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(Mark One)

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) or (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of event requiring this shell company report _____

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-33867

TEEKAY TANKERS LTD.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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Securities registered, or to be registered, pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A common stock, par value of \$0.01 per share	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered, or to be registered, pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.

71,091,030 shares of Class A common stock, par value of \$0.01 per share.

12,500,000 shares of Class B common stock, par value of \$0.01 per share.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant (1) has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-Accelerated Filer

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U.S. GAAP International Financial Reporting Standards as issued Other

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by the International Accounting Standards Board "

If Other has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow:

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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PART I

This Annual Report should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in this report.

Unless otherwise indicated, references in this Annual Report to Teekay Tankers Ltd., we, us and our and similar terms refer to Teekay Tankers Ltd. and/or one or more of its subsidiaries, except that those terms, when used in this Annual Report in connection with the common stock described herein, shall mean specifically Teekay Tankers Ltd. References in this Annual Report to Teekay Corporation refer to Teekay Corporation and/or any one or more of its subsidiaries.

In addition to historical information, this Annual Report contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements relate to future events and our operations, objectives, expectations, performance, financial condition and intentions. When used in this Annual Report, the words expect, intend, plan, believe, anticipate, estimate and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements in this Annual Report include, in particular, statements regarding:

our future financial condition or results of operations and our future revenues and expenses;

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

expected compliance with financing agreements and the expected effect of restrictive covenants in such agreements;

future oil prices, production and refinery capacity;

expansion of our business and additions to our fleet;

our expectations about the availability of vessels to purchase, the expected costs and time it may take to construct and deliver newbuildings, or the useful lives of our vessels;

planned capital expenditures and the ability to fund capital expenditures;

the recent economic downturn and crisis in the global financial markets, including disruptions in the global credit and stock markets and potential negative effects on our customers' ability to charter our vessels and pay for our services;

future supply of, and demand for, oil;

the ability to leverage Teekay Corporation's relationships and reputation in the shipping industry;

the expected benefits of participation in vessel pooling arrangements;

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the ability to maximize the use of vessels, including the redeployment or disposition of vessels no longer under time charters;

our expectation regarding our vessels' ability to perform to specifications and maintain their hire rates;

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

the expected cost of, and our ability to comply with, governmental regulations and maritime self-regulatory organization standards applicable to our business;

the anticipated impact of future regulatory changes or environmental liabilities;

expenses under service agreements with other affiliates of Teekay Corporation;

the anticipated taxation of our company and of distributions to our stockholders;

our expectations as to any impairment of our vessels;

the expected lifespan of our vessels;

potential newbuilding order cancellations;

construction and delivery delays in the tanker industry generally;

customers' increasing emphasis on environmental and safety concerns;

anticipated funds for liquidity needs and the sufficiency of cash flows;

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our use of interest rate swaps to reduce interest rate exposure;

the expected effect of off-balance sheet arrangements;

our compliance with covenants under our credit facilities;

the effectiveness of our chartering strategy in capturing upside opportunities and reducing downside risk;

our hedging activities relating to foreign exchange, interest rate and spot market risks;

the ability of counterparties to our derivative contracts to fulfill their contractual obligations;

our business strategy and other plans and objectives for future operations; and

our ability to pay dividends on our common stock.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and are based upon a number of assumptions and estimates that are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, those factors discussed below in **Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors** and other factors detailed from time to time in other reports we file with or furnish to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (or the *SEC*).

We do not intend to revise any forward-looking statements in order to reflect any change in our expectations or events or circumstances that may subsequently arise. You should carefully review and consider the various disclosures included in this Annual Report and in our other filings made with the SEC that attempt to advise interested parties of the risks and factors that may affect our business, prospects and results of operations.

Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisors

Not applicable.

Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable

Not applicable.

Item 3. Key Information

Selected Financial Data

Set forth below is selected consolidation financial and other data of Teekay Tankers Ltd. and its subsidiaries for the fiscal years 2008 through 2012, which have been derived from our consolidated financial statements. The following table should be read together with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, (a) **Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects** included herein, and (b) the historical financial statements and the accompanying notes and the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms thereon (which are included herein), with respect to the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

From time to time we have purchased vessels from Teekay Corporation. Excluding the vessels that were included in our initial public offering in December 2007, we have subsequently acquired a total of 21 conventional oil tankers of varying size from 2008 to 2012. These acquisitions

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were deemed to be business acquisitions between entities under common control. Accordingly, we have accounted for these transactions in a manner similar to the pooling of interest method whereby our financial statements prior to the date these vessels were acquired by us are retroactively adjusted to include the results of these acquired vessels. The periods retroactively adjusted include all periods that we and the acquired vessels were both under the common control of Teekay Corporation and had begun operations. As a result, our consolidated statements of income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008 reflect the results of operations of these vessels, referred to herein as the Dropdown Predecessor, as if we had acquired them when each respective vessel began operations under the ownership of Teekay Corporation. Please refer to Item 5 Operating and Financial Review and Prospects: Items You Should Consider When Evaluating Our Results of Operations and Item 18 Financial Statements: Note 2 Dropdown Predecessor.

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Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (or *GAAP*).

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	(in thousands, except share, per share, and fleet data)				
Income Statement Data:					
Revenues	\$ 369,959	\$ 264,309	\$ 240,350	\$ 215,072	\$ 197,429
Operating expenses:					
Voyage expenses ⁽¹⁾	11,362	7,503	5,301	3,449	4,618
Vessel operating expenses ⁽²⁾	75,193	79,460	81,650	84,089	89,215
Time-charter hire expense ⁽³⁾				4,046	3,950
Depreciation and amortization	64,516	76,201	77,317	74,482	72,365
General and administrative expenses	19,893	19,875	16,620	16,125	14,930
Vessel impairment and net loss on sale of vessels			1,864	58,034	352,546
Goodwill impairment charge				19,294	
Total operating expenses	170,964	183,039	182,752	259,519	537,624
Income (loss) from operations	198,995	81,270	57,598	(44,447)	(340,195)
Interest expense	(62,769)	(36,215)	(51,140)	(40,539)	(20,009)
Interest income	475	70	100	71	50
Realized and unrealized (loss) gain on derivative instruments	(44,166)	11,958	(28,684)	(27,783)	(7,963)
Other expenses	(1,779)	(1,623)	(1,016)	(377)	(2,064)
Net income (loss)	\$ 90,756	\$ 55,460	(\$ 23,142)	(\$ 113,075)	(\$ 370,181)
Earnings (loss) per share ⁽⁴⁾					
- Basic and diluted	\$ 2.03	\$ 1.28	\$ 0.37	(\$ 0.15)	(\$ 4.54)
Balance Sheet Data: (at end of year)					
Cash	26,698	10,432	14,889	18,566	26,341
Vessels and equipment ⁽⁵⁾	1,494,402	1,527,015	1,435,478	1,310,496	885,992
Investment in term loans			116,014	116,844	117,820
Total assets	1,786,825	1,810,202	1,678,423	1,641,469	1,105,656
Total debt ⁽⁶⁾	986,402	938,215	1,158,801	999,930	739,293
Common stock and paid in capital	181,245	246,753	481,336	588,441	672,560
Total equity	710,531	802,208	440,791	578,164	302,183
Cash Flow Data:					
Net cash provided by (used in):					
Operating activities	202,574	129,197	58,402	24,020	27,542
Financing activities	(201,621)	(137,097)	48,051	(16,006)	(13,905)
Investing activities	(9,094)	(8,366)	(101,996)	(4,337)	(5,862)
Number of outstanding shares of common stock at the end of the period	25,000,000	32,000,000	51,986,744	61,876,744	83,591,030
Other Financial Data:					
Net revenues ⁽⁷⁾	358,597	256,806	235,049	211,623	192,811
EBITDA ⁽⁸⁾	217,566	167,806	105,215	1,875	(277,857)
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽⁸⁾	261,732	155,848	135,763	106,986	82,652

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Expenditures for vessels and equipment	(9,094)	(8,366)	(11,987)	(4,337)	(2,518)
Expenditures for dry docking	(15,051)	(15,790)	(9,311)	(3,197)	(7,003)

Fleet Data:

Average number of tankers ⁽⁹⁾					
Suezmax	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Aframax	14.0	14.0	13.0	12.7	13.0
Product	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0

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- (1) Voyage expenses are all expenses unique to a particular voyage, including any bunker fuel expenses, port fees, cargo loading and unloading expenses, canal tolls, agency fees and commissions.
- (2) Vessel operating expenses include crewing, repairs and maintenance, insurance, stores, lube oils and communication expenses.
- (3) Time-charter hire expense includes vessel operating leases expense incurred to charter-in vessels.
- (4) For the years ended December 31, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, earnings (loss) per common share is determined by dividing (a) net income (loss) after deducting net income attributable to the Dropdown Predecessor by (b) the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the applicable period.
- (5) Vessels and equipment consists of (a) vessels, at cost less accumulated depreciation, and (b) advances on newbuildings.
- (6) Total debt includes the current and long-term portion of debt, and amounts due to affiliates.

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- (7) Consistent with general practice in the shipping industry, we use net revenues (defined as revenues less voyage expenses) as a measure of equating revenues generated from voyage charters to revenues generated from time charters, which assists us in making operating decisions about the deployment of our vessels and their performance. Under time charters the charterer pays the voyage expenses, whereas under voyage charters the ship-owner pays these expenses. Some voyage expenses are fixed, and the remainder can be estimated. If we, as the ship owner, pay the voyage expenses, we typically pass the approximate amount of these expenses on to our customers by charging higher rates under the contract to them. As a result, although revenues from different types of contracts may vary, the net revenues are comparable across the different types of contracts. We principally use net revenues, a non-GAAP financial measure, because it provides more meaningful information to us than revenues, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. Net revenues are also widely used by investors and analysts in the shipping industry for comparing financial performance between companies and to industry averages. The following table reconciles net revenues with revenues:

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Revenues	\$ 369,959	\$ 264,309	\$ 235,053	\$ 203,749	\$ 185,930
Interest Income from investment in term loans			5,297	11,323	11,499
Voyage expenses	(11,362)	(7,503)	(5,301)	(3,449)	(4,618)
Net revenues	\$ 358,597	\$ 256,806	\$ 235,049	\$ 211,623	\$ 192,811

- (8) EBITDA represents earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA before net loss on sale of vessels, goodwill impairment and realized and unrealized losses (gains) on derivative instruments. Both measures are used as supplemental financial measures by management and by external users of our financial statements, such as investors, as discussed below:

Financial and operating performance. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA assist our management and investors by increasing the comparability of our fundamental performance from period to period and against the fundamental performance of other companies in our industry that provide EBITDA or Adjusted EBITDA-based information. This increased comparability is achieved by excluding the potentially disparate effects between periods or companies of interest expense, taxes, depreciation or amortization (or other items in determining Adjusted EBITDA), which items are affected by various and possibly changing financing methods, capital structure and historical cost basis and which items may significantly affect net income between periods. We believe that including EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as financial and operating measures benefits investors in (a) selecting between investing in us and other investment alternatives and (b) monitoring our ongoing financial and operational strength and health in assessing whether to continue to hold shares of our Class A common stock.

Liquidity. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA allow us to assess the ability of assets to generate cash sufficient to service debt, pay dividends and undertake capital expenditures. By eliminating the cash flow effect resulting from our existing capitalization and other items such as dry-docking expenditures, working capital changes and foreign currency exchange gains and losses, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provide consistent measure of our ability to generate cash over the long term. Management uses this information as a significant factor in determining (a) our proper capitalization (including assessing how much debt to incur and whether changes to the capitalization should be made) and (b) whether to undertake material capital expenditures and how to finance them, all in light of our dividend policy. Use of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as liquidity measures also permits investors to assess the fundamental ability of our business to generate cash sufficient to meet cash needs, including dividends on shares of our Class A common stock.

Neither EBITDA nor Adjusted EBITDA, which are non-GAAP measures, should be considered an alternative to net income, operating income, cash flow from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA exclude some, but not all, items that affect net income and operating income, and these measures may vary among other companies. Therefore, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as presented in this Annual Report may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

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	Years Ended December 31,				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<i>Reconciliation of EBITDA to Net income</i>					
Net income (loss)	\$ 90,756	\$ 55,460	(\$ 23,142)	(\$ 113,075)	(\$ 370,181)
Depreciation and amortization	64,516	76,201	77,317	74,482	72,365
Interest expense, net of interest income	62,294	36,145	51,040	40,468	19,959
EBITDA	\$ 217,566	\$ 167,806	\$ 105,215	\$ 1,875	(\$ 277,857)
Vessel impairment and net loss on sale of vessels			1,864	58,034	352,546
Goodwill impairment				19,294	
Realized and unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments	44,166	(11,958)	28,684	27,783	7,963
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 261,732	\$ 155,848	\$ 135,763	\$ 106,986	\$ 82,652

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	Years Ended December 31,				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<i>Reconciliation of EBITDA to Net operating cash flow</i>					
Net operating cash flow	202,574	129,197	58,402	24,020	27,542
Interest expense, net of interest income	62,294	36,145	51,040	40,468	19,959
Expenditures for dry docking	15,051	15,790		3,197	7,003
Vessel impairment and net loss on sale of vessels			(1,864)	(58,034)	(352,546)
Goodwill impairment				(19,294)	
Unrealized (loss) gain on derivative instruments	(39,119)	22,853	(13,825)	11,238	1,580
Change in working capital	(23,448)	(35,330)	1,961	833	19,794
Other cash flows, net	214	(849)	190	(553)	(1,189)
EBITDA	\$ 217,566	\$ 167,806	\$ 105,215	\$ 1,875	(\$ 277,857)
Net loss on sale of vessels			1,864	58,034	352,546
Goodwill impairment				19,294	
Realized and unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments	44,166	(11,958)	28,684	27,783	7,963
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 261,732	\$ 155,848	\$ 135,763	\$ 106,986	\$ 82,652

(9) Average number of tankers consists of the average number of vessels that were in our possession during a period, including time-chartered in vessels and those of the Dropdown Predecessor.

