



Golar LNG Interim Report June 2003

SECOND QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS RESULTS

Golar LNG reports net income of \$8.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 and operating income of \$15.6 million as compared to \$6.1 million and \$16.0 million, respectively, for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Operating income includes a charge for depreciation and amortization of \$7.0 million and \$7.7 million, respectively, for the second quarters of 2003 and 2002. The reduction in the current quarter is due to the amortization of the deferred credit resulting from the lease finance transaction announced last quarter. The amount amortized during the three months ended June 30, 2003 was \$0.8 million. Earnings per share for the quarter were \$0.16 as compared to \$0.11 for the same period in 2002.

The result is after a net (after minority interests) loss of \$0.6 million (\$2.8 million for the second quarter of 2002) as a result of the movement of the fair value of interest rate swaps. Additionally a foreign exchange gain of \$1.0m has been recorded which relates to the translation of the difference between the capital lease obligation recorded on the balance sheet and the cash deposit securing this obligation, both of which are denominated in British Pounds. This is therefore the recognition of an unrealised gain on long-term monetary assets and liabilities. Further foreign exchange translation differences will arise over time as a result of exchange rate movements and their realisation will be dependent upon the movement in interest rates over the 20-year term of the lease.

Operating revenues for the second quarter of 2003 were \$30.9 million (\$32.1 million for the second quarter of 2002) and average daily time charter equivalents (TCEs) were \$59,770. The decline in revenue is mainly as a result of offhire incurred as a result of the scheduled drydocking of one vessel. Two further vessels have drydocked during the third quarter and none are planned for the fourth quarter.

Vessel operating expenses for the second quarter of 2003 were \$6.8 million and administration costs were \$1.5 million as compared with \$7.1 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, for the same period in 2002.

Net interest expense for the second quarter of 2003 was \$5.4 million, compared to \$5.7 million for the same period in 2002. Included within interest expense and interest income is \$4.0 million and \$3.6 million respectively relating to the lease finance transaction. The \$4.0

million expense is interest recorded in respect of the lease obligation and the \$3.6 million income arises from the cash deposit securing the obligation.

Other financial items of \$0.6 million for the quarter include a loss of \$1.1 million associated with the fair valuing of interest rate swaps and the \$1.0 million foreign exchange gain on retranslation of the lease deposit and lease obligation as noted above.

For the six months ended June 30, 2003 the Company reports revenues of \$63.9 million, (2002 \$64.5 million), net income of \$18.5 million, (2002 \$15.1 million), and earnings per share of \$0.33 (2002 \$0.27).

Total assets and total liabilities on the balance sheet as at June 30, 2003 have increased as a result of the accounting for the lease finance transaction. On the liability side a lease obligation of \$424 million and a deferred credit of \$48 million have been recorded and on the asset side there is a restricted cash deposit securing the lease obligation of \$441 million (of which \$12 million is shown as short-term) in addition to the net cash receipt of approximately \$32.5 million.

The weighted average number of shares outstanding as of June 30, 2003 and 2002 and for both quarters then ended was 56,012,000.

FINANCING

As reported last quarter and as noted above, in April 2003, the Company entered into a lease finance arrangement in respect of five of its vessels with a major UK bank. The Board is pleased to announce that on August 27, 2003 the Company entered into a similar transaction in respect of its first newbuilding, which will result in a cash inflow for the Company of approximately \$18 million.

As announced on July 29, 2003 the Company has raised \$55.2 million, net of all expenses, via a direct equity offering of 5.6 million shares, which is to be used for new projects.

During the quarter \$16 million of debt due to a related party was repaid.

As of June 30, 2003, a total of \$308.5 million had been invested in the four newbuildings and the Company had debt outstanding directly related to the newbuildings of \$154.8 million.

The Company is considering various traditional bank debt and lease finance options for financing its remaining newbuildings.

CORPORATE AND OTHER MATTERS

The Board is pleased to announce that delivery of the Company's first newbuilding, the "Methane Princess" took place on August 29, 2003. The vessel will, until the commencement of the 20-year charter party to BG, be employed on short-term charters. The vessel has already been fixed for its maiden voyage from Ras Laffan to Lake Charles. Golar has the right to deliver the ship under its long-term charter to BG Group from January 1, 2004.

Golar has signed a letter of intent with a Korean shipyard for delivery of one 145,000m³ LNG newbuilding together with an option for a second. The first ship is scheduled to be delivered during the second half of 2005 while the optional ship is for delivery in 2006. Golar

is also actively pursuing several other alternative ways to expand the size of the Company. A final decision on the newbuilding project should be expected shortly.

Further progress has been made during the quarter on the development of the floating terminal project in Livorno, Italy. A final decision from the Italian authorities is expected within the next few months. The operator of the planned terminal, Crossgas Energy, has had discussions with several major oil and gas companies interested in buying capacity at the terminal from the planned start up in 2005.

