, which must be declared within 30 months after the delivery date.
- (3) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$28,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$31,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$33,000 per day.
- (4) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for three years at a rate of \$23,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$25,000 per day. If this second option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$26,000 per day.
- (5) This vessel commenced a time charter in July 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$23,000 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three years period, which is payable in years one, two, and three at \$30,000 per day, \$20,000 per day, and \$19,000 per day, respectively. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,500 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$26,000 per day.
- (6) This vessel commenced a time charter in August 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$21,000 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three years period, which is payable during the first six months at \$30,000 per day, the next six months are payable at \$20,000 per day, and years two and three are payable at \$19,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$22,500 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,000 per day.
- (7) This vessel commenced a time charter in June 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$21,000 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three years period, which is payable during the first six months at \$30,000 per day, the next 6 months are payable at \$20,000 per day, and years two and three are payable at \$19,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$22,500 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$24,000 per day.
- (8) In April 2023, *STI Connaught* replaced *STI Goal* on a time charter which initially commenced in August 2022 for three years at a rate of \$30,000 per day. The charterers have the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$32,000 per day. If this option is declared, the charterers have the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$34,000 per day.
- (9) This vessel commenced a time charter in September 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$32,750 per day. The charterer has the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$34,750 per day. If this option is declared, the charterer has the option to further extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$36,750 per day.
- (10) This vessel commenced a time charter in December 2022 for three years at an average rate of \$37,500 per day. The daily rate is the average rate over the three years period, which is payable during the first six months at \$47,000 per day, the next 6 months are payable at \$28,000 per day, and years two and three are payable at \$37,500 per day.
- (11) This vessel commenced a time charter in April 2023 for three years at an average rate of \$40,000 per day. The charterer has the option to extend the term of this agreement for an additional year at \$42,500 per day.

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

For our vessels operating in the spot market, we recognize revenue ‘over time’ as the customer (i.e. the charterer) is simultaneously receiving and consuming the benefits of the vessel. Under IFRS 15, the performance obligation has been identified as the transportation of cargo from one point to another. Therefore, in a spot market voyage under IFRS 15, revenue is recognized on a pro-rata basis commencing on the date that the cargo is loaded and concluding on the date of discharge. We also consider short-term time charters (with initial terms of less than one year) as spot market voyages. These voyages are accounted for under IFRS 16 – Leases (given the contractual nature of the agreements), but are disclosed as spot market voyages in the table above given their short-term nature, and greater exposure to spot market volatility.

We had a decreased number of vessels trading in the spot market during the year ended December 31, 2023 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2022. The number of vessels operating in the spot market during the year ended December 31, 2022 was a result of changes in trading patterns brought on by the conflict in Ukraine starting in March 2022. Under spot market voyage charters, we pay voyage expenses, and therefore this decrease in spot market revenue during the year ended December 31, 2023 also resulted in a decrease in voyage expenses.

Voyage expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023 consisted of bunker consumption of \$4.1 million, port and agency expenses of \$2.0 million, voyage related insurance of \$1.2 million, and other voyage related expenses (including commissions) of \$5.9 million. Voyage expenses for the year ended December 31, 2022 consisted of bunker consumption of \$50.2 million, port and agency expenses of \$23.2 million, voyage related insurance of \$7.7 million, and other voyage related expenses (including commissions) of \$11.6 million.

17. Crewing costs

The following table sets forth the components of our crew expenses, including crew benefits, during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Short term crew benefits (i.e. wages, victualing, insurance)	150,194	155,782	171,546
Other crewing related costs	24,633	24,743	26,311
	\$ 174,827	\$ 180,525	\$ 197,857

There are no material post-employment benefits for our crew.

18. General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses primarily represent employee benefit expenses, professional fees and administrative fees payable to SSH under our administrative services agreement (as described in Note 15).

Employee benefit expenses (excluding crew) consist of:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Short term employee benefits	\$ 36,768	\$ 46,678	\$ 10,841
Share based compensation (see Note 14)	47,340	20,397	22,931
	\$ 84,108	\$ 67,075	\$ 33,772

There are no material post-employment benefits for our executive officers or directors. By law, our employees in Monaco are entitled to a one-time payment of up to two months salary upon retirement if they meet certain minimum service requirements.