Risk Factors

The cyclical nature of the tanker industry may lead to volatile changes charter rates, and significant fluctuations in the utilization of our vessels, which may adversely affect our earnings.

Historically, the tanker industry has been cyclical, experiencing volatility in profitability due to changes in the supply of and demand for tanker capacity and changes in the supply of and demand for oil and oil products. The cyclical nature of the tanker industry may cause significant increases or decreases in the revenues we earn from our vessels and may also cause significant increases or decreases in the value of our vessels. If the tanker market is depressed, our earnings may decrease. Our exposure to industry business cycles is more acute because of our exposure to the spot tanker market, which is more volatile than the tanker industry generally. Our ability to operate profitably in the spot market and to recharter our other vessels upon the expiration or termination of their charters will depend upon, among other factors, economic conditions in the tanker market.

The factors affecting the supply of and demand for tankers are outside of our control, and the nature, timing and degree of changes in industry conditions are unpredictable.

Key factors that influence the supply of tanker capacity include:

environmental concerns and regulations;

the number of newbuilding deliveries;

the scrapping rate of older vessels;

conversion of tankers to other uses; and

the number of vessels that are out of service.

Key factors that influence demand for tanker capacity include:

supply of oil and oil products;

demand for oil and oil products;

regional availability of refining capacity;

global and regional economic and political conditions;

the distance oil and oil products are to be moved by sea; and

changes in seaborne and other transportation patterns.

Historically, the tanker markets have been volatile as a result of the many conditions and factors that can affect the price and the supply of, and demand for, tanker capacity. Changes in demand for transportation of oil over longer distances and in the supply of tankers to carry that oil may materially affect our revenues, profitability and cash flows.

Changes in the oil markets could result in decreased demand for our vessels and services.

Demand for our vessels and services in transporting oil depends upon world and regional oil markets. Any decrease in shipments of crude oil in those markets could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Historically, those markets have been volatile as a result of the many conditions and events that affect the price, production and transport of oil, including competition from alternative energy sources. Past slowdowns of the U.S. and world economies have resulted in reduced consumption of oil products and decreased demand for our vessels and services, which reduced vessel earnings. Additional slowdowns could have similar effects on our operating results and may limit our ability to expand our fleet.

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During 2012 and 2011, we derived approximately 35.1% and 25.0%, respectively, of our net revenues from the vessels operating in the spot tanker market on voyage-charter contracts (which includes vessels operating under charters with an initial term of less than one year). Our vessels operating on voyage-charter contracts consist of conventional crude oil tankers and product carriers operating in the spot tanker market or subject to time charters, or contracts of affreightment priced on a spot-market basis or fixed-rate contracts with a term of less than one year. Part of our conventional Aframax and Suezmax tanker fleets and our large and medium product tanker fleets are among the vessels included in the spot tanker market on voyage-charter contracts. Due to activity in the spot-charter market, declining spot rates in a given period generally will result in corresponding declines in our operating results for that period.

The spot-charter market is highly volatile and fluctuates based upon tanker and oil supply and demand. The successful operation of our vessels in the spot-charter market depends upon, 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. Future spot rates may not be sufficient to enable our vessels trading in the spot tanker market to operate profitably or to provide sufficient cash flow to service our debt obligations.

The operation of a significant number of our tankers in the Gemini Suezmax Pool, Teekay Aframax Pool and Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool could limit our earnings.

As of February 1, 2013, eight of our Suezmax tankers, four of our Aframax tankers and three of our Long Range 2 (or LR2) product tankers operated in, and generated revenues to us through participation in, a Suezmax tanker pooling arrangement (the *Gemini Suezmax Pool*), an Aframax tanker revenue sharing arrangement (the *Teekay Aframax Pool*), and an LR2 product tanker pooling arrangement (the *Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool*), respectively, each managed, in whole or in part, by subsidiaries of Teekay Corporation. Pooling arrangements are designed to spread the costs and risks associated with commercial management of vessels and to share the net revenues earned by all of the vessels in the pool. Although the net revenues are apportioned based on the actual earning days each vessel is available and the relative performance capabilities of each vessel as well, a pool may include vessels that do not perform as well in actual operation as our vessels. As a result, our share of the net pool revenues may be less than what we could earn operating our vessels independently.

The removal of any vessels from the Gemini Suezmax Pool, Teekay Aframax Pool, Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool, or any other pooling arrangement may adversely affect our operating results.

Participants in the Gemini Suezmax Pool, including Teekay Corporation and third parties, have each agreed to include in the pool certain qualifying Suezmax-class crude tankers of the pool participants and their respective affiliates, including us, that operate in the spot market or pursuant to time charters of less than one year. We and Teekay Corporation have each committed to include in the Teekay Aframax Pool all of our and its respective Aframax-class crude tankers that are less than 15 years old and employed in the spot market or operate pursuant to time charters of less than 90 days. Participants in the Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool, including third parties, have each agreed to include in the pool certain qualifying LR2 product tankers of the pool participants and their respective affiliates, including us that operate in the spot market or pursuant to time charters of less than one year. If we or Teekay Corporation remove vessels from the Gemini Suezmax Pool, Teekay Aframax Pool, or Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool to operate under longer-term time charters, the benefits to us of the pooling arrangements could diminish. In addition, the European Union is in the process of substantially reforming the way it regulates traditional agreements for maritime services from an antitrust perspective. These changes may impose new restrictions on the way pools are operated or may prohibit pooling arrangements altogether. If for any reason our vessels, Teekay Corporation's vessels, or any third party vessels cease to participate in the Gemini Suezmax Pool, Teekay Aframax Pool, the Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool or another pooling arrangement, or if the pooling arrangements are significantly restricted, we may not achieve the benefits intended by pool participation and our results of operations could be harmed.

Our failure to renew or replace fixed-rate charters could cause us to trade the related vessels in the spot market, which could adversely affect our operating results and make them more volatile.

As of February 1, 2013, 14 of our tankers operated under fixed-rate time-charter contracts, five of which are scheduled to expire in 2013, five in 2014, two in 2015, and two in 2016. If upon their scheduled expiration or any early termination we are unable to renew or replace fixed-rate charters on favorable terms, if at all, or if we choose not to renew or replace these fixed-rate charters, we may employ the vessels in the volatile spot market. Increasing our exposure to the spot market, particularly during periods of unfavorable market conditions, could harm our results of operations and make them more volatile.

Our vessels operate in the highly competitive international tanker market.

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The operation of oil tankers and transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products are extremely competitive businesses. Competition arises primarily from other tanker owners, including major oil companies and independent tanker companies, some of which have substantially greater financial strength and capital than do we or Teekay Corporation. Competition for the transportation of oil and oil products can be intense and depends on price and the location, size, age, condition of the tanker and the acceptability of the tanker and its operators to the charterers. Our competitive position may erode over time.

Our operating results are subject to seasonal fluctuations.

Our tankers operate in markets that have historically exhibited seasonal variations in tanker demand and, therefore, in spot-charter rates. This seasonality may result in quarter-to-quarter volatility in our results of operations. 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. In addition, unpredictable weather patterns during the winter months tend to disrupt vessel scheduling, which historically has increased oil price volatility and oil trading activities in the winter months. As a result, revenues generated by the tankers in our fleet have historically been weaker during the fiscal quarters ended June 30 and September 30, and stronger in our fiscal quarters ended December 31 and March 31.

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Future economic downturns, including disruptions in the global credit markets, could adversely affect our ability to grow.

Economic downturns and financial crises in the global markets could produce illiquidity in the capital markets, market volatility, heightened exposure to interest rate and credit risks, and reduced access to capital markets. If global financial markets and economic conditions significantly deteriorate in the future, we may face restricted access to the capital markets or bank lending, which may make it more difficult and costly to fund future growth. Decreased access to such resources could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Economic downturns may affect our customers' ability to charter our vessels and pay for our services and may adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Economic downturns in the global financial markets may lead to a decline in our customers' operations or ability to pay for our services, which could result in decreased demand for our vessels and services. Our customers' inability to pay could also result in their default on our current contracts and charters. A decline in the amount of services requested by our customers or their default on our contracts with them could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations could result in fluctuations in our operating results.

Our primary economic environment is the international shipping market, which utilizes the U.S. Dollar as its functional currency. Consequently, virtually all of our revenues and the majority of our expenses are in U.S. Dollars. However, we incur certain voyage expenses, vessel operating expenses, and general and administrative expenses in foreign currencies, the most significant of which are the Canadian Dollar, Euro and British Pound. This partial mismatch in revenues and expenses could lead to fluctuations in net income due to changes in the value of the U.S. Dollar relative to other currencies.

We may not be able to grow or to manage our growth effectively.

One of our principal strategies is to continue to grow by expanding our operations and adding vessels to our fleet. Our future growth will depend upon a number of factors, some of which are beyond our control. These factors include our ability to:

identify suitable tankers or shipping companies for acquisitions or joint ventures;

integrate successfully any acquired tankers or businesses with our existing operations; and

obtain required financing for our existing and any new operations.

In addition, competition from other companies, many of which have significantly greater financial resources than do we or Teekay Corporation, may reduce our acquisition opportunities or cause us to pay higher prices. Our failure to effectively identify, purchase, develop and integrate any tankers or businesses could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may not realize expected benefits from acquisitions, and implementing our growth strategy through acquisitions may harm our financial condition and performance.

Any acquisition of a vessel or business may not be profitable at or after the time of acquisition and may not generate cash flows sufficient to justify the investment. In addition, our acquisition growth strategy exposes us to risks that may harm our business, financial condition and operating results, including risks that we may:

fail to realize anticipated benefits, such as new customer relationships, cost-savings or cash flow enhancements;

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be unable to hire, train or retain qualified shore and seafaring personnel to manage and operate our growing business and fleet;

decrease our liquidity by using a significant portion of available cash or borrowing capacity to finance acquisitions;

significantly increase our interest expense or financial leverage if we incur additional debt to finance acquisitions;

incur or assume unanticipated liabilities, losses or costs associated with any vessels or businesses acquired; or

incur other significant charges, such as impairment of intangible assets, asset devaluation or restructuring charges.

Unlike newbuildings, existing vessels typically do not carry warranties as to their condition. While we generally inspect existing vessels prior to purchase, such an inspection would normally not provide us with as much knowledge of a vessel's condition as we would possess if it had been built for us and operated by us during its life. Repairs and maintenance costs for existing vessels are difficult to predict and may be substantially higher than for vessels we have operated since they were built. These costs could decrease our cash flows, and liquidity and harm our financial condition and performance.

Over time, the value of our vessels may decline, which could adversely affect our ability to obtain financing or our operating results.

Vessel values for oil tankers can fluctuate substantially over time due to a number of different factors. Vessel values may decline from existing levels, and have declined over the past few years. If the operation of a tanker is not profitable, or if we cannot re-deploy a chartered tanker at attractive rates upon charter termination, rather than continue to incur costs to maintain and finance the vessel, we may seek to dispose of it. Inability to dispose of vessels at a reasonable value could result in a loss on their sale and could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. In addition, three of our credit facilities contain loan-to-value financial covenants tied to the value of the vessel that collateralizes these credit facilities. Significant decline in the market value of these tankers may require us to pledge additional collateral to avoid a default under these credit facilities. We are required to maintain vessel value to outstanding loan principal balance ratios ranging from 105%-115%. At December 31, 2012, we were in compliance with these requirements.

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In addition, if we determine at any time that a vessel's future useful life and earnings require us to impair its value on our financial statements, we may need to recognize a significant charge against our earnings. Vessel values have declined significantly in recent years, and have contributed to significant vessel and goodwill impairment charges against our earnings.

Delays in deliveries of any newbuildings could harm our operating results and financial condition.

The delivery of any newbuilding that we may order could be delayed, which would delay our receipt of revenues related to the vessel. The completion and delivery of newbuildings could be delayed because of:

quality or engineering problems;

changes in governmental regulations or maritime self-regulatory organization standards;

work stoppages or other labor disturbances at the shipyard;

bankruptcy or other financial crisis of the shipbuilder;

a backlog of orders at the shipyard;

political or economic disturbances;

weather interference or catastrophic event, such as a major earthquake, tsunami or fire;

requests for changes to the original vessel specifications;

shortages of or delays in the receipt of necessary construction materials, such as steel;

an inability to finance the construction of the vessels; or

an inability to obtain requisite permits or approvals.

If delivery of a vessel is significantly delayed, it could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition and our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders.

We will be required to make substantial capital expenditures to expand the size of our fleet. We generally will be required to make significant installment payments for any acquisitions of newbuilding vessels prior to their delivery and generation of revenue. Depending on whether we finance our expenditures through cash from operations or by issuing debt or equity securities, our financial leverage could increase or our stockholders' ownership interest in us could be diluted.

We will be required to make substantial capital expenditures to increase the size of our fleet. We intend to expand our fleet by acquiring tankers from third parties or from Teekay Corporation. Our acquisitions may also include newbuilding vessels (or *newbuildings*). We generally will be

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required to make installment payments on any newbuildings prior to their delivery. We typically would pay 10% to 20% of the purchase price of a tanker upon signing the purchase contract, even though delivery of the completed vessel will not occur until much later (approximately two to three years from the order). To fund expansion capital expenditures, we may be required to use cash balances or cash from operations, incur borrowings or raise capital through the sale of debt or additional equity securities. Our ability to obtain bank financing or to access the capital markets for future offerings may be limited by our financial condition at the time of any such financing or offering, as well as by adverse market conditions resulting from, among other things, general economic conditions and contingencies and uncertainties that are beyond our control. Our failure to obtain funds for capital expenditures could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial. Even if we are successful in obtaining the necessary funds, incurring additional debt may significantly increase our interest expense and financial leverage, which could limit our financial flexibility and ability to pursue other business opportunities. In addition, issuing additional equity securities may result in significant stockholder ownership dilution and would increase the aggregate amount of cash required to pay quarterly dividends.

