Rule 4.3A

Appendix 4E

Preliminary final report

Name of entity

Steamships Trading Company Limited

ABN or equivalent company reference	Half yearly *(tick)*	Preliminary final *(tick)*	Financial year ended ('current period')
055836952		√	31st December 2024

For announcement to the market

Extracts from this report for announcement to the market. K'000

Revenues from continuing operations	Up ~~/ down~~	9.3%	to	717,380
Profit from continuing operations after tax	~~Up /~~ down	19.9%	to	46,992
Profit for the period attributable to members	~~Up /~~ down	21.2%	to	45,838

Dividends (distributions)	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Proposed final dividend Interim dividend	30t* 40t	0t
Previous corresponding period	60t 35t	0t

Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution)	25th April 2025

* Proposed final dividend, subject to Board approval

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The trading environment during the last 12-months has been very challenging. At a time of continuing inflationary pressure, access to foreign currency has remained difficult and the delay in some significant energy and resource related projects has delayed the expected uptick in economic demand and muted business sentiment.

The Group's focus for 2nd half of 2024 was to take a disciplined approach to cost and capital expenditure, continue its investment in human capital and technology platforms and strategically position its assets across all divisions in order to maximise benefits from the resources projects when they do come.

Steamships was able to deliver a 11.1% top line growth in the 2nd half, continuing the trend that was seen in the first half.

Steamships' sales revenue increased 9.3% to K717.4 million against last year's K656.3 million. Profit before tax includes the following items:

- K17.1 million from insurance proceeds (net)
- K 9.4 million cash spend related to ongoing upgrade of enterprise resource planning (ERP) system
- K12.4 million net gain on property disposals

	2024 K000's	2023 K000's	Change
Net Profit attributable to shareholders	**45,838**	**58,144**	**(21.2%)**
Add / (Less) impact of significant items (post tax and minority interest)			
Net insurance claim settlement income – property damages	(11,954)	-	
ERP implementation expensed	6,591	-	
Gain on disposal of assets	(8,575)	-	
Blaikie insurance claim settlement	-	(7,904)	
Total impact of significant items	**(13,938)**	**(7,904)**	
Underlying profit attributable to shareholders	**31,900**	**50,240**	**(36.5%)**

Depreciation in 2024 was K113.5 million against K104.5 million in 2023, and interest expense on net borrowings (excluding capitalised interest) was K6.1 million against K1.7 million in 2023. Capital expenditure for the year was K231.1 million against K222.8 million in 2023.

The Group's net operating cash flow generation increased by 29.6% to K134.3 million against K103.6 million in 2023. The cash balance at year end is K3.9 million.

A final dividend of 30 toea per share has been proposed and will be paid following approval at the Board of Directors meeting on 20th June 2025, subject to Steamships' ability to secure foreign exchange

for non PNG shareholders. As there was an interim dividend paid during the year of 40 toea per share, the total dividend for the year is 70 toea per share (2023: 95 toea per share). The dividend is unfranked and there is no conduit foreign income.

Trading Performance

Coral Sea Hotels (CSH) performed relatively strongly across its hotel portfolio and was able to maintain its overall profitability despite pressure on average room night rates due to a generally weaker market, particularly in Port Moresby. The slight downturn in revenue performance compared to prior year has been partly offset by lower operating costs.

The opening of the Harbourside South mixed office/retail/serviced apartment development, including the Marriott Executive Apartments, has reinforced Pacific Palms Property's (PPP) strategy as the premier location for luxury accommodation, top tier office and retail and destination for blue chip organisations.

Demand on commercial and residential properties remains positive and renovations for PPP's new luxury residential offering at its Whittaker (Port Moresby) and Blaikie (Lae) Apartments have now completed. This will add capacity into a buoyant albeit small high-end market sector.

Whilst the Logistics division continued to report top line growth in the 2nd half compared to prior year, pressure on costs and ongoing disruptions to supply chains meant that bottom line results were lower than expectations.

There has been significant investments in Logistics assets, human capital and fleet maintenance which has weighed significantly on margins. But the investment in the business is delivering results in terms of reliability and customer service and expansion in its marine asset base, shore side equipment and personnel is building a solid foundation to grow with the resource boom.

Colgate-Palmolive (PNG) Limited, a PNG incorporated joint venture, was unfavorably affected by the events that occurred on January 10 as most customers took a conservative approach to stockholdings; although overall financial performance was slightly weaker than prior year, the last quarter showed improvement in volumes year on year across most product categories signals promising momentum for the year ahead.