19. Financial expenses

The following table sets forth the components of our financial expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Interest expense on debt, net of capitalized interest ⁽¹⁾	\$ 158,286	\$ 137,123	\$ 115,983
Accretion of convertible notes (as described in Note 12)	—	12,718	13,265
Amortization of deferred financing fees	7,292	6,385	7,570
Loss on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing fees ⁽²⁾	16,525	11,463	3,604
Accretion of premiums and discounts on debt ⁽³⁾	1,128	2,106	3,682
Total financial expenses	\$ 183,231	\$ 169,795	\$ 144,104

- ⁽¹⁾ The increase in interest expense, net of capitalized interest during the year ended December 31, 2023 is primarily attributable to an increase in the benchmark interest rates (both LIBOR and SOFR) as compared to the year ended December 31, 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2023, benchmark interest rates continued to increase as central banks around the world introduced measures to combat inflation. The increases in benchmark rates were partially offset by the overall reduction in our indebtedness arising from (i) the sales of 20 vessels during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 (and repayments of the related debt or lease financing obligations), (ii) the unscheduled debt and lease repayments on 58 and 23 vessels during the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, as discussed in Note 12, (iii) the maturity of the Convertible Notes Due 2022 in May 2022, and (iv) the conversion of the Convertible Notes Due 2025 in December 2022. These reductions were partially offset by new borrowings as discussed in Note 12. The combination resulted in higher interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022 despite the reduction in the average carrying value of our debt to \$1.92 billion from \$2.69 billion, respectively.

The increase in interest expense, net of capitalized interest during the year ended December 31, 2022 is primarily attributable to higher average LIBOR rates compared to the year ended December 31, 2021. As a result of the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the related economic recovery and corresponding inflationary pressures, LIBOR rates increased significantly throughout 2022. The increases in LIBOR rates were partially offset by the overall reductions in our indebtedness arising from (i) the sales of 18 vessels during the year ended December 31, 2022 (and repayments of the related debt or lease financing obligations), (ii) the unscheduled debt and lease repayments on 23 vessels, (iii) the maturity of the Convertible Notes Due 2022 in May 2022, and (iv) the conversion of the Convertible Notes Due 2025 in December 2022. The combination resulted in higher interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 compared to December 31, 2021 despite the decrease in the average carrying value of our debt to \$2.69 billion during the year ended December 31, 2022 as compared to \$3.14 billion for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Interest payable during those periods was offset by interest capitalized of \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million, during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 respectively. There was a nominal amount of capitalized interest during the year ended December 31, 2023.

- ⁽²⁾ The loss on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing fees during the year ended December 31, 2023 include (i) \$10.2 million in costs related to the extinguishment of debt, (ii) \$4.3 million of write-offs of deferred financing fees related to the unscheduled debt and lease repayments during the year, (iii) \$2.7 million relating to write-offs of the discounts related to the unscheduled debt and lease repayments during the year, (iv) \$0.8 million of accelerated effective interest on right of use liabilities related to unscheduled lease payments during the year, offset by (v) a gain of \$1.5 million related to the adjustment of the carrying values of certain sale and leaseback arrangements related to the notifications to exercise purchase options.

The loss on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing fees during the year ended December 31, 2022 include (i) \$6.6 million of write-offs of deferred financing fees related to the repayments of debt for the 18 vessels sold during the year along with the notifications to exercise purchase options on certain lease financed vessels during the year, (ii) \$4.9 million in costs related to the extinguishment of debt, (iii) \$0.9 million of write-offs of the discounts related to the payment of indebtedness on certain vessels sold and to the notifications to exercise purchase options on certain vessels, offset by (iv) a gain of \$0.9 million related to the adjustment of the carrying values of certain sale and leaseback arrangements related to the notifications to exercise purchase options.

The loss on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing fees during the year ended December 31, 2021 include (i) \$3.0 million of write-offs of deferred financing fees related to the refinancing of existing indebtedness on certain vessels and (ii) \$0.6 million of write-offs of the premium and discounts related to the refinancing of existing indebtedness on certain vessels.

- ⁽³⁾ The accretion of premiums and discounts primarily represents the accretion or amortization of the fair value adjustments relating to the indebtedness assumed as part of the 2017 acquisition of Navig8 Product Tankers Inc.

20. Tax

Scorpio Tankers Inc. and its vessel-owning or leasing subsidiaries are incorporated in either the Republic of the Marshall Islands or in Singapore. We are not subject to Marshall Islands' income tax in accordance with the income tax laws of the Marshall Islands, and we are eligible for tax exemptions in accordance with the income tax laws of Singapore. Based upon review of applicable laws and regulations, and after consultation with counsel, we do not believe we are subject to material income taxes in any jurisdiction, including the United States of America. Therefore, we did not have any income tax charges, benefits, or balances as of or for the periods ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021.