An increase in operating costs could adversely affect our cash flows and financial condition.

We have entered into a long-term management agreement (or the *Management Agreement*) with Teekay Tankers Management Services Ltd. (our *Manager*), a subsidiary of Teekay Corporation. Under our Management Agreement, we must reimburse our Manager for vessel operating expenses (including crewing, repairs and maintenance, insurance, stores, lube oils and communication expenses), and for spot or voyage charters, voyage expenses (including bunker fuel expenses, port fees, cargo loading and unloading expenses, canal tolls, agency fees and conversions). These expenses depend upon a variety of factors, many of which are beyond our or our Manager's control. Some of these costs, primarily relating to fuel, insurance and enhanced security measures, have been increasing and may increase in the future. Increases in any of these costs would decrease our earnings and adversely affect our cash flows and financial condition.

Financing agreements containing operating and financial restrictions may restrict our business and financing activities.

The operating and financial restrictions and covenants in our revolving credit facilities, term loans and in any of our future financing agreements could adversely affect our ability to finance future operations or capital needs or to pursue and expand our business activities. For example, these financing arrangements may restrict our ability to:

incur or guarantee indebtedness;

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change ownership or structure, including mergers, consolidations, liquidations and dissolutions;

pay dividends;

grant liens on our assets;

sell, transfer, assign or convey assets;

make certain investments; and

enter into a new line of business.

Our ability to comply with covenants and restrictions contained in debt instruments may be affected by events beyond our control, including prevailing economic, financial and industry conditions. If market or other economic conditions deteriorate, we may fail to comply with these covenants. If we breach any of the restrictions, covenants, ratios or tests in the financing agreements, our obligations may become immediately due and payable, and the lenders' commitment, if any, to make further loans may terminate. A default under one financing agreement could also result in foreclosure on any of our vessels and other assets securing related loans, or trigger a default under other financing arrangements.

Our substantial debt levels may limit our flexibility in obtaining additional financing, pursuing other business opportunities and paying dividends.

As of December 31, 2012, our long-term debt was approximately \$735.7 million and an additional \$301.0 million was available to us under our revolving credit facilities. We will continue to have the ability to incur additional debt, subject to limitations in our revolving credit facilities. Our level of debt could have important consequences to us, including the following:

our ability to obtain additional financing, if necessary, for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other purposes may be impaired or such financing may not be available on favorable terms;

we will need a substantial portion of our cash flow to make principal and interest payments on our debt, reducing the funds that would otherwise be available for operations, business opportunities and dividends to our stockholders;

our debt level will make us more vulnerable than our competitors with less debt to competitive pressures or a downturn in our industry or the economy generally; and

our debt level may limit our flexibility in responding to changing business and economic conditions.

Our ability to service our debt depends upon, among other things, our financial and operating performance, which is affected by prevailing economic conditions and financial, business, regulatory and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. If our operating results are not sufficient to service our current or future indebtedness, we will be forced to take actions such as reducing or delaying our business activities, acquisitions, investments or capital expenditures, selling assets, restructuring or refinancing our debt, or seeking additional equity capital or bankruptcy protection. We may not be able to effect any of these remedies on satisfactory terms, or at all.

Default by the borrower of the term loans in which we have invested could adversely affect our cash flows and financial condition.

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We have invested in term loans with a total principal amount outstanding of \$115.0 million as of December 31, 2012. We receive quarterly interest payments on the loans and the total loans outstanding will be due in July 2013. The term loans are collateralized by first priority mortgages on two 2010-built very large crude carriers (or *VLCCs*), together with other related security. The borrower on these loans is facing financial difficulty and failed to pay, the January 31, 2013 interest payment in full as we received a nominal amount in March 2013. A full recovery of all amounts due under the loan agreements will be dependent upon cash flow generated by the borrower, financial support from the borrower's ultimate parent company and our ability to realize the value of the primary collateral, the two VLCCs. Failure of the borrower to pay interest or to repay principal under the loans would harm our results of operations and, to the extent we are unable to foreclose on the collateral, our financial condition.

Our insurance may be insufficient to cover losses that may occur to our vessels or result from our operations.

The operation of oil tankers is inherently risky. Although we carry hull and machinery (marine and war risks) and protection and indemnity insurance, all risks may not be adequately insured against, and any particular claim may not be paid. In addition, we do not carry insurance on our vessels covering the loss of revenues resulting from vessel off-hire time based on its cost compared to our off-hire experience. Any claims covered by insurance would be subject to deductibles, and since it is possible that a large number of claims may be brought, the aggregate amount of these deductibles could be material. Certain of our insurance coverage is maintained through mutual protection and indemnity associations, and as a member of such associations we may be required to make additional payments over and above budgeted premiums if member claims exceed association reserves.

Our Manager may be unable to procure adequate insurance coverage at commercially reasonable rates in the future. For example, more stringent environmental regulations have led to increased costs for, and in the future may result in the lack of availability of, insurance against risks of environmental damage or pollution. A catastrophic oil spill, marine disasters or natural disasters could exceed the insurance coverage, which could harm our business, financial condition and operating results. Any uninsured or underinsured loss could harm our business and financial condition. In addition, the insurance may be voidable by the insurers as a result of certain actions, such as vessels failing to maintain certification with applicable maritime self-regulatory organizations.

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Changes in the insurance markets attributable to terrorist attacks may also make certain types of insurance more difficult to obtain. In addition, the insurance that may be available may be significantly more expensive than existing coverage.

Terrorist attacks, piracy, increased hostilities or war could lead to further economic instability, increased costs and disruption of business.

Terrorist attacks, piracy and the current conflicts in the Middle East, and other current and future conflicts, may adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition, and ability to raise capital and future growth. Continuing hostilities in the Middle East may lead to additional armed conflicts or to further acts of terrorism and civil disturbance in the United States or elsewhere, which may contribute further to economic instability and disruption of oil production and distribution, which could result in reduced demand for our services.

In addition, oil facilities, shipyards, vessels, pipelines, oil fields or other infrastructure could be targets of future terrorist attacks and our vessels could be targets of pirates or hijackers. Any such attacks could lead to, among other things, bodily injury or loss of life, vessel or other property damage, increased vessel operational costs, including insurance costs, and the inability to transport oil to or from certain locations. Terrorist attacks, war, piracy, hijacking or other events beyond our control that adversely affect the distribution, production or transportation of oil to be shipped by us could entitle customers to terminate the charters which would harm our cash flow and business.

Acts of piracy on ocean-going vessels have recently increased in frequency, which 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 and the Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia. In recent years, the frequency and severity of piracy incidents has significantly increased, particularly in the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean. If these piracy attacks result in regions in which our vessels are deployed being named on the Joint War Committee Listed Areas, war risk insurance premiums payable for such coverage can increase significantly and such insurance coverage may be more difficult to obtain. In addition, crew costs, including costs which may be incurred to the extent we employ onboard security guards, could increase in such circumstances. We may not be adequately insured to cover losses from these incidents, which could have a material adverse effect on us. In addition, detention hijacking as a result of an act of piracy against our vessels, or an increase in cost or unavailability of insurance for our vessels, could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our substantial operations outside the United States expose us to political, governmental and economic instability, which could harm our operations.

Because our operations are primarily conducted outside of the United States, they may be affected by economic, political and governmental conditions in the countries where we engage in business or where our vessels are registered. Any disruption caused by these factors could harm our business, including by reducing the levels of oil exploration, development and production activities in these areas. We derive some of our revenues from shipping oil from politically unstable regions. Conflicts in these regions have included attacks on ships and other efforts to disrupt shipping. Hostilities or other political instability in regions where we operate or where we may operate could have a material adverse effect on the growth of our business, results of operations and financial condition and ability to make cash distributions. In addition, tariffs, trade embargoes and other economic sanctions by the United States or other countries to which we trade may limit trading activities with those countries, which could also harm our business and ability to make cash distributions. Finally, a government could requisition one or more of our vessels, which is most likely during war or national emergency. Any such requisition would cause a loss of the vessel and could harm our cash flow and financial results.

Past port calls by our vessels, or third-party vessels from which we derived pooling revenues, to countries that are subject to sanctions imposed by the United States and the European Union may impact investors' decisions to invest in our securities.

The United States government has imposed sanctions on Iran, Syria and Sudan. The European Union (or *EU*) has also imposed sanctions on trade with Iran. In the past, conventional oil tankers owned or chartered-in by us, or third-party vessels participating in commercial pooling arrangements from which we derive revenue, made limited port calls to those countries for the loading and discharging of oil products. Those port calls did not violate U.S. or EU sanctions and we intend to maintain our compliance with all U.S. and EU sanctions. In addition, we have no future contracted loadings or discharges in any of those countries and intend not to enter into voyage charter contracts for the transport of oil or gas to or from Iran, Syria or Sudan. We believe that our compliance with these sanctions and our lack of any future port calls to those countries does not and will not adversely impact our revenues, because port calls to these countries have never accounted for any material amount of our revenues. However, some investors might decide not to invest in us simply because we have previously called on, or through our participation in pooling arrangements have previously received revenue from calls on, ports in these sanctioned countries. Any such investor reaction could adversely affect the market for our common shares.

Marine transportation is inherently risky, and an incident involving significant loss of product or environmental contamination by any of our vessels could harm our reputation and business.

Vessels and their cargoes are at risk of being damaged or lost because of events such as:

marine disasters;

bad weather or natural disasters;

mechanical or electrical failures;

grounding, capsizing, fire, explosions and collisions;

piracy;

human error; and

war and terrorism.

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An accident involving any of our vessels could result in any of the following:

death or injury to persons, loss of property or damage to the environment and natural resources;

delays in the delivery of cargo;

loss of revenues from charters;

liabilities or costs to recover any spilled oil or other petroleum products and to restore the eco-system affected by the spill;

governmental fines, penalties or restrictions on conducting business;

higher insurance rates; and

damage to our reputation and customer relationships generally.

Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

The shipping industry is subject to substantial environmental and other regulations, which may significantly limit operations and increase expenses.

Our operations are affected by extensive and changing international, national and local environmental protection laws, regulations, treaties and conventions in force in international waters, the jurisdictional waters of the countries in which our vessels operate, as well as the countries of our vessels' registration, including those governing oil spills, discharges to air and water, and the handling and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes. Many of these requirements are designed to reduce the risk of oil spills and other pollution. In addition, we believe that the heightened environmental, quality and security concerns of insurance underwriters, regulators and charterers will lead to additional regulatory requirements, including enhanced risk assessment and security requirements and greater inspection and safety requirements on vessels. We expect to incur substantial expenses in complying with these laws and regulations, including expenses for vessel modifications and changes in operating procedures.

These requirements can affect the resale value or useful lives of our vessels, require a reduction in cargo capacity, ship modifications or operational changes or restrictions, lead to decreased availability of insurance coverage for environmental matters or 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 cleanup obligations, in the event that there is a release of petroleum or other hazardous substances from our vessels or otherwise in connection with our operations. We could also become subject to personal injury or property damage claims relating to the release of or exposure to hazardous materials associated with our operations. In addition, 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, including, in certain instances, seizure or detention of our vessels. For further information about regulations affecting our business and related requirements on us, please read Item 4. Information on the Company B. Business Overview Regulations.

Climate change and greenhouse gas restrictions may adversely impact our operations and markets.

Due to concern over the risk of climate change, a number of countries have adopted, or are considering the adoption of, regulatory frameworks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These regulatory measures include, among others, adoption of cap and trade regimes, carbon taxes, increased efficiency standards, and incentives or mandates for renewable energy. Compliance with changes in laws, regulations and obligations relating to climate change could increase our costs related to operating and maintaining our 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. Revenue generation and strategic growth opportunities may also be adversely affected.

Adverse effects upon the oil industry relating to climate change may also adversely affect demand for our services. Although we do not expect that demand for oil will lessen dramatically over the short-term, in the long-term climate change may reduce the demand for oil or increased regulation of greenhouse gases may create greater incentives for use of alternative energy sources. Any long-term material adverse effect on the oil industry could have a significant financial and operational adverse impact on our business that we cannot predict with certainty at this time.

Maritime claimants could arrest, or port authorities could detain, our vessels, which could interrupt our cash flow.

Crew members, suppliers of goods and services to a vessel, shippers of cargo and other parties may be entitled to a maritime lien against that vessel for unsatisfied debts, claims or damages. In many jurisdictions, a maritime lienholder may enforce its lien by arresting a vessel through foreclosure proceedings. The arrest or attachment of one or more of our vessels could interrupt our cash flow and require us to pay large sums of funds to have the arrest or attachment lifted. In addition, in some jurisdictions, such as South Africa, under the "sister ship" theory of liability, a claimant may arrest both the vessel that 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 or in the Gemini Suezmax Pool, Teekay Aframax Pool or the Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool for claims relating to another of our ships. In addition, port authorities may seek to detain our vessels in port, which could adversely affect our operating results or relationships with customers.

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We depend on Teekay Corporation to assist us in operating our business and competing in our markets, and our business will be harmed if Teekay Corporation fails to assist us.