Trading Outlook

The reopening of Porgera, the signing of the Pasca A Gas Agreement and the announcement around a PNG Team joining the NRL in 2028 has generated some optimism. There is an expectation that natural resources projects will gain traction from the 2nd half 2025 and will provide a boost in what has been a relatively unremarkable macro-economic environment.

Steamships will maintain a cautious approach to committing capital to project related activity until final investment decision is reached.

Papua New Guinea is our home and principal place of business, and we will continue to actively contribute to its economic and social development.

Statement of comprehensive income

	Current period - K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
Continuing Operations		
Revenues	717,380	656,290
Other income	29,643	13,006
Operating Expenses		
Cost of goods and services	(158,450)	(132,979)
Staff costs	(198,932)	(174,530)
Depreciation and amortisation	(113,468)	(104,529)
Electricity and fuel	(52,291)	(46,889)
Motor vehicle expenses	(33,106)	(33,861)
Security costs	(15,011)	(13,125)
Insurance	(7,914)	(10,054)
Finance costs – net	(6,118)	(1,652)
Other operating expenses	(98,453)	(74,574)
Share of net profits of associates and joint venture entities accounted for using the equity method	6,141	7,286
Profit Before Income Tax	69,421	84,389
Income tax expense	(22,429)	(25,722)
Profit from Continuing Operations	46,992	58,667
Profit from Discontinued Operations	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	46,992	58,667
Attributable to:		
Shareholders	45,838	58,144
Non-Controlling Interests	1,154	523
	46,992	58,667

Earnings per share (EPS)

	Current period (toea)	Previous corresponding period (toea)
Basic & Diluted EPS (total profit)	147.8	187.5
Basic & Diluted EPS (continuing)	147.8	187.5
Basic & Diluted EPS (discontinued)	-	-

Comparison of half year profits

	Current year - K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
Consolidated profit from continuing operations after tax attributable to members reported for the *1st* half year	25,271	24,225
Consolidated profit from continuing operations after tax attributable to members for the *2nd* half year	20,567	33,919

Consolidated statement of financial position	As at 31 Dec 2024 K'000	As at 31 Dec 2023 K'000
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	15,696	28,804
Trade and other receivables	151,832	184,726
Asset held for sale	455	-
Income tax receivable	14,329	5,163
Inventories	47,073	39,480
Total current assets	**229,385**	**258,173**
Non-current assets		
Investments	51,562	45,495
Property, plant and equipment	831,124	692,559
Investment properties	409,061	381,374
Intangibles	76,433	76,433
Due from related parties	156,646	243,069
Deferred tax assets	4,880	4,627
Total non-current assets	**1,529,706**	**1,443,557**
Total assets	**1,759,091**	**1,701,730**
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	106,774	108,680
Lease liabilities	2,280	2,576
Provisions	6,710	6,122
Due to related parties	2,305	1,862
Borrowings	81,932	33,055
Total current liabilities	**200,001**	**152,295**
Non-current liabilities		
Other payable	29,414	-
Lease liabilities	53,496	55,234
Deferred tax liabilities	34,026	28,086
Borrowings	344,845	385,301
Provision for other liabilities and charges	12,386	11,191
Total non-current liabilities	**474,167**	**479,812**
Total liabilities	**674,168**	**632,107**
Net assets	**1,084,923**	**1,069,623**
Share capital and reserves		
Issued capital	24,200	24,200
Retained earnings	1,043,225	1,028,395
Shareholders' funds	**1,067,425**	**1,052,595**
Minority shareholders' interests	17,498	17,028
Total capital and reserves	**1,084,923**	**1,069,623**

Consolidated statement of changes in equity	Contributed Equity K'000	Retained Earnings K'000	Total K'000	Minority Interests K'000	Total Equity K'000
Balance At 1 January 2023	**24,200**	**1,002,810**	**1,027,010**	**17,059**	**1,044,069**
Total Comprehensive income for the year	-	58,144	58,144	523	58,667
Dividends paid 2023	-	(32,559)	(32,559)	(554)	(33,113)
Balance at 31 December 2023	**24,200**	**1,028,395**	**1,052,595**	**17,028**	**1,069,623**
Total Comprehensive income for the year	-	45,838	45,838	1,154	46,992
Dividends paid 2024	-	(31,008)	(31,008)	(684)	(31,692)
Balance at 31 December 2024	**24,200**	**1,043,225**	**1,067,425**	**17,498**	**1,084,923**