On December 12, 2022, the European Union member states agreed to implement the OECD's Pillar Two global corporate minimum tax rate of 15% on companies with revenues of at least €750 million effective from 2024. Various countries have either adopted implementing legislation or are in the process of drafting such legislation. Any new tax law in a jurisdiction where we conduct business or pay tax could have a negative effect on our company. Singapore is the only jurisdiction in which we have a presence that has announced its intention to adopt components of the Pillar Two tax rules into legislation for financial years commencing on or after January 1, 2025, namely the Income Inclusion Rule (IIR) and the Domestic Top-up Tax (DTT). We do not expect that the adoption of this legislation will subject us to material income taxes in this or any other jurisdiction in which we operate.

21. Earnings / (loss) per share

The calculation of both basic and diluted loss per share is based on net loss attributable to equity holders of the parent and weighted average outstanding shares of:

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars except for share data</i>	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Net income / (loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent - basic	\$ 546,898	\$ 637,251	\$ (234,434)
Convertible notes interest expense, accretion, and deferred financing amortization	—	19,584	—
Net income / (loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent - diluted	<u>\$ 546,898</u>	<u>\$ 656,835</u>	<u>\$ (234,434)</u>
Basic weighted average number of shares	52,369,269	55,455,277	54,718,709
Effect of dilutive potential basic shares:			
Restricted stock	2,158,478	2,610,544	—
Convertible notes	—	5,445,455	—
	<u>2,158,478</u>	<u>8,055,999</u>	<u>—</u>
Diluted weighted average number of shares	<u>54,527,747</u>	<u>63,511,276</u>	<u>54,718,709</u>
Earnings / (Loss) Per Share:			
Basic	\$ 10.44	\$ 11.49	\$ (4.28)
Diluted	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.34	\$ (4.28)

During the year ended December 31, 2023, potentially dilutive shares relating to unvested restricted stock were included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because their effect was dilutive. The inclusion of potentially dilutive shares of unvested restricted stock reflects the dilutive impact of 3,231,060 unvested shares of restricted stock.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, potentially dilutive shares relating to unvested restricted stock and our Convertible Notes Due 2022 and Convertible Notes Due 2025 were included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because their effect was dilutive. The inclusion of potentially dilutive shares of unvested restricted stock reflects the dilutive impact of 2,705,989 unvested shares of restricted stock. The inclusion of potentially dilutive shares relating to our Convertible Notes Due 2022 and Convertible Notes Due 2025 represents the potentially dilutive shares arising from these instruments for an aggregate of 7,661,365 shares. The Convertible Notes Due 2022 matured in May 2022 and were repaid in cash upon maturity. Accordingly, the potentially dilutive impact of this instrument is included in the weighted average number of shares for a portion of the period, through the maturity date. In December 2022, all of the holders of the Company's Convertible Notes Due 2025 converted their notes into an aggregate of 5,757,698 common shares of the Company. Accordingly, the potentially dilutive impact of this instrument was included in the weighted average number of shares for a portion of the period, through the conversion date.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, we incurred a net loss and as a result, potentially dilutive shares relating to unvested shares of restricted stock and our Convertible Notes Due 2022 and Convertible Notes Due 2025 were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share because their effect would have been anti-dilutive. Accordingly, interest expense, deferred financing amortization, and the potentially dilutive securities relating to the conversion of the Convertible Notes Due 2022 and Convertible Notes Due 2025 (representing 7,324,132 shares of common stock for the year ended December 31, 2021) along with the potentially dilutive impact of 2,997,992 unvested shares of restricted stock were excluded from the computation of diluted loss per share for the year ended December 31, 2021.

22. Financial instruments - financial and other risks

Funding and capital risk management

We manage our funding and capital resources to ensure our ability to continue as a going concern while maximizing the return to the shareholder through optimization of the balance between debt and equity.

IFRS 13 requires classifications of fair value measures into Levels 1, 2 and 3. Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The fair values and carrying values of our financial instruments at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, are shown in the table below.