Pursuant to the terms of the Management Agreement, our Manager provides to us commercial, technical, administrative and strategic services, including vessel maintenance, crewing, purchasing, shipyard supervision, insurance and financial services. Our operational success and ability to execute our growth strategy depend significantly upon the satisfactory performance of these services by our Manager. Our business will be harmed if our Manager fails to perform these services satisfactorily, if it stops providing these services to us or if it terminates the Management Agreement, as it is entitled to do under certain circumstances. The circumstances under which we are able to terminate the Management Agreement are limited and do not include mere dissatisfaction with our Manager's performance. In addition, upon any termination of the Management Agreement, we may lose our ability to benefit from economies of scale in purchasing supplies and other advantages that we believe our relationship with Teekay Corporation provides. Furthermore, the profitable operation of our tankers that participate in tanker pooling arrangements depends largely on the efforts of the pool managers, Teekay Corporation's participation in the pooling arrangements and its reputation and relationships in the shipping industry. Under the pooling arrangements, the earnings and voyage expenses of all of the vessels in pools are aggregated, or pooled, and divided according to an agreed formula. If Teekay Corporation suffers material damage to its reputation or relationships, it may harm our ability to:

maximize revenues of our tankers included in the pooling arrangements;

acquire new tankers or obtain new time charters;

renew existing time charters upon their expiration;

successfully interact with shipyards during periods of shipyard construction constraints;

obtain financing on commercially acceptable terms; or

maintain satisfactory relationships with suppliers and other third parties.

If our ability to do any of the things described above is impaired, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Teekay Corporation and its affiliates may engage in competition with us.

In our articles of incorporation and in a contribution, conveyance and assumption agreement we entered into with Teekay Corporation in connection with our initial public offering, we have renounced business opportunities that may be attractive to both Teekay Corporation and us in favor of Teekay Corporation, which may strengthen Teekay Corporation's ability to compete with us.

The pooling arrangements we participate in are managed, in whole or in part, by Teekay Corporation subsidiaries. When operated in a pool, chartering decisions are made by the pool manager and vessel earnings are based on a formula designed to allocate the pool's earnings to vessel owners based on actual on-hire performance of the vessels they contributed, and attributes of the vessels, rather than amounts actually earned by those vessels. If we, Teekay Corporation or its affiliates terminate the pooling arrangements in which we participate pursuant to the terms thereof or if vessels of Teekay Corporation or us cease operating in the pooling arrangements for any other reason, our tankers may compete with other vessels owned or operated by Teekay Corporation to provide crude oil transportation services. In addition, we may compete with Teekay Corporation in seeking to charter any vessels in our fleet under fixed-rate time charters, whether upon the expiration or early termination of existing time charters or otherwise.

In June 2012 in connection with the 2012 Acquired Business transaction, Teekay Corporation entered into a non-competition agreement with us that (a) limits Teekay Corporation's ability to expand its direct or indirect fleet of conventional and product tankers and (b) provides us a right of

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first refusal to acquire existing or newbuilding conventional and product tankers pursuant to opportunities Teekay Corporation develops. However, the non-competition agreement expires on June 15, 2015.

Teekay Corporation may be unable to attract and retain qualified, skilled employees or crew necessary to operate our business.

Our success depends in large part on Teekay Corporation's ability to attract and retain highly skilled and qualified personnel. In crewing our vessels, we require technically skilled employees with specialized training who can perform physically demanding work. Competition to attract and retain qualified crew members is intense. If crew costs increase and we are not able to increase our rates to compensate for any crew cost increases, our financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected. Any inability we experience in the future to hire, train and retain a sufficient number of qualified employees could impair our ability to manage, maintain and grow our business.

The superior voting rights of our Class B common stock held by Teekay Corporation limit our Class A common stockholders' ability to influence corporate matters.

Our Class B common stock has five votes per share and our Class A common stock has one vote per share. However, the voting power of the Class B common stock is limited such that the aggregate voting power of all shares of outstanding Class B common stock can at no time exceed 49% of the voting power of our outstanding Class A common stock and Class B common stock, voting together as a single class. As of the date of this Annual Report, Teekay Corporation indirectly owns shares of Class A and Class B common stock representing a majority of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock. Through its ownership of our Class B common stock and of our Manager and other entities that provide services to us, Teekay Corporation has substantial control and influence over our management and affairs and over all matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors and significant corporate transactions. In addition, because of this dual-class common stock structure, Teekay Corporation will continue to be able to control matters submitted to our stockholders for approval even if it comes to own significantly less than 50% of the outstanding shares of our common stock. This voting control limits our Class A common stockholders' ability to influence corporate matters and, as a result, we may take actions that our Class A common stockholders do not view as beneficial.

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Our Manager has rights to terminate the Management Agreement and, under certain circumstances, could receive substantial sums in connection with such termination; however, even if our board of directors or our stockholders are dissatisfied with our Manager, there are limited circumstances under which we can terminate the Management Agreement.

Our Management Agreement has an initial term through December 31, 2022 and will automatically renew for subsequent five-year terms provided that certain conditions are met. Our Manager has the right to terminate the Management Agreement with 12 months' notice. Our Manager also has the right to terminate the Management Agreement after a dispute resolution process if we have materially breached the Management Agreement. The Management Agreement will terminate upon the sale of all or substantially all of our assets to a third party, our liquidation or after any change of control of our company occurs. If the Management Agreement is terminated as a result of an asset sale, our liquidation or change of control, then our Manager may be paid a termination fee. Any such payment could be substantial.

In addition, our rights to terminate the Management Agreement are limited. Even if we are not satisfied with the Manager's efforts in managing our business, unless our Manager materially breaches the agreement or experiences certain bankruptcy or change of control events, we have only a limited right to terminate the agreement after 10 years and may not be able to terminate the agreement until the end of the initial 15-year term. If we elect to terminate the Management Agreement at either of these points or at the end of any subsequent renewal term, our Manager will receive a termination fee, which may be substantial.

Our Manager could receive a performance fee which is contingent on the results of operations and financial condition.

If Gross Cash Available for Distribution for a given fiscal year exceeds \$3.20 per share of our common stock (subject to adjustment for stock dividends, splits, combinations and similar events, and based on the weighted-average number of shares outstanding for the year) (or the *Incentive Threshold*), our Manager generally will be entitled to payment of a performance fee equal to 20% of all Gross Cash Available for Distribution for such year in excess of the Incentive Threshold. Although the performance fee is payable on an annual basis, we accrue any amounts expected to be payable in respect of the performance fee on a quarterly basis. Gross Cash Available for Distribution represents the distributable cashflows that we generate from operations.

Many seafaring employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements, and the failure to renew those agreements or any future labor agreements may disrupt operations and adversely affect our cash flows.

A significant portion of Teekay Corporation's seafarers that crew our vessels are employed under collective bargaining agreements. Teekay Corporation may become subject to additional labor agreements in the future. Teekay Corporation may suffer labor disruptions if relationships deteriorate with the seafarers or the unions that represent them. The collective bargaining agreements may not prevent labor disruptions, particularly when the agreements are being renegotiated. Salaries are typically renegotiated annually or biannually for seafarers. Although these negotiations have not caused labor disruptions in the past, any labor disruptions could harm our operations and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our executive officers and directors and the executive officers and directors of our Manager have conflicts of interest and limited fiduciary and contractual duties, which may permit them to favor interests of other Teekay Corporation affiliates above our interests and those of our Class A common stockholders.

Conflicts of interest may arise between Teekay Corporation, our Manager and their affiliates, on the one hand, and us and our stockholders, on the other hand. As a result of these conflicts, Teekay Corporation or our Manager may favor their own interests and the interests of their affiliates over our interests and those of our stockholders. These conflicts include, among others, the following situations:

our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and certain of our directors also serve as executive officers or directors of Teekay Corporation or our Manager, and we have limited their fiduciary duties regarding corporate opportunities that may be attractive to both Teekay Corporation and us;

our Manager advises our board of directors about the amount and timing of asset purchases and sales, capital expenditures, borrowings, issuances of additional common stock and cash reserves, each of which can affect our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders and the amount of the performance fee payable to our Manager under the Management Agreement;

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our executive officers and those of our Manager do not spend all of their time on matters related to our business; and

our Manager will advise us of costs incurred by it and its affiliates that it believes are reimbursable by us.

The fiduciary duties of certain of our officers and directors may conflict with their duties as officers or directors of Teekay Corporation and its affiliates.

Our officers and directors have fiduciary duties to manage our business in a manner beneficial to us and our stockholders. However, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer also serve as executive officers of Teekay Corporation, and some of our non-independent directors also serve as executive officers or directors of Teekay Corporation, our Manager, the general partner of Teekay LNG Partners L.P. and the general partner of Teekay Offshore Partners L.P. (both of which are controlled by Teekay Corporation), and, as a result, have fiduciary duties to manage the business of Teekay Corporation and its affiliates in a manner beneficial to such entities and their stockholders or partners, as the case may be. Consequently, these officers and directors may encounter situations in which their fiduciary obligations to Teekay Corporation, our Manager, Teekay LNG Partners L.P. or Teekay Offshore Partners L.P., on the one hand, and us, on the other hand, are in conflict. The resolution of these conflicts may not always be in our best interest or that of our stockholders.

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Tax Risks

In addition to the following risk factors, you should read Item 4E. Taxation of the Company and Item 10. Additional Information Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations and Non-United States Tax Considerations for a more complete discussion of the expected material U.S. federal and non-U.S. income tax considerations relating to us and the ownership and disposition of our Class A common stock.

U.S. tax authorities could treat us as a passive foreign investment company, which could have adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. holders.

A non-U.S. entity taxed as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be treated as a passive foreign investment company (or PFIC) for U.S. federal income tax purposes if at least 75% of its gross income for any taxable year consists of certain types of passive income, or at least 50% of the average value of the entity'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 that are received from unrelated parties in connection with the active conduct of a trade or business. By contrast, income derived from the performance of services does not constitute passive income.

There are legal uncertainties involved in determining whether the income derived from our time-chartering activities constitutes rental income or income derived from the performance of services, including the decision in *Tidewater Inc. v. United States*, 565 F.3d 299 (5th Cir. 2009), which held that income derived from certain time-chartering activities should be treated as rental income rather than services income for purposes of a foreign sales corporation provision of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the Code). However, the Internal Revenue Service (or IRS) stated in an Action on Decision (AOD 2010-01) that it disagrees with, and will not acquiesce to, the way that the rental versus services framework was applied to the facts in the *Tidewater* decision, and in its discussion stated that the time charters at issue in *Tidewater* would be treated as producing services income for PFIC purposes. The IRS's statement with respect to *Tidewater* cannot be relied upon or otherwise cited as precedent by taxpayers. Consequently, in the absence of any binding legal authority specifically relating to the statutory provisions governing PFICs, there can be no assurance that the IRS or a court would not follow the *Tidewater* decision in interpreting the PFIC provisions of the Code. Nevertheless, based on our current assets and operations, we intend to take the position that we are not now and have never been a PFIC. No assurance can be given, however, that the IRS, or a court of law, will accept our position or that we would not constitute a PFIC for any future taxable year if there were to be changes in our assets, income or operations.

If the IRS were to determine that we are or have been a PFIC for any taxable year, U.S. holders of our common stock will face adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences. Under the PFIC rules, unless those U.S. holders make certain elections available under the Code, such holders would be liable to pay tax at ordinary income tax rates plus interest upon certain distributions and upon any gain from the disposition of our common stock, as if such distribution or gain had been recognized ratably over the U.S. holder's holding period. Please read Item 10: Additional Information-Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations-United States Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders-Consequences of Possible PFIC Classification.

We may be subject to taxes, which reduces our cash available for distribution to you.

We or some of our subsidiaries may be subject to tax in the jurisdictions in which we or our subsidiaries are organized or operate, reducing the amount of our cash available for distribution. In computing our tax obligation in these jurisdictions, we are required to take various tax accounting and reporting positions on matters that are not entirely free from doubt and for which we have not received rulings from the governing authorities. We cannot assure you that upon review of these positions the applicable authorities will agree with our positions. A successful challenge by a tax authority could result in additional tax imposed on us or our subsidiaries in jurisdictions in which operations are conducted. For example, if Teekay Tankers Ltd was not able to meet the criteria specified by Section 883 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, our U.S. source income may become subject to taxation.

Item 4. Information on the Company

A. History and Development of the Company

We are an international provider of marine transportation to global oil industries. We were formed as a Marshall Islands corporation in October, 2007 by Teekay Corporation (NYSE: TK), a leading provider of marine services to the global oil and natural gas industries. We completed our initial public offering on December 18, 2007 with an initial fleet of nine Aframax oil tankers which were transferred to us by Teekay Corporation

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Our fleet size has increased from nine owned Aframax tankers in 2007 to 27 owned vessels, two chartered-in vessels and one jointly-owned VLCC newbuilding at the date of this Annual Report. Our capacity has risen from approximately 980,000 deadweight tonnes (or *dwt*) in 2007 to approximately 3,300,000 dwt at the date of this Annual Report. Over the last five years, we have acquired a total of twenty-one conventional tankers from Teekay Corporation, including ten Suezmax tankers, five Aframax tankers, three Long Range 2 (or *LR2*) Product tankers, and three Medium Range (or *MR*) Product tankers, and sold three Aframax tankers. From time to time, we also charter-in vessels, typically from third parties as part of our chartering strategy. Please read *Business Strategies* below in this Item. In 2010, we entered into a joint venture with a third party to construct a VLCC newbuilding, which is expected to deliver in June 2013. Most of the acquisitions were financed by a combination of utilizing the net proceeds from public equity offerings, as well as the assumption of existing debt, drawing on our revolving credit facility, and using our available working capital. In April 2013, we announced our agreement with a shipbuilding company to construct four fuel-efficient LR2 product tankers, which are scheduled to deliver in late-2015 and early-2016. Included in this agreement, we have options to purchase up to 12 additional LR2 newbuildings, four of which are exercisable up to and including the following months: October 2013, April 2014, and October 2014, respectively, that can be exercised through October 2014. Please read *Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Significant Developments in 2012 and 2013* for a more detailed discussion of recent developments.