Consolidated statement of cash flows

	Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period K'000
Cash flows related to operating activities		
Receipts from customers	750,273	627,185
Payments to suppliers and employees	(585,650)	(493,706)
Interest received	11,932	2,401
Interest and other costs of finance paid	(18,494)	(15,826)
Income taxes paid	(23,802)	(16,495)
Net operating cash flows	**134,259**	**103,559**
Cash flows related to investing activities		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(231,122)	(222,769)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	14,021	6,370
Dividends received from joint venture and associates	8,058	2,656
Loan repaid by a joint venture	90,000	-
Net loans issued to associated companies	(3,134)	(32,611)
Subscription of additional shares in a joint venture company	(48)	(3,500)
Net investing cash flows	**(122,225)**	**(249,854)**
Cash flows related to financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	120,000	185,000
Repayment of borrowings	(120,000)	(30,000)
Lease repayments	(2,327)	(2,597)
Dividends paid	(31,692)	(33,113)
Net financing cash flows	**(34,019)**	**119,290**
Net decrease in cash held	**(21,985)**	**(27,005)**
Cash at beginning of period *(see Reconciliation of cash)*	25,909	52,914
Cash at end of period *(see Reconciliation of cash)*	**3,924**	**25,909**

Non-cash financing and investing activities

Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows.

Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.	Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
Cash on hand and at bank	15,696	28,804
Bank overdraft	(11,772)	(2,895)
Total cash at end of period	**3,924**	**25,909**

Other notes to the consolidated financial statements

Ratios	Current period	Previous corresponding Period
Profit before tax / revenue Consolidated profit from continuing operations before tax as a percentage of revenue	9.68%	12.86%
Profit after tax / equity interests Consolidated net profit from continuing operations after tax attributable to members as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period	4.29%	5.52%

Earnings per security (EPS)

Details of basic and diluted EPS reported separately in accordance with paragraph 9 and 18 of *IAS 33: Earnings Per Share* are as follows.

147.8 toea per share (continuing operations)

NTA backing	Current period	Previous corresponding period
Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security	**K32.52**	**K32.03**

Loss of control of entities having material effect

Name of entity (or group of entities)	Not applicable, loss of control of Gulf Maritime Services has no significant impact to the Group
Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the current period to the date of loss of control	not applicable
Date to which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated	not applicable
Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period	not applicable
Contribution to consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	not applicable

Dividends (in the case of a trust, distributions)

Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	25th July 2025
Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (distribution) (i.e., on the basis of proper instruments of transfer received by 5.00 pm if securities are not CHESS approved, or security holding balances established by 5.00 pm or such later time permitted by SCH Business Rules if securities are CHESS approved)	25th April 2025
If it is a final dividend, has it been declared?	No

Amount per security

			Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 42% tax (see note 4)	Amount per security of foreign source dividend
	Final dividend:	Current year	30t	NIL	30t
		Previous year	60t	NIL	60t
	Interim dividend:	Current year	40t	NIL	40t
		Previous year	35t	NIL	35t

Total dividend (distribution) per security (interim *plus* final)

	Current year	Previous year
Ordinary securities	K0.70	K0.95
Preference securities	NIL	NIL

Preliminary final report - final dividend (distribution) on all securities

	Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
Ordinary securities	9,302	18,605
Preference securities	Nil	Nil
Other equity instruments	Nil	Nil
Total	**9,302**	**18,605**

The dividend or distribution plans shown below are in operation.

Not applicable

The last date(s) for receipt of election notices for the dividend or distribution plans

N/A

Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions).

None

Details of aggregate share of profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities

Group's share of associates' and joint venture entities':	Current period - K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax	8,773	10,408
Income tax on ordinary activities	(2,632)	(3,122)
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	**6,141**	**7,286**
Extraordinary items net of tax	-	-
Net profit (loss)	**6,141**	**7,286**
Adjustments	-	-
Share of net profit (loss) of associates and joint venture entities	**6,141**	**7,286**

Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities

The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities.