Categories of Financial Instruments

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	As of December 31, 2023		As of December 31, 2022	
	Fair value	Carrying Value	Fair value	Carrying Value
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents ⁽¹⁾	\$ 355,551	\$ 355,551	\$ 376,870	\$ 376,870
Accounts receivable ⁽²⁾	203,500	203,500	276,700	276,700
Working capital contributions to Scorpio Pools ⁽³⁾	51,411	51,411	53,161	53,161
Seller's credit on sale leaseback vessels ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	11,430	11,430
Financial liabilities				
Accounts payable ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 10,004	\$ 10,004	\$ 28,748	\$ 28,748
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities ⁽⁵⁾	72,678	72,678	91,508	91,508
Secured bank loans ⁽⁶⁾	1,090,741	1,090,741	226,896	226,896
Sale and leaseback liability ⁽⁷⁾	428,124	428,137	1,139,877	1,140,614
IFRS 16 - lease liability ⁽⁸⁾	—	—	495,234	495,875
Unsecured Senior Notes Due 2025 ⁽⁹⁾	70,260	70,571	69,639	70,571

⁽¹⁾ Cash and cash equivalents are considered Level 1 items as they represent liquid assets with short-term maturities.

⁽²⁾ We consider that the carrying amount of accounts receivable approximate their fair value due to the relative short maturity of these instruments.

⁽³⁾ Non-current working capital contributions to the Scorpio Pools are repaid, without interest, upon a vessel's exit from the pool. For all owned vessels, excluding those under long-term time charters, we assume that these contributions will not be repaid within 12 months and are thus classified as non-current within Other Assets on the consolidated balance sheets. We consider that their carrying values approximate fair value given that the amounts due are contractually fixed based on the terms of each pool agreement.

⁽⁴⁾ The seller's credit on lease financed vessels as of December 31, 2022 represents the present value of the deposits of \$4.35 million per vessel (\$13.1 million in aggregate) that was retained by the buyer as part of the sale and operating leasebacks of *STI Beryl*, *STI Le Rocher* and *STI Larvotto*, which is described in Note 6. These deposits were recorded as financial assets measured at amortized cost at the commencement date of the leases. The present value was calculated based on the interest rate implied in the lease, and the carrying value was being accreted over the life of the lease using the effective interest method, through interest income, until the end of the lease. We considered that its carrying value approximates fair value given that its value is contractually fixed based on the terms of each lease. These deposits were applied to the purchase price of the vessels when the purchase options were exercised in December 2023.

⁽⁵⁾ We consider that the carrying amounts of accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate the fair value due to the relative short maturity of these instruments.

- (6) The carrying value of our secured bank loans are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. We consider that their carrying value approximates fair value because the interest rates on these instruments change with, or approximate, market interest rates and the credit risk of the Company has remained stable. Accordingly, we consider their fair value to be a Level 2 measurement. These amounts are shown net of \$24.6 million and \$2.8 million of unamortized deferred financing fees as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- (7) The carrying value of our obligations due under sale and leaseback arrangements are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. With the exception of our fixed rate sale and leaseback arrangements (as denoted in Note 12), we consider that their carrying value approximates fair value because the interest rates on these instruments change with, or approximate, market interest rates and the credit risk of the Company has remained stable. The fair value of leases with fixed payments are measured at the net discounted value of the remaining minimum lease payments using our incremental borrowing rate at December 31, 2023. Accordingly, we consider their fair value to be a Level 2 measurement. The amounts in the table above are shown net of \$3.2 million and \$8.2 million of unamortized deferred financing fees as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- (8) The carrying value of our lease obligations that were accounted for under IFRS 16 are measured at the present value of the minimum lease payments under each contract. These leases were mainly comprised of the leases acquired as part of the Trafigura Transaction. We considered that their carrying value approximated fair value because the interest rates on these leases change with, or approximate, market interest rates and the credit risk of the Company has remained stable. The fair value of leases with fixed payments were measured at the net discounted value of the remaining minimum lease payments using our incremental borrowing rate at December 31, 2022. Accordingly, we considered their fair value to be a Level 2 measurement. During the year ended December 31, 2023, we exercised the purchase options for all vessels under lease arrangements and had no further commitments as of December 31, 2023.
- (9) The carrying value of our Senior Notes Due 2025 is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The carrying value of our Senior Notes Due 2025 shown in the table above is their face value. The Senior Notes due 2025 are shown net of \$1.1 million of deferred financing fees and \$0.1 million of unamortized discount on our consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2023. The Senior Notes Due 2025 are shown net of \$1.7 million of deferred financing fees and \$0.1 million of unamortized discount on our consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2022. Our Senior Notes Due 2025 are quoted on the NYSE under the symbol 'SBBA'. We consider their fair value to be a Level 1 measurement due to their quotation on an active exchange.