We are incorporated under the laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands as Teekay Tankers Ltd. and maintain our principal executive offices at 4th Floor, Belvedere Building, 69 Pitts Bay Road, Hamilton, HM 08, Bermuda. Our telephone number at such address is (441) 298-2530. Our principal operating office is located at Suite 2000, Bentall 5, 550 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 2K2. Our telephone number at such address is (604) 683-3529.

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B. Business Overview

Our business is to own crude oil and product tankers and we employ a chartering strategy that seeks to capture upside opportunities in the spot market while using fixed-rate time charters to reduce downside risks. Teekay Corporation, which formed us in 2007, is a leading provider of marine services to the global oil and natural gas industries and the world's largest operator of medium-sized oil tankers. We believe we benefit from Teekay Corporation's expertise, relationships and reputation as we operate our fleet and pursue growth opportunities. We have acquired all of our current operating fleet from Teekay Corporation at various times since our inception and we anticipate additional opportunities to expand our fleet through acquisitions of tankers from third parties, and additional tankers that Teekay Corporation may offer to us from time to time. These tankers may include crude oil and product tankers.

Commencing in the first quarter of 2013, we will distribute to our stockholders a fixed quarterly dividend of \$0.03 per share (\$0.12 per share annually), which will be reviewed from time to time by our Board of Directors. Prior to the first quarter of 2013, we distributed to our stockholders on a quarterly basis, all of our Cash Available for Distribution, subject to any reserves our board of directors determined to be required for prudent conduct of our business. For additional information about our dividend policy, please read Item 8. Financial Information Dividend Policy.

Under the supervision of our executive officers and board of directors, our operations are managed by Teekay Tankers Management Services Ltd. (our *Manager*), a subsidiary of Teekay Corporation, that provides to us commercial, technical, administrative and strategic services. We have entered into a long-term agreement with our Manager (the *Management Agreement*) pursuant to which our Manager and its affiliates provide to us technical, administrative and strategic services. Commercial services are provided to us by other wholly or partially owned subsidiaries of Teekay Corporation that manage the Gemini Suezmax Pool, the Teekay Aframax Pool and the Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool. We pay our Manager a market-based fee for these services. In order to provide our Manager with an incentive to improve our operation and financial conditions, we have agreed to pay a performance fee to our Manager under certain circumstances, in addition to the basic fee provided in the Management Agreement. Please read Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions Related Party Transactions Management Agreement for additional information about the Management Agreement.

We employ our chartering strategy based on the outlook of our Manager for freight rates, oil tanker market conditions and global economic conditions. As of February 1, 2013, we owned 27 vessels, in-chartered two vessels and owned 50% of a VLCC newbuilding. Please refer to Our Fleet table below. We employ our vessels on fixed rate time-charter out contracts and in various pooling arrangements that are managed by wholly or partially owned subsidiaries of Teekay Corporation which employ vessels on the spot market. By employing some of our vessels in these pooling arrangements, we believe we benefit from Teekay Corporation's expertise in commercial management of oil tankers and economies of scale of a larger fleet, including higher vessel utilization and daily revenues. We also believe that these pooling arrangements limit Teekay Corporation's ability to compete with us in the spot market.

Our Fleet

As at February 1, 2013, our fleet consisted of 30 vessels, including chartered-in vessels, and newbuildings on order. The following table summarizes our fleet as at February 1, 2013:

	Owned Vessels	Chartered-in Vessels	Newbuildings	Total
Fixed-rate:				
Suezmax Tankers	2			2
Aframax Tankers	9			9
Medium Range Product Tankers	3			3
VLCC Tankers ⁽¹⁾			1	1
Total Fixed-Rate Fleet ⁽²⁾	14		1	15
Spot-rate:				
Suezmax Tankers	8			8
Aframax Tankers ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	2	2		4
Long Range 2 Product Tankers	3			3

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Total Spot Fleet ⁽⁵⁾	13	2	15	
Total Teekay Tankers Fleet	27	2	1	30

- (1) Includes a VLCC newbuilding that we own through a 50/50 joint venture with Wah Kwong Maritime Transport Holdings Limited (please refer to Note 6 - Investment in Joint Venture included in Item 18 Financial Statements in this Annual Report).
- (2) The number of time-charter out contracts scheduled to expire include five in 2013, five in 2014, two in 2015, and two in 2016, respectively.
- (3) Includes two Aframax tankers which are currently time-chartered in for a six-month period ending in July 2013 and a one-year period ending January 2014. Both arrangements include options to extend for varying additional periods at escalating rates.
- (4) The sale of the Aframax tanker Nassau Spirit was completed on January 22, 2013.
- (5) As at February 1, 2013, the three pooling arrangements in which we participate, and including vessels owned by other pool members were comprised of a total of 28 Suezmax tankers, 28 Aframax tankers, and 19 LR2 vessels.

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The following table provides additional information about our owned Suezmax-class oil tankers as of February 1, 2013, all of which are of Marshall Islands registry.

Vessel	Capacity (dwt) ⁽¹⁾	Built	Employment	Daily Rate	Expiration of Charter
Ashkini Spirit	165,200	2003	Pool		
Ganges Spirit	159,500	2002	Pool		
Godavari Spirit	159,100	2004	Pool		
Iskmati Spirit	165,300	2003	Pool		
Kaveri Spirit	159,100	2004	Pool		
Pinnacle Spirit	160,400	2008	Time charter	\$20,171	Oct 2014
Narmada Spirit	159,200	2003	Pool		
Summit Spirit	160,500	2008	Time charter	\$20,171	Oct 2014
Yamuna Spirit	159,400	2002	Pool		
Zenith Spirit	160,500	2009	Pool		
Total Capacity	1,608,200				

The following table provides additional information about our owned Aframax-class oil tankers as of February 1, 2013, all of which are of Marshall Islands registry.

Vessel	Capacity (dwt) ⁽¹⁾	Built	Employment	Daily Rate	Expiration of Charter
Americas Spirit	111,900	2003	Time charter	\$ 21,000	Sep 2015
Australian Spirit	111,900	2004	Time charter	\$ 21,000	Jan 2016
Axel Spirit	115,400	2004	Time charter	\$ 19,500	Nov 2016
Erik Spirit	115,500	2005	Time charter	\$ 13,900	Jul 2013
Esther Spirit	115,400	2004	Time charter	\$ 14,250	Dec 2014
Everest Spirit	115,000	2004	Pool		
Helga Spirit	115,500	2005	Time charter	\$ 18,000	Aug 2014
Kanata Spirit	113,000	1999	Time charter	\$ 14,000	Jul 2013
Kareela Spirit	113,100	1999	Pool		
Kyeema Spirit	113,300	1999	Time charter	\$ 17,000	Nov 2013
Matterhorn Spirit	114,800	2005	Time charter	\$ 18,000	Oct 2014
Total Capacity	1,254,800				

The following table provides additional information about our owned Long Range 2 Product-class oil tankers as of February 1, 2013, all of which are of Marshall Islands registry.

Vessel	Capacity (dwt) ⁽¹⁾	Built	Employment	Daily Rate	Expiration of Charter
Donegal Spirit	105,200	2006	Pool		
Galway Spirit	105,200	2007	Pool		
Limerick Spirit	105,200	2007	Pool		
Total Capacity	315,600				

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The following table provides additional information about our owned Medium Range-class oil tankers as of February 1, 2013, all of which are of Marshall Islands registry.

Vessel	Capacity (dwt) ⁽¹⁾	Built	Employment	Daily Rate	Expiration of Charter
Hugli Spirit	46,900	2005	Time charter	\$ 27,130	Feb 2015
Mahanadi Spirit	46,900	2000	Time charter	\$ 21,500	Apr 2013
Teesta Spirit	47,000	2004	Time charter	\$ 21,500	Feb 2013
Total Capacity	140,800				

(1) Deadweight tonnes.

Please read Note 9 - Long-Term Debt included in Item 18 Financial Statements included in this Annual Report for information with respect to major encumbrances against our vessels. As of December 31, 2012, we had one commitment to fund our 50% proportion of the construction of a VLCC newbuilding through our joint venture. Please read Note 6 Investment in Joint Venture included in our consolidated financial statements.

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Business Strategies

Our primary business strategies include the following:

Expand our fleet through accretive acquisitions. We intend to expand our fleet through accretive acquisitions. Since our initial public offering, Teekay Corporation has sold 21 existing conventional tankers to us, at a price equal to their fair market value at the time of the offer, taking into account existing charters and based on independent ship broker valuations. We also anticipate growing our fleet through acquisitions of tankers from third parties and additional tankers that Teekay Corporation may offer us from time to time and by ordering newbuildings.

Tactically manage our mix of spot and charter contracts. We employ a chartering strategy that seeks to capture upside opportunities in the spot market while using fixed-rate time charters to reduce downside risks. We believe that our Manager's experience operating through cycles in the tanker spot market will assist us in employing this strategy and seeking to maximize operating results.

Increase cash flow by participating in the pooling arrangements. Through the participation of a significant number of our vessels in the Gemini Suezmax Pool, the Teekay Aframax Pool, the Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool, we believe that we benefit from Teekay Corporation's reputation and the scope of Teekay Corporation's operations. We believe that the cash flow we derive over time from operating some of our vessels in these pooling arrangements exceeds the amount we would otherwise derive by operating these vessels outside of the pooling arrangements due to higher vessel utilization and daily revenues.

Provide superior customer service by maintaining high reliability, safety, environmental and quality standards. We believe that energy companies seek transportation partners that have a reputation for high reliability, safety, environmental and quality standards. We seek to leverage Teekay Corporation's operational expertise and customer base to further expand these relationships with consistent delivery of superior customer service through our Manager.

Our Chartering Strategy and Participation in the Gemini Suezmax Pool, Teekay Aframax Pool and Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool

Chartering Strategy. We operate our vessels in both the spot market and under time charters of varying lengths in an effort to maximize cash flow from our vessels based on our Manager's outlook for freight rates, oil tanker market conditions and global economic conditions. As of February 1, 2013, 15 of our vessels operated in the spot market through participation in pooling arrangements - eight in the Gemini Pool, two of our owned vessels and two time-chartered in vessels in the Teekay Aframax Pool, and three in the Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool and 14 of our vessels operated under fixed-rate time-charter contracts. Our mix of vessels trading in the spot market or subject to fixed-rate time charters will change from time to time. Our Manager also may seek to hedge our spot exposure through the use of freight forward agreements or other financial instruments. Likewise, the managers of the Gemini Suezmax Pool, Teekay Aframax Pool, Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool may, with our approval, enter into fixed-rate time charters for vessels we include in those pooling arrangements, thereby decreasing spot-rate exposure without withdrawing the vessels from the pooling arrangements.

The Gemini Suezmax Pool, the Teekay Aframax Pool, and the Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool. As of February 1, 2013, and including our owned and time-chartered in vessels, the Gemini Suezmax Pool and Teekay Aframax Pool were comprised of 28 Suezmax and 28 Aframax crude tankers, respectively, and the Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool included 19 LR2 product tankers. Under the pooling arrangements, the aggregate revenues generated by the entire applicable pools are distributed to pool members, including us, pursuant to a pre-arranged weighting system based on actual earnings days each vessel is available during the applicable period and each vessel's earnings capability based on its characteristics, speed and bunker consumption. The allocation for each vessel participating in the pool is established based on observations and historical consumption and performance measures of the individual vessel. Payments based on net cash flow applicable to each tanker are made on a monthly basis to pool participants and adjusted at standard intervals determined by each pool based on the weighting system. We have agreed with the respective pool managers and pool participants to include certain of our vessels trading on voyage charters into the pooling arrangements assuming the vessel meets the respective pooling criteria. For example, for our Suezmax tankers that are operating on voyage charters with terms less than a year, are included in the Gemini Suezmax pool. Likewise, Aframax tankers on voyage charters with terms of 90 days or less participate in the Teekay Aframax Pool and LR2 vessel with voyage charters of less than 90 days would be included in the Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool. Please read Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions - Related Party Transactions - Pooling Arrangements, for additional information about the Gemini Suezmax Pool, the Teekay Aframax Pool, and the Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool.

Voyage Charters. Tankers operating in the spot market typically are chartered for a single voyage, which may last up to several weeks. Spot market revenues may generate increased profit margins during times when tanker rates are increasing, while tankers operating under fixed-rate time charters generally provide more predictable cash flows. Under a typical voyage charter in the spot market, the shipowner is paid on the basis of moving cargo from a loading port to a discharge port. The shipowner is responsible for paying both vessel operating costs and voyage expenses, and the charterer is responsible for any delay at the loading or discharging ports. Voyage expenses are all expenses attributable to a particular voyage, including any bunker fuel expenses, port fees, cargo loading and unloading expenses, canal tolls, agency fees and commissions. Vessel operating expenses are incurred regardless of particular voyage details and include crewing, repairs and maintenance, insurance, stores, lube oils and communication expenses. When the vessel is off hire, or not available for service, the vessel would be unavailable to complete new voyage charters until the off hire was finalized and the vessel became available again for service. In addition, if the vessel is off hire while trading in the Teekay Pool, Taurus Pool and Gemini Pool, the vessel will have those off hire days deducted from its monthly calculation of available days for the purpose of pool distributions. Under a voyage charter, the shipowner is generally required, among other things, to keep the vessel seaworthy, to crew and maintain the vessel and to comply with applicable regulations.