Name of entity	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal		Contribution to net profit (loss) (*item 1.10*)	
Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period K'000
a) Colgate-Palmolive (PNG)	51.0	51.0	3,399	5,758
b) Pacific Rumana	50.0	50.0	768	595
c) Riback Stevedoring	49.0	49.0	-	-
d) Makerio Stevedoring	45.0	45.0	64	19
e) Nikana Stevedoring	45.0	45.0	205	102
f) Gulf Maritime Services	47.5	100.0	-	-
g) Harbourside Development	50.0	50.0	-	-
h) Viva No. 31	50.0	50.0	69	(135)
i) Wonye	50.0	50.0	1,487	838
j) Wonye No. 2	50.0	50.0	149	109
Total			6,141	7,286
Other material interests				-
Total			**6,141**	**7,286**

Issued and quoted securities at end of current period

Category of securities	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (toea)	Amount paid up per security (toea)
Preference securities*(description)*				
Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks, redemptions				
Ordinary securities	31,008,237	31,008,237	N/A	N/A
Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks				
Convertible debt securities (*description and conversion factor)*				
Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				
Options*(description and conversion factor)*			*Exercise price*	*Expiry date (if any)*
Issued during current period				
Exercised during current period				
Expired during current period				
Debentures *(description)* Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				

Unsecured notes *(description)* Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted		

Segment reporting

(Information on the business and geographical segments of the entity must be reported for the current period in accordance with *IFRS 8: Segment Reporting* and for half year reports, *IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting*. Because entities employ different structures a pro forma cannot be provided. Segment information in the layout employed in the entity's accounts should be reported separately and attached to this report.)
Refer attachment page 18.

Comments by directors

(Comments on the following matters are required by ASX or, in relation to the half yearly report, by *IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting*. The comments do not take the place of the directors' report and statement (as required by the Corporations Act) and may be incorporated into the directors' report and statement. For both half yearly and preliminary final reports, if there are no comments in a section, state NIL. If there is insufficient space to comment, attach notes to this report.)

Basis of financial report preparation

Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the economic entity for the current period. In a half yearly report, provide explanatory comments about any seasonal or irregular factors affecting operations.

Refer to comments below.

A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and which is not already reported elsewhere in this Appendix or in attachments, with financial effect quantified (if possible).

Nil

Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least the next year.

Nil

Unless disclosed below, the accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases used in this report are the same as those used in the last annual report. Any changes in accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases since the last annual report are disclosed as follows. (Disclose changes and differences in the half yearly report in accordance with *IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting*. Disclose changes in accounting policies in the preliminary final report in accordance with *IAS 1: Presentation of Financial Statements*).

Nil

Revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous interim periods. For half yearly reports the nature and amount of revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous annual reports if those revisions have a material effect in this half year.

Nil

Changes in contingent liabilities or assets. For half yearly reports, changes in contingent liabilities and contingent assets since the last annual report.

Please refer to 4(a) of this report

Additional disclosure for trusts

Number of units held by the management company or responsible entity or their related parties.	N/A
A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company or responsible entity. Identify: • initial service charges • management fees • other fees	N/A

Annual meeting

(Preliminary final report only)

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

Place	@345 Building Allotments 3, 4 and 5, Section 20 Champion Parade, Granville, Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea
Date	20th June, 2025
Time	12.00 noon
Approximate date the annual report will be available	14th April, 2025

Compliance statement

1 This report has been prepared in accordance with AASB Standards, other AASB authoritative pronouncements and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other standards acceptable to ASX.

Identify other standards used	International Financial Reporting Standards

2 This report, and the accounts upon which the report is based (if separate), use the same accounting policies.

3 This report does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed (see note 2).

4 This report is based on accounts to which one of the following applies.

	The accounts have been audited.		The accounts have been subject to review.
√	The accounts are in the process of being audited or subject to review.		The accounts have *not* yet been audited or reviewed.

5 The preliminary final report is based on accounts that are unaudited.

6 The entity has a formally constituted audit committee.

A. Mistroni
Director

C.K. Daniells
Director

28th February 2025

Segmental Reporting

Divisional Segments

The group operates in the following commercial areas:

	Hotels and Property	Logistics	Finance, Investment and Eliminations	Total
	K'000	K'000	K'000	K'000
2024				
Total revenue and other income from continuing operations	311,512	433,001	2,509	747,023
Segment results	123,282	(6,728)	(53,274)	63,280
Add: Share of associate profit	-	-	6,141	6,141
Total Segment result	123,282	(6,728)	(47,133)	69,421
Income tax (expense) / credit	(36,985)	2,018	12,538	(22,429)
Group profit / (loss)	86,297	(4,710)	(34,595)	46,992
Segment assets	759,899	577,367	421,825	1,759,091
Segment liabilities	(82,639)	(382,718)	(208,811)	(674,168)
Net assets	677,260	194,649	213,014	1,084,923
Capital expenditure	108,390	94,854	27,878	231,122
Depreciation	(44,061)	(66,152)	(3,255)	(113,468)
Cost of goods and services	(60,208)	(104,966)	6,724	(158,450)
Staff costs	(39,407)	(129,891)	(29,634)	(198,932)
Significant items:				
Net insurance proceeds	16,622	-	455	17,077
Gain on asset disposal – net	11,849	454	53	12,356
ERP costs	-	-	(9,416)	(9,416)

	Hotels and Property	Logistics	Finance, Investment and Eliminations	Total
	K'000	K'000	K'000	K'000
2023				
Total revenue from continuing operations	295,273	382,525	(8,502)	669,296
Segment results	104,142	6,066	(33,105)	77,103
Add: Share of associate profit	-	-	7,286	7,286
Total Segment result	104,142	6,066	(25,819)	84,389
Income tax (expense) / credit	(31,243)	(1,820)	7,341	(25,722)
Group profit / (loss)	72,899	4,246	(18,478)	58,667
Segment assets	679,348	550,572	471,810	1,701,730
Segment liabilities	(68,787)	(332,162)	(231,158)	(632,107)
Net assets	610,561	218,410	240,652	1,069,623
Capital expenditure	51,953	168,071	2,745	222,769
Depreciation	(43,545)	(57,533)	(3,451)	(104,529)
Cost of goods and services	(47,418)	(84,390)	(1,171)	(132,979)
Staff costs	(35,471)	(116,261)	(22,798)	(174,530)
Significant items:				
Net insurance proceeds	12,426	-	-	12,426
Gain on asset disposal – net	87	1,605	-	1,692

1. Details of entities over which control has been gained or lost during the period

Hebamo Transport Limited was incorporated as a wholly owned subsidiary on 5 February 2024. On 28th February 2025, Hebamo Transport Limited was structured as a 51%-49% partnership, with Laba Holdings Ltd owning the majority stake.

On 22nd October 2024, the Board of Gulf Maritime Services Limited (GMS) approved the issue of subscription shares to Steamships Trading Company Limited, GFS Limited and Gulf Provincial Government (GPG). GPG received their shares for NIL consideration. GMS is now accounted for as a joint venture company.

2. Other Income

Other income relates to insurance proceeds and net gain on property sale.

3. Asset Held for Sale

Asset held for sale relate to Gerehu property.

4. Basis of Accounting

There were no changes in significant accounting policies and these were consistently applied in the current year.

5. Income Tax Expense

The effective rate of tax charged differs from the statutory rate of 30% as follows;

	Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period K'000
Net profit before income tax – continuing operations	69,421	84,389
Prima facie tax on profit before income tax	(20,826)	(25,317)
Unrecognised deferred tax asset on tax losses	(1,133)	(1,234)
Tax on non-deductible expenses	(833)	(677)
Share of profit of associates and joint ventures	1,842	2,186
Adjustments in tax from prior years	(1,479)	(680)
	(22,429)	(25,722)

6. Contingent Liabilities

There were contingent liabilities at the Balance Sheet date as follows:

(a) Steamships Trading Company Limited holds a 50% interest in an associated company, Colgate Palmolive (PNG) Ltd, ("CP (PNG Ltd"). In 2022 CP (PNG) Ltd received a notice from PNG Customs seeking to reassess the historic rate of import duty applied to a specific product, known as soap noodles, resulting in an additional duty of K11.1 million and an intention to apply the higher rate on future imports. CP (PNG) Ltd has disputed the interpretation of the product characteristics by PNG Customs and formally appealed against this higher assessed rate of duty. The appeal process remains in progress.

To the extent that any of the additional duty is deemed payable by CP (PNG) Ltd following the appeal process, the Group's share of profits from associates and the equity accounted investment in CP (PNG) Ltd will be reduced by 50% of the amount payable, net of any tax effect.

(b) The parent entity has given letters of comfort of continuing financial support in respect of certain subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.

7. Subsequent events

On 28th February 2025, Hebamo Transport Limited was structured as a 51%-49% partnership, with Laba Holdings Ltd owning the majority stake.

The Joint Venture became operational and is well positioned to play a key role in the downstream construction phase of the Papua LNG Project.