Financial risk management objectives

We identify and evaluate significant risks on an ongoing basis with the objective of managing the sensitivity of our results and financial position to those risks. These risks include market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and foreign exchange risk.

The use of financial derivatives is governed by our policies as approved by the Board of Directors.

Market risk

Our activities expose us to the risks inherent with the tanker industry, which has historically been volatile, and financial risks of changes in interest rates.

Spot market rate risk

The cyclical nature of the tanker industry causes significant increases or decreases in the revenue that we earn from our vessels, particularly those vessels that operate in the spot market or participate in pools that are concentrated in the spot market such as the Scorpio Pools. Additionally, we have the ability to remove our vessels from the pools on relatively short notice if attractive time charter opportunities arise. A \$1,000 per day increase or decrease in spot rates for all of our vessel classes operating in the spot market or in the Scorpio Pools would have increased or decreased our operating income by \$35.3 million, \$40.3 million and \$46.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.

Interest rate risk

The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for non-derivative instruments at the balance sheet date.

If interest rates had been 1% higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, our net income for the year ended December 31, 2023 would have decreased/increased by \$18.0 million. This is mainly attributable to our exposure to interest rate movements on our variable interest rate credit facilities, lease financing arrangements and leases being accounted for under IFRS 16 as described in Notes 6 and 12.

If interest rates had been 1% higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, our net loss for the year ended December 31, 2022 would have decreased/increased by \$22.8 million. This is mainly attributable to our exposure to interest

rate movements on our variable interest rate credit facilities, lease financing arrangements and leases being accounted for under IFRS 16 as described in Notes 6 and 12.

If interest rates had been 1% higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, our net income for the year ended December 31, 2021 would have decreased/increased by \$26.5 million. This is mainly attributable to our exposure to interest rate movements on our variable interest rate credit facilities, lease financing arrangements and leases being accounted for under IFRS 16 that were in place during that year.

Interest in most of our financing agreements has historically been based on published rates for LIBOR. The ICE Benchmark Administration (“IBA”), the administrator of LIBOR, with the support of the United States Federal Reserve and the United Kingdom’s Financial Conduct Authority, ceased the publication of all U.S. Dollar LIBOR tenors on June 30, 2023.

In response to the anticipated discontinuation of LIBOR, the Alternative Reference Rate Committee, a committee convened by the Federal Reserve that includes major market participants, proposed an alternative rate to replace U.S. Dollar LIBOR: the Secured Overnight Financing Rate, or “SOFR.”

Since the initial publication of SOFR, daily changes in the rate have, on occasion, been more volatile than daily changes in comparable benchmark or market rates, and SOFR over time may bear little or no relation to the historical indicative data. Additionally, since LIBOR represented an unsecured lending rate while SOFR represents a secured lending rate, lenders may include a credit spread adjustment on SOFR to compensate for the difference in risk. The possible volatility of and uncertainty around SOFR as a LIBOR replacement rate and the applicable credit spread adjustment could result in higher borrowing costs for us, which may adversely affect our liquidity, financial condition, and results of operations.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we transitioned our existing loan and lease financing agreements from U.S. Dollar LIBOR to SOFR plus a credit spread adjustment which varied from zero basis points to 26.161 basis points depending on the financing arrangement.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the potential exposure of loss in the event of non-performance by customers and derivative instrument counterparties.

We only place cash deposits with major banks covered with strong and acceptable credit ratings.

Accounts receivable are generally not collateralized; however, we believe that the credit risk is partially offset by the creditworthiness of our counterparties including the commercial manager. We did not experience any material credit losses on our accounts receivables portfolio in the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

The carrying amount of financial assets recognized on our consolidated financial statements represents the maximum exposure to credit risk without taking into account the value of any collateral obtained. We did not experience any impairment losses on financial assets in the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

We monitor exposure to credit risk and believe that there is no substantial credit risk arising from counterparties.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial instruments. We manage liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and borrowing facilities and by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows. Liquidity risks can manifest themselves when economic conditions deteriorate or when we have significant maturities of our financial instruments.