Time Charters. A time charter is a contract for the use of a vessel for a fixed period of time at a specified daily rate. A customer generally selects a time charter if it wants a dedicated vessel for a period of time, and the customer is commercially responsible for the use of the vessel. Under a typical time charter, the shipowner provides crewing and other services related to the vessel's operation, the cost of which is included in the daily rate, while the customer is responsible for substantially all of the voyage expenses. When the vessel is off hire, the customer generally is not required to pay the hire rate and the owner is responsible for all costs. Hire rate refers to the basic payment from the charterer for the use of the vessel. Under our time charters, hire is payable monthly in advance in U.S. Dollars. Hire payments may be reduced, or under some time charters the shipowner must pay liquidated damages, if the vessel does not perform to certain of its specifications, such as if the amount of fuel consumed to

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power the vessel under normal circumstances exceeds a guaranteed amount. When the vessel is off hire, or not available for service, the charterer generally is not required to pay the hire rate, and the shipowner is responsible for all costs, including the cost of fuel bunkers, unless the charterer is responsible for the circumstances giving rise to the lack of availability. A vessel generally will be deemed to be off hire if there is an occurrence preventing the full working of the vessel.

Time Charters-in. A time charter-in vessel is one that is contracted from another party for use by us for a fixed period of time at a specified daily rate. We may choose to place the time chartered-in vessel in a pooling arrangement if it meets the standards to participate in a pooling arrangement or to employ it on a fixed rate time charter-out for the same period of time the vessel is chartered-in to us or for shorter depending on the market conditions and the Managers outlook for the market. Under a typical time charter-in, the shipowner provides crewing and other services related to the vessel's operation, the cost of which is included in the daily hire rate. The customer is responsible for substantially all of the voyage-related expenses. When the vessel is off hire the customer generally is not required to pay the hire rate, and the shipowner is responsible for all costs, including the cost of fuel bunkers, unless the charterer is responsible for the circumstances giving rise to the lack of availability. A vessel generally will be deemed to be off hire if there is an occurrence preventing the full working of the vessel.

Industry and Competition

We compete in the Suezmax and Aframax crude oil tanker markets. Our competition in the Aframax (80,000 to 119,999 dwt) and Suezmax (120,000 to 199,999 dwt) markets is also affected by the availability of other size vessels that compete in our markets. Suezmax size vessels and Panamax (55,000 to 79,999 dwt) size vessels can compete for many of the same charters for which our Aframax tankers compete; Aframax size vessels and VLCCs (200,000 to 319,999 dwt) can compete for many of the same charters for which our Suezmax tankers may compete. Because of their large size, VLCCs and Ultra Large Crude Carriers (320,000+ dwt) (or *ULCCs*) rarely compete directly with Aframax tankers, and ULCCs rarely compete with Suezmax tankers for specific charters. However, because VLCCs and ULCCs comprise a substantial portion of the total capacity of the market, movements by such vessels into Suezmax trades and of Suezmax vessels into Aframax trades would heighten the already intense competition.

We also compete in the Long Range 2 (LR2) and Medium Range (MR) product tanker markets. Our competition in the LR2 (80,000 to 119,999 dwt) and MR (40,000 to 59,999 dwt) product tanker markets is affected by the availability of other size vessels that compete in our markets. Long Range 1 (LR1) (60,000-79,999 dwt) size vessels can compete for many of the same charters for which our LR2 tankers compete; LR1 and Handysize (25,000 - 39,999 dwt) vessels can compete for many of the same charters for which our MR tankers may compete.

Seaborne transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products are provided both by major energy companies (private as well as state-owned) and by independent ship owners. The desire of many major energy companies to outsource all or a portion of their shipping requirements has caused the number of conventional oil tankers owned by energy companies to decrease in the last 20 years. As a result of this trend, independent tanker companies now own or control a large majority of the international tanker fleet. As of December 31, 2012, the largest operators of Aframax tonnage (including newbuildings on order) included Malaysian International Shipping Corporation (approximately 55 Aframax vessels), Sovcomflot (approximately 42 vessels), the Sigma Pool (approximately 41 vessels) and the Aframax International Pool (approximately 24 Aframax vessels). As of December 31, 2012, the largest operators of Suezmax tonnage (including newbuildings on order) included the Stena Sonangol Pool (approximately 26 vessels), the Blue Fin Pool (approximately 21 vessels), the Orion Pool (approximately 20 vessels) and Sovcomflot (approximately 17 vessels). As of December 31, 2012, the largest operators of LR2 tonnage (including newbuildings on order) included the LR2 pool (approximately 29 vessels), Ocean Tankers (approximately 13 vessels) and the Sigma Pool (approximately 12 vessels). As of December 31, 2012, the largest operators of MR tonnage (including newbuildings on order) included the Torm MR Pool (approximately 43 vessels), the Stena Pool (approximately 38 vessels), Scorpio Tankers (approximately 37 vessels) the Handytankers Pool (approximately 32 vessels), Sovcomflot (approximately 30 vessels) and Diamond S Shipping (approximately 30 vessels).

Competition in both the crude and product tanker market is primarily based on price, location (for single-voyage or short-term charters), size, age, condition and acceptability of the vessel, oil tanker shipping experience and quality of ship operations, and the size of an operating fleet, with larger fleets allowing for greater vessel substitution, availability and customer service. Aframax and Suezmax tankers are particularly well-suited for short-haul and medium-haul crude oil routes; LR2 tankers are well-suited for long and medium-haul refined product routes while MR tankers are well-suited for short and medium-haul refined product routes.

Historically, the tanker industry has been cyclical, experiencing volatility in profitability due to changes in oil tanker demand and oil tanker supply. The cyclical nature of the tanker industry causes significant increases or decreases in charter rates earned by operators of oil tankers. Because voyage charters occur in short intervals and are priced on a current, or spot, market rate, the spot market is more volatile than time charters and the tanker industry generally. In the past, there have been periods when spot rates declined below the operating cost of the vessels.

Oil Tanker Demand. Demand for oil tankers is a function of several factors, including world oil demand and supply (which affect the amount of crude oil and refined products transported in tankers), and the relative locations of oil production, refining and consumption (which affects the

distance over which the oil or refined products are transported).

Oil has been one of the world's primary energy sources for a number of decades. As of April 2013, the International Energy Agency (*IEA*) estimated that oil consumption will increase from 89.8 million barrels per day (or mb/d) in 2012, to 90.6 mb/d in 2013 driven by increasing consumption in non-OECD countries. A majority of known oil reserves are located in regions far from major consuming regions, which contributes positively toward demand for oil tankers.

The distance over which crude oil or refined petroleum products is transported is determined by seaborne trading and distribution patterns, which are principally influenced by the relative advantages of the various sources of production and locations of consumption. Seaborne trading patterns are also periodically influenced by geopolitical events, such as wars, hostilities and trade embargoes that divert tankers from normal trading patterns, as well as by inter-regional oil trading activity created by oil supply and demand imbalances. Historically, the level of oil exports from the Middle East has had a strong effect on the crude tanker market due to the relatively long distance between this supply source and typical discharge points. Over the past few years, the growing economies of China and India have increased and diversified their oil imports, resulting in an overall increase in transportation distance for crude tankers. Major consumers in Asia have increased their crude import volumes from longer-haul producers, such as those in the Atlantic Basin.

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The limited growth in refinery capacity in developed nations, the largest consumers of oil in recent years, and increasing refinery capacity in the Middle East and parts of Asia where capacity surplus supports exports, have also altered traditional trading patterns and contributed to the overall increase in transportation distance for both crude tankers and products tankers.

Oil Tanker Supply. New Aframax, Suezmax, LR2 and MR tankers are generally expected to have a lifespan of approximately 25 to 30 years, based on estimated hull fatigue life. However, U.S. and international regulations require the earlier phase-out of existing vessels that are not double-hulled, regardless of their expected lifespan. As of December 31, 2012, the world Aframax crude tanker fleet consisted of 645 vessels, with an additional 35 Aframax crude oil tanker newbuildings on order for delivery through 2015, and the world Suezmax crude tanker fleet consisted of 437 vessels, with an additional 68 Suezmax crude oil tanker newbuildings on order for delivery through 2016; the world LR2 product tanker fleet consisted of 243 vessels, with an additional 14 LR2 product tanker newbuildings on order through 2015; and the world MR product tanker fleet consisted of 944 vessels, with an additional 132 MR product tanker newbuildings on order through 2017. Currently, delivery of a vessel typically occurs within two to three years after ordering.

The supply of oil tankers is primarily a function of new vessel deliveries, vessel scrapping and the conversion or loss of tonnage. The level of newbuilding orders is primarily a function of newbuilding prices in relation to current and prospective charter market conditions. Another factor that affects tanker supply is the available shipyard capacity. The level of vessel scrapping activity is primarily a function of scrapping prices in relation to current and prospective charter market conditions and operating, repair and survey costs. Industry regulations also affect scrapping levels. Please read Regulations below. Demand for drybulk vessel and floating storage off-take units, to which tankers can be converted, strongly affects the number of tanker conversions.

For more than a decade, there has been a significant and ongoing shift toward quality in vessels and operations, as charterers and regulators increasingly focus on safety and protection of the environment. Since 1990, there has been an increasing emphasis on environmental protection through legislation and regulations such as OPA 90, International Maritime Organization (or *IMO*) regulations and protocols, and classification society procedures that demand higher quality tanker construction, maintenance, repair and operations. We believe that operators with proven ability to integrate these required safety regulations into their operations have a competitive advantage.

Safety, Management of Ship Operations and Administration

Safety and environmental compliance are our top operational priorities. Our vessels are operated by our Manager in a manner intended to protect the safety and health of our employees, the general public and the environment. We and our Manager actively seek to manage the risks inherent in our business and are committed to eliminating incidents that threaten the safety and integrity of our vessels, such as groundings, fires, collisions and petroleum spills. In 2007, our Manager introduced a behavior-based safety program called Safety in Action to further enhance the safety culture in our fleet. We are also committed to reducing our emissions and waste generation. In 2008, our Manager introduced the Quality Assurance and Training Officers (or *QATO*) Program to conduct rigorous internal audits of our processes and provide our seafarers with onboard training.

Teekay Corporation, through certain of its subsidiaries, provides technical management services for all of our vessels. Teekay Corporation has obtained through Det Norske Veritas, the Norwegian classification society, approval of its safety management system as in compliance with the International Safety Management Code (or *ISM Code*), and this system has been implemented for all of our vessels. As part of Teekay Corporation's ISM Code compliance, all of the vessels' safety management certificates are maintained through ongoing internal audits performed by Teekay Corporation's certified internal auditors and intermediate audits performed by Det Norske Veritas.

Our Manager provides, through certain of its subsidiaries, expertise in various functions critical to our operations and access to human resources, financial and other administrative functions. Critical ship management functions that our Manager provides to us through its affiliates include:

vessel maintenance;

crewing;

purchasing;

shipyard supervision;

insurance; and

financial management services.

These functions are supported by onboard and onshore systems for maintenance, inventory, purchasing and budget management.

All vessels are operated by our Manager under a comprehensive and integrated Safety Management System that complies with the ISM Code, the International Standards Organization's (or *ISO*) 9001 for Quality Assurance, ISO 14001 for Environment Management Systems, and Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series (or OHSAS) 18001. The management system is certified by Det Norske Veritas (or DNV), the Norwegian classification society. Although certification is valid for five years, compliance with the above mentioned standards is confirmed on a yearly basis by a rigorous auditing procedure that includes both internal audits as well as external verification audits by DNV and certain flag states.

In addition, Teekay Corporation's day-to-day focus on cost control is applied to our operations. Teekay Corporation and two other shipping companies are participants in a purchasing alliance, Teekay Bergesen Worldwide, which leverages the purchasing power of the combined fleets, mainly in such commodity areas as lube oils, paints and other chemicals. Through our Manager, we benefit from this purchasing alliance.

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Risk of Loss, Insurance and Risk Management

The operation of any ocean-going vessel carries an inherent risk of catastrophic marine disasters, death or injury of persons and property losses caused by adverse weather conditions, mechanical failures, human error, war, terrorism, piracy and other circumstances or events. In addition, the transportation of crude oil and petroleum products is subject to the risk of spills and to business interruptions due to political circumstances in foreign countries, hostilities, labor strikes and boycotts. The occurrence of any of these events may result in loss of revenues or increased costs.

We carry hull and machinery (marine and war risks) and protection and indemnity insurance coverage to protect against most of the accident-related risks involved in the conduct of our business. Hull and machinery insurance covers loss of or damage to a vessel due to marine perils such as collision, grounding and weather. Protection and indemnity insurance indemnifies us against other liabilities incurred while operating vessels, including injury to the crew, third parties, cargo loss and pollution. The current -maximum amount of our coverage for pollution is \$1 billion per vessel per incident. We also carry insurance policies covering war risks (including piracy and terrorism). None of our vessels are insured against loss of revenues resulting from vessel off-hire time, based on the cost of this insurance compared to our off-hire experience. We believe that current insurance coverage is adequate to protect against most of the accident-related risks involved in the conduct of our business and that we maintain appropriate levels of environmental damage and pollution coverage. However, we cannot guarantee that all covered risks are adequately insured against, that any particular claim will be paid or that we will be able to procure adequate insurance coverage at commercially reasonable rates in the future. More stringent environmental regulations at times in the past have resulted in increased costs for, and may result in the lack of availability of, insurance against the risks of environmental damage or pollution.

We use in our operations Teekay Corporation's thorough risk management program that includes, among other things, risk analysis tools, maintenance and assessment programs, a seafarers competence training program, seafarers workshops and membership in emergency response organizations. We believe we benefit from Teekay Corporation's commitment to safety and environmental protection as certain of its subsidiaries assist us in managing our vessel operations.

Teekay Corporation has achieved certification under the standards reflected in ISO 9001 for quality assurance, ISO 14001 for environment management systems, Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Services 18001, and the IMO's International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and Pollution Prevention on a fully integrated basis.

