

Ship Finance International LTD
Form 6-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May 2012

Commission File Number: 001-32199

Ship Finance International Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Par-la-Ville Place, 14 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton, HM 08, Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the press release of Ship Finance International Limited (the "Company"), announcing that the Company plans to release its preliminary financial results for first quarter 2012 on Thursday May 24, 2012.

SFL – Invitation to Presentation of 1Q 2012 Results

Ship Finance International Limited ("Ship Finance") (NYSE: SFL) plans to release its preliminary financial results for first quarter 2012 on Thursday May 24, 2012.

The Company plans to host a conference call and a webcast for all shareholders and interested parties on Thursday May 24, 2012 at 10:00 AM (EST) / 4:00 PM (Central European Time). Relevant material will be available from the Investor Relations section at www.shipfinance.org as of the same day.

In order to listen to the presentation you may do one of the following:

a. Webcast

Go to the Investor Relations section at www.shipfinance.org and click on the link to "Webcast". To listen to the conference call from the web, you need to have installed Windows Media Player, and you need to have a sound card on your computer.

b. Conference Call

Participants dial in numbers:

US Toll Free # 1-877-249-9037

International Dial +44 2071366283

In #

Norwegian Toll 80056053

Free #

Conference ID: 4645449

There will be a Q&A session after the presentation. Information on how to ask questions will be given at the beginning of the Q&A session.

A replay of the conference call will be available until May 31, 2012 by dialing:

US Toll Free # 1-347-366-9565

International Dial +44 207 111 1244

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About Ship Finance

Ship Finance is a major ship owning company listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: SFL). Including newbuildings, the Company has a fleet of 69 vessels, including 25 crude oil tankers (VLCC and Suezmax), two chemical tankers, five oil/bulk/ore vessels, 11 drybulk carriers including six newbuildings, 15 container vessels including four newbuildings, six offshore supply vessels, one jack-up drilling rig, one ultra-deepwater drillship and two ultra-deepwater semi-submersible drilling rigs. The fleet is one of the largest in the world and most of the vessels are employed on long-term charters.

More information can be found on the Company's website: www.shipfinance.org

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Statements

This press release may contain forward looking statements. These statements are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including Ship Finance management's examination of historical operating trends. Although Ship Finance 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, Ship Finance cannot give assurance that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or intentions.

Important factors that, in the Company's view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in this presentation include the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions including fluctuations in charter hire rates and vessel values, changes in demand in the tanker market as a result of changes in OPEC's petroleum production levels and worldwide oil consumption and storage, changes in the Company's operating expenses including bunker prices, dry-docking and insurance costs, changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, general domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents or political events, and other important factors described from time to time in the reports filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

SHIP FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Date: May 21, 2012

By: /s/ Ole B. Hjertaker _____

Name: Ole B. Hjertaker

Title: Chief Executive Officer, Ship Finance Management AS