Financing risks

During 2024 through the date of authorization of these financial statements, and in addition to our regularly scheduled debt and lease repayments, we have committed to the following:

- The early repayment of debt on three 2014 built Handymax product tankers (*STI Acton*, *STI Camden* and *STI Clapham*) under our Prudential Credit Facility. These repayments were made in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$33.7 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on two MR product tankers (*STI Jardins* and *STI San Telmo*) under our 2020 SPDBFL Lease Financing. These purchases closed in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$38.3 million, which excludes deposits held by the lessor of \$1.4 million and purchase option fees of \$0.8 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on three MR product tankers (*STI Soho*, *STI Osceola* and *STI Memphis*) and one LR2 product tanker (*STI Lombard*) under the 2021 AVIC Lease Financing. These purchases closed in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$77.4 million, which excludes deposits held by the lessor of \$1.0 million and purchase option fees of \$1.2 million.

- The exercise of the purchase options on three 2012 built MR product tankers (*STI Topaz*, *STI Garnet* and *STI Onyx*) under the BCFL Lease Financing (MRs). These purchases closed in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$21.7 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on three 2015 built MR product tankers (*STI Black Hawk*, *STI Notting Hill* and *STI Pontiac*) that are currently financed on the 2021 TSFL Lease Financing. The purchases are expected to close in the first quarter of 2024, and the aggregate lease liability at the date of the repurchase is expected to be \$45.6 million and excludes purchase option fees of \$0.9 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on one 2015 built MR product tanker (*STI Westminster*) and four 2014 built Handymax product tankers (*STI Brixton*, *STI Comandante*, *STI Pimlico* and *STI Finchley*) which are currently financed on the 2021 CMBFL Lease Financing. The notices were delivered in January 2024 and the purchases are expected to close in the first half of 2024. The aggregate lease liabilities at the dates of repurchase are expected to be \$61.1 million. Additionally, purchase option fees are expected to be \$0.7 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on four lease financed product tankers consisting of two MRs (*STI Gramercy* and *STI Queens*) and two LR2s (*STI Oxford* and *STI Selatar*) that are currently financed under the 2022 AVIC Lease Financing. The notices were delivered in February 2024 and the purchases are expected to close in the first half of 2024. The aggregate lease liabilities at the dates of repurchase are expected to be \$102.4 million, which excludes deposits held by the lessor of \$1.2 million. Additionally, purchase option fees are expected to be \$1.5 million.

We do not have any other debt or leasing financing arrangements that are scheduled to mature or expire within twelve months from the date of these financial statements.

In January 2024, we drew down \$99.0 million from the 2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility and placed two Handymax product tankers (*STI Acton* and *STI Camden*) and four MR product tankers (*STI Jardins*, *STI San Telmo*, *STI Soho* and *STI Osceola*) as collateral under the facility.

While we believe our current financial position is adequate to address these cash outflows, a deterioration in economic conditions could cause us to breach the covenants under our financing arrangements and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition. These circumstances could cause us to seek covenant waivers from our lenders and to pursue other means to raise liquidity, such as through the sale of vessels or in the capital markets, to meet our obligations.

Conflict in Ukraine and Middle East

The ongoing military conflict in Ukraine has had a significant direct and indirect impact on the trade of refined petroleum products. This conflict has resulted in the United States, the United Kingdom, and the European Union countries, among other countries and jurisdictions, implementing sanctions and executive orders against citizens, entities, and activities connected to Russia. Some of these sanctions and executive orders target the Russian oil sector, including a prohibition on the import of oil from Russia to the United States or the United Kingdom, and the European Union's recent ban on Russian crude oil and petroleum products which took effect in December 2022 and February 2023, respectively. We cannot foresee what other sanctions or executive orders may arise that affect the trade of petroleum products. Furthermore, the conflict and ensuing international response has disrupted the supply of Russian oil to the global market, and as a result, the price of oil and petroleum products has experienced significant volatility. We cannot predict what effect the higher price of oil and petroleum products will have on demand, and while thus far the impact has been favorable, it is possible that the current conflict in Ukraine could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, and future performance.

Additionally, since December 2023, there have been multiple drone and missile attacks on commercial vessels transiting international waters in the southern Red Sea by groups believed to be affiliated with the Yemen-based Houthi rebel group purportedly in response to the ongoing military conflict between Israel and Hamas. Recent attacks on U.S. military installations in Jordan and other locations in the Middle East, the continuing military actions by the U.S. government and certain of its allies against the Houthi rebel group, which the U.S. government believes to be supported by the government of Iran and the ongoing military conflict between Israel and Hamas continue to threaten the political stability of the region and may lead to further military conflicts, including continued hostile actions towards commercial shipping in the region. We cannot predict the severity or length of the current conditions impacting international shipping in this region and the continuing disruption of the trade routes in the region of the Red Sea. It is also possible that these conditions could have a material and adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations, and future performance.