Flag, Classification, Audits and Inspections

Our vessels are registered with reputable flag states, and the hull and machinery of all of our vessels have been classed by one of the major classification societies and members of the International Association of Classification Societies Ltd (or IACS): DNV, Lloyd's Register of Shipping or American Bureau of Shipping.

The applicable classification society certifies that the vessel's design and build conforms to the applicable class rules and meets the requirements of the applicable rules and regulations of the country of registry of the vessel and the international conventions to which that country is a signatory. The classification society also verifies throughout the vessel's life that she continues to be maintained in accordance with those rules. In order to validate this, the vessels are surveyed by the classification society, in accordance to the classification society rules, which in the case of our vessels follows a comprehensive five-year special survey cycle, renewed every fifth year. During each five year period the vessel undergoes annual and intermediate surveys, the scrutiny and intensity of which is primarily dictated by the age of the vessel. As our vessels are modern and we have enhanced the resiliency of the underwater coatings of each vessel hull and marked the hull to facilitate underwater inspections by divers, their underwater areas are inspected in a dry dock at five-year intervals. In-water inspection is carried out during the second or third annual inspection (i.e. during an intermediate survey).

In addition to class surveys, the vessel's flag state also verifies the condition of the vessel during annual Flag State inspections, either independently or by additional authorization to class. Also, port state authorities of a vessel's port of call are authorized under international conventions to undertake regular and spot checks of vessels visiting their jurisdiction.

Processes followed onboard are audited by either the flag state or the class society acting on behalf of flag state to ensure that they meet the requirements of the ISM Code DNV typically carries out this task. We also follow an internal process of internal audits undertaken at each office and vessel annually.

We follow a comprehensive inspections scheme supported by our sea staff, shore-based operational and technical specialists and members of our QATO program. We carry out regular inspections, which help us to ensure that:

our vessels and operations adhere to our operating standards;

the structural integrity of the vessel is being maintained;

machinery and equipment is being maintained to give reliable service;

we are optimizing performance in terms of speed and fuel consumption; and

the vessel's appearance supports our brand and meets customer expectations.

Our customers also often carry out vetting inspections under the Ship Inspection Report Program, which is a significant safety initiative introduced by the Oil Companies International Marine Forum to specifically address concerns about sub-standard vessels. The inspection results permit charterers to screen a vessel to ensure that it meets their general and specific risk-based shipping requirements.

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We believe that the heightened environmental and quality concerns of insurance underwriters, regulators and charterers will generally lead to greater scrutiny, inspection and safety requirements on all vessels in the oil tanker markets and will accelerate the scrapping or phasing out of older vessels throughout these markets.

Overall we believe that our relatively new, well-maintained and high-quality vessels provide us with a competitive advantage in the current environment of increasing regulation and customer emphasis on quality of service.

Regulations

General

Our business and the operation of our vessels are significantly affected by international conventions and national, state and local laws and regulations in the jurisdictions in which our vessels operate, as well as in the country or countries of their registration. Because these conventions, laws and regulations change frequently, we cannot predict the ultimate cost of compliance or their impact on the resale price or useful life of our vessels. Additional conventions, laws and regulations may be adopted that could limit our ability to do business or increase the cost of our doing business and that may materially adversely affect our operations. We are required by various governmental and quasi-governmental agencies to obtain permits, licenses and certificates with respect to our operations. Subject to the discussion below and to the fact that the kinds of permits, licenses and certificates required for the operations of the vessels we own will depend on a number of factors, we believe that we will be able to continue to obtain all permits, licenses and certificates material to the conduct of our operations.

International Maritime Organization (or IMO).

The IMO is the United Nations agency for maritime regulation. IMO regulations relating to pollution prevention for oil tankers have been adopted by many of the jurisdictions in which our tanker fleet operates. Under IMO regulations, and subject to limited exceptions, a tanker must be of double-hull construction, be of a mid-deck design with double-side construction or be of another approved design ensuring the same level of protection against oil pollution. All of our tankers are double-hulled.

Many countries, but not the United States, have ratified and follow the liability regime adopted by the IMO and set out in the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969, as amended (or *CLC*). Under this convention, a vessel's registered owner is strictly liable for pollution damage caused in the territorial waters of a contracting state by discharge of persistent oil (e.g. crude oil, fuel oil, heavy diesel oil or lubricating oil), subject to certain defenses. The right to limit liability to specified amounts that are periodically revised is forfeited under the CLC when the spill is caused by the owner's actual fault or when the spill is caused by the owner's intentional or reckless conduct. Vessels trading to contracting states must provide evidence of insurance covering the limited liability of the owner. In jurisdictions where the CLC has not been adopted, various legislative regimes or common law governs, and liability is imposed either on the basis of fault or in a manner similar to the CLC.

IMO regulations also include the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (or *SOLAS*), including amendments to SOLAS implementing the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (or *ISPS*), the ISM Code, the International Convention on Load Lines of 1966. SOLAS provides rules for the construction of and equipment required for commercial vessels and includes regulations for safe operation. Flag states, which have ratified the convention and the treaty generally employ the classification societies, which have incorporated SOLAS requirements into their class rules, to undertake surveys to confirm compliance.

SOLAS and other IMO regulations concerning safety, including those relating to treaties on training of shipboard personnel, lifesaving appliances, radio equipment and the global maritime distress and safety system, are applicable to our operations. Non-compliance with IMO regulations, including SOLAS, the ISM Code, ISPS and other regulations, may subject us to increased liability or penalties, 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. For example, the U.S. Coast Guard and European Union authorities have indicated that vessels not in compliance with the ISM Code will be prohibited from trading in U.S. and European Union ports. The ISM Code requires vessel operators to obtain a safety management certification for each vessel they manage, evidencing the shipowner's development and maintenance of an extensive safety management system. Each of the existing vessels in our fleet is currently ISM Code-certified, and we expect to obtain safety management certificates for each newbuilding vessel upon delivery.

Annex VI to the IMO's International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (or *Annex VI*) sets limits on sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from ship exhausts and prohibits emissions of ozone depleting substances, emissions of volatile compounds from cargo tanks and the incineration of specific substances. Annex VI also includes a world-wide cap on the sulfur content of fuel oil and allows for special areas to be established with more stringent controls on sulfur emissions.

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The IMO has issued guidance regarding protecting against acts of piracy off the coast of Somalia. We comply within these guidelines.

In addition, the IMO has proposed that all tankers of the size we operate that are built starting in 2012 contain ballast water treatment systems, and that all other similarly sized tankers install treatment systems by 2016. This convention has not yet been ratified, but when it becomes effective, we estimate that the installation of ballast water treatment systems on our tankers may cost between \$2 million and \$3 million per vessel.

European Union (or EU)

Like the IMO, the EU has adopted regulations phasing out single-hull tankers. All of our tankers are double-hulled. On May 17, 2011, the European Commission carried out a number of dawn raids, or unannounced inspections, at the offices of some of the world's largest container line operators starting an antitrust investigation. We were not directly affected by this investigation and believe that we are compliant with antitrust rules. Nevertheless, it is possible that the investigation could be widened and new companies and practices come under scrutiny within the EU.

The EU has also adopted legislation (directive 2009/16/Econ Port State Control) that: bans from European waters manifestly sub-standard vessels (defined as vessels that have been detained twice by EU port authorities, in the preceding two years creates obligations on the part of EU member port states to inspect at least 24% of vessels using these ports annually; provides for increased surveillance of vessels posing a high risk to maritime safety or the marine environment; and provides the EU with greater authority and control over classification societies, including the ability to seek to suspend or revoke the authority of negligent societies. Two new regulations were introduced by the European Commission in September

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2010, as part of the implementation of the Port State Control Directive. These came into force on January 1, 2011 and introduce a ranking system (published on a public website and updated daily) displaying shipping companies operating in the EU with the worst safety records. The ranking is judged upon the results of the technical inspections carried out on the vessels owned by a particular shipping company. Those shipping companies that have the most positive safety records are rewarded by subjecting them to fewer inspections, whilst those with the most safety shortcomings or technical failings recorded upon inspection will in turn be subject to a greater frequency of official inspections to their vessels.

The EU has, by way of Directive 2005/35/EC, which has been amended by Directive 2009/123/EC created a legal framework for imposing criminal penalties in the event of discharges of oil and other noxious substances from ships sailing in its waters, irrespective of their flag. This relates to discharges of oil or other noxious substances from vessels. Minor discharges shall not automatically be considered as offences, except where repetition leads to deterioration in the quality of the water. The persons responsible may be subject to criminal penalties if they have acted with intent, recklessly or with serious negligence and the act of inciting, aiding and abetting a person to discharge a polluting substance may also lead to criminal penalties.

The EU has adopted regulations requiring the use of low sulfur fuel. Currently, vessels are required to burn fuel with sulfur content not exceeding 1%. Beginning January 1, 2015, vessels are required to burn fuel with sulfur content not exceeding 0.1% while within EU member states territorial seas, exclusive economic zones and pollution control zones that are included in SOX Emission Control Areas. Other jurisdictions have also adopted regulations requiring the use of low sulfur fuel. The California Air Resources Board (or *CARB*) requires vessels to burn fuel with 0.1% sulfur content or less within 24 nautical miles of California as of January 1, 2014. IMO regulations require that, as of January 1, 2015, all vessels operating within Emissions control Areas (or *ECA*) worldwide must comply with 0.1% sulfur requirements. Currently, the only grade of fuel meeting this low sulfur content requirement is low sulfur marine gas oil (or *LSMGO*). Since July 1, 2010, the applicable sulfur content limits in the North Sea, the Baltic Sea and the English Channel sulfur control areas have been 0.1%. Certain modifications were completed on our Suezmax tankers in order to optimize operation on *LSMGO* of equipment originally designed to operate on Heavy Fuel Oil (or *HFO*), and to ensure our compliance with the Directive. In addition, *LSMGO* is more expensive than *HFO* and this impacts the costs of operations. However, for vessels employed on fixed-term business, all fuel costs, including any increases, are borne by the charterer.

United States

The United States has enacted an extensive regulatory and liability regime for the protection and cleanup of the environment from oil spills, including discharges of oil cargoes, bunker fuels or lubricants, primarily through the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (or *OPA 90*) and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (or *CERCLA*). *OPA 90* affects all owners, operators, and bareboat charterers, whose vessels trade to the United States or its territories or possessions or whose vessels operate in United States waters, which include the U.S. territorial sea and 200-mile exclusive economic zone around the United States. *CERCLA* applies to the discharge of hazardous substances rather than oil and imposes strict joint and several liability upon the owners, operators or bareboat charterers of vessels for cleanup costs and damages arising from discharges of hazardous substances. We believe that petroleum products should not be considered hazardous substances under *CERCLA*, but additives to oil or lubricants used on vessels might fall within its scope.

Under *OPA 90*, vessel owners, operators and bareboat charterers are responsible parties and are jointly, severally and strictly liable (unless the oil spill results solely from the act or omission of a third party, an act of God or an act of war and the responsible party reports the incident and reasonably cooperates with the appropriate authorities) for all containment and clean-up costs and other damages arising from discharges or threatened discharges of oil from their vessels. These other damages are defined broadly to include:

natural resources damages and the related assessment costs;

real and personal property damages;

net loss of taxes, royalties, rents, fees and other lost revenues;

lost profits or impairment of earning capacity due to property or natural resources damage;

net cost of public services necessitated by a spill response, such as protection from fire, safety or health hazards; and

loss of subsistence use of natural resources.

OPA 90 limits the liability of responsible parties in an amount it periodically updates. The liability limits do not apply if the incident was proximately caused by violation of applicable U.S. federal safety, construction or operating regulations, including IMO conventions to which the United States is a signatory, or by the responsible party's gross negligence or willful misconduct, or if the responsible party fails or refuses to report the incident or to cooperate and assist in connection with the oil removal activities. Liability under CERCLA is also subject to limits unless the incident is caused by gross negligence, willful misconduct, or a violation of certain regulations. We currently maintain for each of our vessel's pollution liability coverage in the maximum coverage amount of \$1 billion per incident. A catastrophic spill could exceed the coverage available, which could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Under OPA 90, with limited exceptions, all newly built or converted tankers delivered after January 1, 1994 and operating in U.S. waters must be double-hulled. All of our tankers are double-hulled.

OPA 90 also requires owners and operators of vessels to establish and maintain with the United States Coast Guard (or *Coast Guard*) evidence of financial responsibility in an amount at least equal to the relevant limitation amount for such vessels under the statute. The Coast Guard has implemented regulations requiring that an owner or operator of a fleet of vessels must demonstrate evidence of financial responsibility in an amount sufficient to cover the vessel in the fleet having the greatest maximum limited liability under OPA 90 and CERCLA. Evidence of financial responsibility may be demonstrated by insurance, surety bond, self-insurance, guaranty or an alternative method subject to approval by the Coast Guard. Under the self-insurance provisions, the shipowner or operator must have a net worth and working capital, measured in assets located in the United States against liabilities located anywhere in the world, that exceeds the applicable amount of financial responsibility. Teekay Corporation has complied with the Coast Guard regulations by obtaining financial guaranties from one of its subsidiaries covering our vessels. If other vessels in our fleet trade into the United States in the future, we expect to obtain guaranties from third-party insurers.

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OPA 90 and CERCLA permit individual states to impose their own liability regimes with regard to oil or hazardous substance pollution incidents occurring within their boundaries and some states have enacted legislation providing for unlimited strict liability for spills. Several coastal states require state-specific evidence of financial responsibility and vessel response plans. We intend to comply with all applicable state regulations in the ports where our vessels call.

Owners or operators of vessels, including tankers, operating in U.S. waters are required to file vessel response plans with the Coast Guard, and their tankers are required to operate in compliance with their Coast Guard approved plans. Such response plans must, among other things:

address a worst case scenario and identify and ensure, through contract or other approved means, the availability of necessary private response resources to respond to a worst case discharge ;

describe crew training and drills; and

identify a qualified individual with full authority to implement removal actions.