The Marathon led terminal project in Baja, Mexico received a CRE (Mexican Energy Commission) gas storage permit in the second quarter. The project will in addition need land use and environmental permits. The project has also signed a long-term gas purchase agreement with Pertamina. Several other operators are competing to build the first receiving terminal on the Pacific coast. A final decision on the development of the terminal should be expected during 2003.

The Board has, in line with what has previously been communicated to shareholders, defined strategy to develop Golar's position in the LNG chain in order to optimise the value of its shipping assets and capability. The Board is currently evaluating participation in several LNG production and terminal projects. The preferred type of projects are those where Golar can work together with our main customers and or other producers and utility companies in order to jointly develop new LNG facilities. As a part of this strategy Golar will seek to attract personnel resources with a broad background from the LNG industry.

The Board is pleased by the fact that Mr. Charles Peile has accepted the position as head of commercial affairs in Golar. Mr. Peile has substantial LNG experience from his time at Gotaas Larsen as well as from his latest position with LNG Shipping Solutions.

Golar LNG Ltd. Has appointed Kate Blankenship as a Director of the Company. Mrs. Blankenship will fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors created by the resignation of Mr. Shaun Morris and Mr. Timothy Counsell. Mr. Morris and Mr. Counsell are both partners with the law firm Appleby Spurling & Kempe, the Company's former Bermuda counsel. The Board will propose further appointments of Directors at the Company's annual general meeting of shareholders to be held later in the year.

MARKET

The worldwide LNG market continues to show strength driven by strong Asian demand and increased US import facilities. Global LNG trade increased by 8% during the first half of the year as against the same period last year according to a study done by Poten's LINGAS service. In excess of 70 % of the LNG was consumed by Asian buyers. Present gas prices in the US of around USD5.00/mmbtu makes LNG a very financially attractive energy source. This has spurred a lot of activity for development of new US LNG import projects. Several existing LNG producing facilities are currently going through de-bottle necking projects which are likely to increase the capacity of existing trains, while the US Gas Price is encouraging progress towards the addition of new trains at a number of projects in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

The market for LNG shipping remains tight. A handful ships are offered in the market for short-term work as a function of construction slippage of projects or the temporary

optimisation of trading programs. For long-term business only Golar and Exmar, we believe, have significant open capacity available as an alternative to contracting further newbuildings.

Newbuilding prices have remained flat in the quarter. Strong development in other shipping sectors including containers, tankers and dry cargo have created a good order inflow for the yards which should lead to increased prices as well as a tighter delivery situation.

OUTLOOK

The delivery of Methane Princess will increase the Company's operating revenues for the rest of the year. The delivery of Golar's three uncommitted newbuildings is now expected to take place in January 2004, February 2004 and October 2004. The employment of these three uncommitted newbuildings will to a large extent be influenced by what happens to the Baja and Livorno projects. Shareholders should be prepared for a situation where part of the new capacity will trade in the spot market at least for a limited period. This could ultimately result in more volatile earnings and also increased commercial waiting time. However, Golar has seven ships fixed on long-term charters with total projected secured revenues of about USD1.5 billion. In view of this position the Board feels comfortable with the current employment situation. The combination of strong expansion of LNG production, both already under construction and planned, and the increase in receiving capacity especially in the USA during the next 3 – 5 years, combined with sustained strong gas prices, limited uncommitted shipping capacity and an increasingly tight yard situation, could create significant upside potential for short to medium-term shipping deals.

The results for 2003 before any effects of revaluation of currency swaps and exchange differences are likely to show a year on year improvement from the 2002 results.

The Board is of the opinion that the Company is well positioned and is optimistic about the Company's future.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release contains forward looking statements. These statements are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including examination of historical operating trends made by the management of Golar LNG. Although Golar LNG believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond its control, Golar LNG cannot give assurance that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or intentions.

Included among the factors that, in the Company's view, could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward looking statements contained in this press release are the following: inability of the Company to obtain financing for the newbuilding vessels at all or on favourable terms; changes in demand; a material decline or prolonged weakness in rates for LNG carriers; political events affecting production in areas in which natural gas is produced and demand for natural gas in areas to which our vessels deliver; changes in demand for natural gas generally or in particular regions; changes in the financial stability of our major customers; adoption of new rules and regulations applicable to LNG carriers; actions taken by regulatory authorities that may prohibit the access of LNG carriers to various

ports; our inability to achieve successful utilisation of our expanded fleet and inability to expand beyond the carriage of LNG; increases in costs including: crew wages, insurance, provisions, repairs and maintenance; changes in general domestic and international political conditions; changes in applicable maintenance or regulatory standards that could affect our anticipated dry-docking or maintenance and repair costs; failure of shipyards to comply with delivery schedules on a timely bases and other factors listed from time to time in registration statements and reports that we have filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Registration Statement on Form 20-F and subsequent announcements and reports.