Based on internal forecasts and projections that take into account reasonably possible changes in our trading performance and the aforementioned commitments to repay additional debt and lease financing obligations, we believe that we have adequate financial resources to continue in operation and meet our financial commitments (including, but not limited to, debt service and lease financing obligations) for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of these consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, we continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing our financial statements.

Remaining contractual maturity on secured and unsecured credit facilities, sale and leaseback liabilities and IFRS 16 lease liabilities

The following table details our remaining contractual maturity for our secured and unsecured credit facilities, sale and leaseback, and IFRS-16 lease liabilities. The amounts represent the future undiscounted cash flows of the financial liability based on the earliest date on which we can be required to pay. The table includes both interest and principal cash flows.

As the interest cash flows are not fixed, the interest amount included has been determined by reference to the projected interest rates as illustrated by the yield curves existing at the reporting date.

<i>In thousands of U.S. dollars</i>	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
Less than 1 month	\$ 190,873	\$ 100,660
1-3 months	107,015	87,811
3 months to 1 year	236,122	315,035
1-3 years	566,475	764,028
3-5 years	692,563	766,150
5+ years	110,155	421,816
Total	\$ 1,903,203	\$ 2,455,500

All other current liabilities fall due within less than one month.

Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

Our primary economic environment is the international shipping market. This market utilizes the U.S. Dollar as its functional currency. Consequently, virtually all of our revenues and the majority of our operating expenses are in U.S. Dollars. However, we incur some of our combined expenses in other currencies, particularly the Euro. The amount and frequency of some of these expenses (such as vessel repairs, supplies and stores) may fluctuate from period to period. Depreciation in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies will increase the U.S. dollar cost of us paying such expenses. The portion of our business conducted in other currencies could increase in the future, which could expand our exposure to losses arising from currency fluctuations.

There is a risk that currency fluctuations will have a negative effect on our cash flows. We have not entered into any hedging contracts to protect against currency fluctuations. However, we have some ability to shift the purchase of goods and services from one country to another and, thus, from one currency to another, on relatively short notice. We may seek to hedge this currency fluctuation risk in the future.

23. Subsequent events

Declaration of dividend

On February 13, 2024, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.40 per common share, which is expected to be paid on March 27, 2024 to all shareholders of record as of March 8, 2024.

Vessel Sales

In March 2024, we sold the 2015 built MR vessel, *STI Tribeca*, for \$39.1 million. There was no debt repayment as a result of this sale, as this vessel has been replaced by *STI Galata* as collateral on the 2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility.

In March 2024, we entered into an agreement to sell a 2013 built MR tanker, *STI Larvotto* for \$36.15 million. The sale of this vessel is expected to close before the end of April of 2024. There will be no debt repayment as a result of this sale.

In March 2024, we entered into an agreement to sell a 2013 built MR tanker, *STI Le Rocher* for \$36.15 million. The sale of this vessel is expected to close in the second quarter of 2024. There will be no debt repayment as a result of this sale.

Debt Activity

During 2024 through the date of authorization of these financial statements, and in addition to our regularly scheduled debt and lease repayments, we have closed or committed to the following:

- The early repayment of debt on three 2014 built Handymax product tankers (*STI Acton*, *STI Camden* and *STI Clapham*) under our Prudential Credit Facility. These repayments were made in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$33.7 million.