August 30, 2003
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GOLAR LNG LIMITED SECOND QUARTER 2003 REPORT (UNAUDITED)

INCOME STATEMENT <i>(in thousands of \$)</i>	2003 <i>Apr-Jun</i> <i>unaudited</i>	2002 <i>Apr-Jun</i> <i>unaudited</i>	2003 <i>Jan – Jun</i> <i>unaudited</i>	2002 <i>Jan-Jun</i> <i>unaudited</i>	2002 <i>Jan-Dec</i> <i>audited</i>
Operating revenues	30,918	32,132	63,939	64,520	130,611
Vessel operating expenses	6,776	7,052	14,030	13,594	28,061
Administrative expenses	1,528	1,460	2,734	2,708	6,127
Depreciation and amortisation	6,972	7,659	14,618	15,682	31,300
Total operating expenses	15,276	16,171	31,382	31,984	65,488
Operating income	15,642	15,961	32,557	32,536	65,123
Interest income	3,790	281	3,897	578	1,073
Interest expense	(9,211)	(5,996)	(14,617)	(12,045)	(23,553)
Other financial items	(592)	(4,981)	(1,789)	(5,908)	(17,887)
Income before taxes and minority interest	9,629	5,265	20,048	15,161	24,756
Minority interest	756	(855)	1,427	(50)	(2,469)
Taxes	50	47	82	92	88
Net income	8,823	6,073	18,539	15,119	27,137
Earnings per share (\$)	\$0.16	\$0.11	\$0.33	\$0.27	\$0.48

BALANCE SHEET <i>(in thousands of \$)</i>	2003 <i>Jun 30</i> <i>unaudited</i>	2002 <i>Jun 30</i> <i>unaudited</i>	2002 <i>Dec 31</i> <i>audited</i>
ASSETS			
<i>Short term</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents	50,078	51,613	52,741
Restricted cash and short-term investments	24,846	13,235	12,760
Other current assets	8,142	5,579	5,240
Amounts due from related parties	84	231	281
<i>Long term</i>			
Restricted cash	428,829	-	-
Newbuildings	308,471	234,216	291,671
Vessel and equipment, net	612,261	630,313	617,583
Other long term assets	7,236	6,157	7,659
Total assets	1,439,947	941,344	987,935
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
<i>Short term</i>			
Current portion of long-term debt	56,210	42,341	48,437
Current indebtedness due to related parties	16,703	16,259	32,703
Other current liabilities	59,418	31,102	44,764
Amounts due to related parties	881	870	642
<i>Long term</i>			
Long term debt	586,783	626,181	629,173
Long term capital lease obligations	423,886	-	-
Other long term liabilities	68,310	16,888	22,731
Minority interest	13,081	18,188	13,349
Stockholders' equity	214,675	189,515	196,136
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	1,439,947	941,344	987,935

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS <i>(in thousands of \$)</i>	2003 <i>Apr-June</i> <i>unaudited</i>	2002 <i>Apr-June</i> <i>unaudited</i>	2003 <i>Jan – June</i> <i>unaudited</i>	2002 <i>Jan –June</i> <i>unaudited</i>	2002 <i>Jan-Dec</i> <i>audited</i>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Net income	8,823	6,073	18,539	15,119	27,137
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortisation	6,972	7,659	14,618	15,682	31,300
Amortisation of deferred charges	213	138	401	550	972
Income (loss) attributable to minority interests	756	(8 56)	1,427	(50)	(2,469)
Drydocking expenditure	(4,916)	(1,453)	(5,014)	(1,757)	(1,600)
Change in market value of interest rate derivatives	1,058	4,708	1,989	5,210	16,459
Unrealised foreign exchange gain	(1,010)	-	(1,010)	-	-
Change in operating assets and liabilities	328	(250)	3,668	(2,627)	(583)
Net cash provided by operating activities	12,224	16,019	34,618	32,127	71,216
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Additions to newbuildings	(5,173)	(51,223)	(16,800)	(101,360)	(158,815)
Additions to vessels and equipment	(3,102)	(1,210)	(5,050)	(2,866)	(5,912)
Long-term restricted cash	(403,232)	-	(403,232)	-	-
Short-term restricted cash and investments	(4,993)	7,161	(11,374)	928	1,403
Net cash used in investing activities	(416,500)	(45,272)	(436,456)	(103,298)	(163,324)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Proceeds from long-term debt	326,501	32,546	328,764	131,902	194,335
Proceeds from long-term debt due to related parties	-	16,259	-	16,259	16,259
Proceeds from long-term capital lease obligation	452,580	-	452,580	-	-
Repayments of long-term debt	(355,882)	(12,912)	(363,382)	(20,412)	(41,054)
Repayments of long-term debt due to related parties	(16,000)	-	(16,000)	(52,575)	(68,834)
Financing costs paid	(504)	(1,126)	(1,092)	(2,376)	(3,424)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	(1,695)	(7,583)	(1,695)	(7,583)	(10,002)
Net cash provided by financing activities	405,000	27,184	399,175	65,215	87,280
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	724	(2,069)	(2,663)	(5,956)	(4,828)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	49,354	53,682	52,741	57,569	57,569
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	50,078	51,613	50,078	51,613	52,741