- The exercise of the purchase options on two MR product tankers (*STI Jardins* and *STI San Telmo*) under our 2020 SPDBFL Lease Financing. These purchases closed in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$38.3 million, which excludes deposits held by the lessor of \$1.4 million and purchase option fees of \$0.8 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on three MR product tankers (*STI Soho*, *STI Osceola* and *STI Memphis*) and one LR2 product tanker (*STI Lombard*) under the 2021 AVIC Lease Financing. These purchases closed in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$77.4 million, which excludes deposits held by the lessor of \$1.0 million and purchase option fees of \$1.2 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on three 2012 built MR product tankers (*STI Topaz*, *STI Garnet* and *STI Onyx*) under the BCFL Lease Financing (MRs). These purchases closed in January 2024 resulting in a debt reduction of \$21.7 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on three 2015 built MR product tankers (*STI Black Hawk*, *STI Notting Hill* and *STI Pontiac*) that are currently financed on the 2021 TSFL Lease Financing. The purchases are expected to close in the first quarter of 2024, and the aggregate lease liability at the date of repurchase is expected to be \$45.6 million and excludes purchase option fees of \$0.9 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on one 2015 built MR product tanker (*STI Westminster*) and four 2014 built Handymax product tankers (*STI Brixton*, *STI Comandante*, *STI Pimlico* and *STI Finchley*) which are currently financed on the 2021 CMBFL Lease Financing. The notices were delivered in January 2024 and the purchases are expected to close in the first half of 2024. The aggregate lease liabilities at the dates of repurchase are expected to be \$61.1 million. Additionally, purchase option fees are expected to be \$0.7 million.
- The exercise of the purchase options on four lease financed product tankers consisting of two MRs (*STI Gramercy* and *STI Queens*) and two LR2s (*STI Oxford* and *STI Selatar*) that are currently financed under the 2022 AVIC Lease Financing. The notices were delivered in February 2024 and the purchases are expected to close in the first half of 2024. The aggregate lease liabilities at the dates of repurchase are expected to be \$102.4 million, which excludes deposits held by the lessor of \$1.2 million. Additionally, purchase option fees are expected to be \$1.5 million.

In January 2024, we drew down \$99.0 million from the 2023 \$1.0 Billion Credit Facility and placed two Handymax (*STI Acton* and *STI Camden*) and four MR (*STI Jardins*, *STI San Telmo*, *STI Soho* and *STI Osceola*) product tankers as collateral under the facility.

2013 Equity Incentive Plan

On February 13, 2024, the Company's Board of Directors reserved an additional 1,463,294 common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, for issuance pursuant to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan. All other terms of the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan remained unchanged.

Related Party Transactions

Our vessels are commercially managed by SCM and technically managed by SSM pursuant to the 2024 Revised Master Agreement (see Note 15, *Related Party Transactions*, for additional information). Effective January 1, 2024, under the 2024 Revised Master Agreement, the flat fees payable per day charged by SCM were increased by \$35 per vessel per day. Under this agreement, commercial management fees on vessels operating in one of the Scorpio Pools are expected to increase during 2024 to \$285 per vessel per day with respect to our LR2 vessels, and \$360 per vessel per day with respect to each of our Handymax and MR vessels. For vessels that are not operating in any of the Scorpio Pools, commercial management fees will be \$285 per vessel per day for each LR1 and LR2 vessel and \$335 per vessel per day for each Handymax and MR vessel on the effective date of January 1, 2024. Commissions on gross revenue per charter fixture remain unchanged.

In addition, effective January 1, 2024, the fixed annual technical management fee payable to SSM was increased by \$12,500 to \$187,500 plus additional amounts for certain itemized services per vessel to provide technical management services for each of our owned vessels.

The EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), which came into effect on January 1, 2024, is a cap-and-trade system designed to limit greenhouse gas emissions from industries in the European Union. It sets a cap on the total amount of certain greenhouse gases that can be emitted by covered entities, and these entities are allocated or required to purchase permits (allowances) for their emissions. The system aims to incentivize emission reductions by allowing companies to trade allowances, creating a market-based approach to reducing emissions. In March 2024, we entered into an agreement with Geoserve Energy Transport DMCC ("Geoserve"), effective January 1, 2024, which is majority owned by the Lolli-Ghetti family, to serve as our emissions manager. Geoserve's services will include, among others, emission data monitoring and correction for commercial and regulatory compliance and procurement of carbon credits from EU approved carbon traders. Under this agreement, we will pay Geoserve emissions management fees of \$350 per vessel per month and a rate of 1.25% per carbon trade.

We expect to enter into a licensing agreement with Fowe Eco Solutions Ltd. (“FOWE”), or a direct subsidiary of FOWE, whereby FOWE's fuel oil-water emulsion Cavitech systems will be installed across our entire fleet. Cavitech is FOWE's proprietary technical solution that enables cavitation treatment on various materials for instantaneous mixing, heat treatment, dispersion, and alteration of chemical bonds, the benefits of which include the elimination of unwanted sludge deposits, a cleaner, more efficient fuel burn and reduced nitrogen oxide emissions. Under the terms of the licensing agreement, we expect to pay FOWE approximately 33% of realized savings. Cavitech devices are expected to be installed on all of our vessels during 2024. No material upfront costs are expected to be required and an overall reduction of at least 3% in fuel costs and 100,000 tons of carbon emissions annually is expected. Scorpio Holdings Limited, a related party, owns a minority interest in FOWE.