We have filed vessel response plans with the Coast Guard and have received its approval of such plans. In addition, we conduct regular oil spill response drills in accordance with the guidelines set out in OPA 90. The Coast Guard has announced it intends to propose similar regulations requiring certain vessels to prepare response plans for the release of hazardous substances.

OPA 90 and CERCLA do not preclude claimants from seeking damages resulting from the discharge of oil and hazardous substances under other applicable law, including maritime tort law. The application of this doctrine varies by jurisdiction.

The U.S. Clean Water Act also prohibits the discharge of oil or hazardous substances in U.S. navigable waters and imposes strict liability in the form of penalties for unauthorized discharges. The Clean Water Act imposes substantial liability for the costs of removal, remediation and damages and complements the remedies available under OPA 90 and CERCLA discussed above.

Our vessels that discharge certain effluents, including ballast water, in U.S. waters must obtain a Clean Water Act permit from the Environmental Protection Agency (or EPA) titled the Vessel General Permit and comply with a range of effluent limitations, best management practices, reporting, inspections and other requirements. The current Vessel General Permit was issued in December 2008 and expires on December 19, 2013. A new Vessel General Permit was issued in March 2013 and will become effective on December 19, 2013. In addition to the ballast water best management practices required under the 2008 Vessel General Permit, the 2013 Vessel General Permit contains numeric technology-based ballast water effluent limitations that will apply to certain commercial vessels with ballast water tanks. For certain existing vessels, the EPA has adopted a staggered implementation schedule to require vessels to meet the ballast water effluent limitations by the first drydocking after January 1, 2014 or January 1, 2016, depending on the vessel size. Vessels that are constructed after December 1, 2013 are subject to the ballast water numeric effluent limitations immediately upon the effective date of the 2013 Vessel General Permit.

Since 2009, several environmental groups and industry associations have filed challenges in U.S. federal court to the EPA's issuance of the Vessel General Permit. The EPA issued a final revised Vessel General Permit in March, 2013 with an effective date of December 19, 2013.

Greenhouse Gas Regulation

In February 2005, the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (or the *Kyoto Protocol*) entered into force. Pursuant to the Kyoto Protocol, adopting countries are required to implement national programs to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. In December 2009, more than 27 nations, including the United States, entered into the Copenhagen Accord. The Copenhagen Accord is non-binding, but is intended to pave the way for a comprehensive, international treaty on climate change. The IMO is evaluating various mandatory measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping, which may include market-based instruments or a carbon tax. The EU also has indicated that it intends to propose an expansion of the existing European Union emissions trading scheme to include emissions of greenhouse gases from vessels, and individual countries in the EU may impose additional requirements. In the United States, the EPA issued an endangerment finding regarding greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. While this finding in itself does not impose any requirements on our industry, it authorizes the EPA to regulate directly greenhouse gas emissions through a rule-making process. In addition, climate change initiatives are being considered in the United States Congress and by individual states. Any passage of new climate control legislation or other regulatory initiatives by the IMO, EU, the United States or other countries or states where we operate that restrict emissions

of greenhouse gases could have a significant financial and operational impact on our business that we cannot predict with certainty at this time.

Vessel Security Regulation

The ISPS code was adopted by the IMO in December 2002 in the wake of heightened concern over worldwide terrorism and became effective on July 1, 2004. The objective of ISPS code is to enhance maritime security by detecting security threats to ships and ports and by requiring the development of security plans and other measures designed to prevent such threats. Each of the existing vessels in our fleet currently complies with the requirements of ISPS and MTSA.

C. Organizational Structure

As of February 1, 2013, Teekay Corporation (NYSE: TK), through its 100%-owned subsidiary Teekay Holdings Ltd., had a 25.1% economic interest in us through its ownership of 8.5 million of our shares of Class A common stock and 12.5 million shares of our Class B common stock.

Our shares of Class A common stock entitle the holders thereof to one vote per share and our shares of Class B common stock entitle the holders thereof to five votes per share, subject to a 49% aggregate Class B common stock voting power maximum. As such, we are controlled by Teekay Corporation. Teekay Corporation also controls its public subsidiaries Teekay LNG Partners L.P. (NYSE: TGP) and Teekay Offshore Partners L.P. (NYSE: TOO).

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Please read Exhibit 8.1 to this Annual Report for a list of our subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012.

D. Property, Plant and Equipment

We believe that our well-maintained and high-quality vessels provide us with a competitive advantage in the current environment of increasing regulation and customer emphasis on quality of service.

Our vessels are regularly inspected by our seafaring staff, who perform much of the necessary routine maintenance. Shore-based operational and technical specialists also inspect our vessels on a regular basis. Upon completion of each inspection, action plans are developed to address any items requiring improvement. All action plans are monitored until they are completed. The objectives of these inspections are to:

ensure adherence to our operating standards;

maintain the structural integrity of the vessel;

maintain machinery and equipment to give full reliability in service;

optimize performance in terms of speed and fuel consumption; and

ensure the vessel's appearance will support our reputation and meet customer expectations.

Other than our vessels, we do not have any material property.

E. Taxation of the Company

The following discussion is a summary of the principal United States and Marshall Islands tax laws applicable to us. The following discussion of tax matters, as well as the conclusions regarding certain issues of tax law that are reflected in such discussion, are based on current law. No assurance can be given that changes in or interpretation of existing laws will not occur or will not be retroactive or that anticipated future factual matters and circumstances will in fact occur. Our views have no binding effect or official status of any kind, and no assurance can be given that the conclusions discussed below would be sustained if challenged by taxing authorities.

1. United States Taxation

The following discussion is based upon the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the *Code*), legislative history, applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations (or *Treasury Regulations*), judicial authority and administrative interpretations, all as in effect on the date of this Annual Report, and which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect, or are subject to different interpretations. Changes in these authorities may cause the tax consequences to vary substantially from the consequences described below.

Taxation as a Corporation. We will be taxed as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As such, we will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on our income to the extent it is from U.S. sources or otherwise is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States as discussed below.

Taxation of Operating Income. We expect that substantially all of our gross income will be attributable to the transportation of crude oil and related products. For this purpose, gross income attributable to transportation (or *Transportation Income*) includes income derived from, or in connection with, the use (or hiring or leasing for use) of a vessel to transport cargo, or the performance of services directly related to the use of any vessel to transport cargo, and thus includes both time-charter and bareboat-charter income.

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Transportation Income that is attributable to transportation that begins or ends, but that does not both begin and end, in the United States (or *U.S. Source International Transportation Income*) will be considered to be 50% derived from sources within the United States. Transportation Income attributable to transportation that both begins and ends in the United States (or *U.S. Source Domestic Transportation Income*) will be considered to be 100% derived from sources within the United States. Transportation Income attributable to transportation exclusively between non-U.S. destinations will be considered to be 100% derived from sources outside the United States. Transportation Income derived from sources outside the United States generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax.

We believe that we have not earned any U.S. Source Domestic Transportation Income, and we expect that we will not earn any such income in future years. However, certain of our activities give rise to U.S. Source International Transportation Income. Unless the exemption from tax under Section 883 of the Code (or the *Section 883 Exemption*) applies, our U.S. Source International Transportation Income generally will be subject to U.S. federal income taxation under either the net basis tax and the branch profits tax or the 4% gross basis tax, all of which are discussed below.

The Section 883 Exemption. In general, the Section 883 Exemption provides that if a non-U.S. corporation satisfies the requirements of Section 883 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (or the *Section 883 Regulations*), it will not be subject to the net basis and branch profits taxes or 4% gross basis tax described below on its U.S. Source International Transportation Income. As discussed below, we believe that under our current ownership structure, the Section 883 Exemption will apply and we will not be taxed on our U.S. Source International Transportation Income. The Section 883 Exemption does not apply to U.S. Source Domestic Transportation Income.

A non-U.S. corporation will qualify for the Section 883 Exemption if, among other things, it is organized in a jurisdiction outside the United States that grants an equivalent exemption from tax to corporations organized in the United States (or an *Equivalent Exemption*), it meets one of three ownership tests described in the Section 883 Regulations (or the *Ownership Test*), and it meets certain substantiation, reporting and other requirements (or the *Substantiation Requirements*).

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We are organized under the laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands. The U.S. Treasury Department has recognized the Republic of The Marshall Islands as a jurisdiction that grants an Equivalent Exemption. We also believe that we will be able to satisfy the Substantiation Requirements necessary to qualify for the Section 883 Exemption. Consequently, our U.S. Source International Transportation Income (including for this purpose, any such income earned by our subsidiaries that have properly elected to be treated as partnerships or disregarded as entities separate from us for U.S. federal income tax purposes) will be exempt from U.S. federal income taxation provided we satisfy the Ownership Test. We believe that we should satisfy the Ownership Test because our stock is primarily and regularly traded on an established securities market in the United States within the meaning of Section 883 of the Code and the Section 883 Regulations. We can give no assurance, however, that changes in the ownership of our stock subsequent to the date of this report will permit us to continue to qualify for the Section 883 exemption.

The Net Basis Tax and Branch Profits Tax. If we earn U.S. Source International Transportation Income and the Section 883 Exemption does not apply, such income may be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States (or *Effectively Connected Income*) if we have a fixed place of business in the United States and substantially all of our U.S. Source International Transportation Income is attributable to regularly scheduled transportation or, in the case of income derived from bareboat charters, is attributable to a fixed place of business in the United States. Based on our current operations, none of our potential U.S. Source International Transportation Income is attributable to regularly scheduled transportation or is derived from bareboat charters attributable to a fixed place of business in the United States. As a result, we do not anticipate that any of our U.S. Source International Transportation Income will be treated as Effectively Connected Income. However, there is no assurance that we will not earn income pursuant to regularly scheduled transportation or bareboat charters attributable to a fixed place of business in the United States in the future, which would result in such income being treated as Effectively Connected Income.

U.S. Source Domestic Transportation Income generally will be treated as Effectively Connected Income. However, we do not anticipate that any of our income has or will be U.S. Source Domestic Transportation Income.

Any income we earn that is treated as Effectively Connected Income would be subject to U.S. federal corporate income tax (the highest statutory rate currently is 35%). In addition, if we earn income that is treated as Effectively Connected Income, a 30% branch profits tax imposed under Section 884 of the Code generally would apply to such income, and a branch interest tax could be imposed on certain interest paid or deemed paid by us.

On the sale of a vessel that has produced Effectively Connected Income, we could be subject to the net basis corporate income tax and to the 30% branch profits tax with respect to our gain not in excess of certain prior deductions for depreciation that reduced Effectively Connected Income. Otherwise, we would not be subject to U.S. federal income tax with respect to gain realized on the sale of a vessel, provided the sale is considered to occur outside of the United States under U.S. federal income tax principles.

The 4% Gross Basis Tax. If the Section 883 Exemption does not apply and the net basis tax does not apply, we would be subject to a 4% U.S. federal income tax on the U.S. source portion of our gross U.S. Source International Transportation Income, without benefit of deductions. For 2013, we estimate that the U.S. federal income tax on such U.S. Source International Transportation Income would be approximately \$1.2 million if the Section 883 Exemption and the net basis tax do not apply, based on the amount of U.S. Source International Transportation Income we earned for 2012. The amount of such tax for which we are liable for any year will depend upon the amount of income we earn from voyages into or out of the United States in such year, however, which is not within our complete control.

2. Marshall Islands Taxation

We believe that neither we nor our subsidiaries will be subject to taxation under the laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands, and that distributions by our subsidiaries to us will not be subject to Marshall Islands taxation.

Item 4A. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

General

Our business is to own oil and product tankers and we employ a chartering strategy that seeks to capture upside opportunities in the tanker spot market while using fixed-rate time charters to reduce downside risks. Historically, the tanker industry has experienced volatility in profitability due to changes in the supply of, and demand for, tanker capacity. Tanker supply and demand are each influenced by several factors beyond our control. We were formed in October 2007 by Teekay Corporation (NYSE: TK) (*Teekay*), a leading provider of marine services to the global oil and gas industries and the world's largest operator of medium-sized oil tankers, and we completed our initial public offering in December 2007.

Through the participation of some of our vessels in pooling arrangements, we expect to benefit from Teekay's reputation and the scope of its operations in increasing our cash flows. Our mix of vessels trading in the spot market or subject to fixed-rate time charters will change from time to time. Teekay currently holds a majority of the voting power of our common stock, which includes Class A common stock and Class B common stock.

From our initial public offering in December 2007 through December 31, 2012, we distributed to our stockholders on a quarterly basis all of our Cash Available for Distribution, subject to any reserves the board of directors determined were required for the prudent conduct of our business. *Cash Available for Distribution* represented net (loss) income, plus depreciation and amortization, unrealized losses from derivatives, non-cash items and any write-offs or other non-recurring items, less unrealized gains from derivatives and net income attributable to the historical results of vessels acquired by us from Teekay, prior to their acquisition by us, for the period when these vessels were owned and operated by Teekay.

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We recently announced a change to our dividend policy and, commencing in the first quarter of 2013, we will distribute to our stockholders a fixed quarterly dividend of \$0.03 per share (\$0.12 per share annually), which will be reviewed from time to time by our Board of Directors, rather than distributing all of our Cash Available for Distribution.

Significant Developments in 2012 and 2013

Public Offerings

In February 2012, we completed a public offering of 17.25 million shares of our Class A common stock at a price of \$4.00 per share, for gross proceeds of \$69.0 million. We used the net offering proceeds to repay \$55.0 million of our outstanding debt under a revolving credit facility and the balance for general corporate purposes.

In February 2011, we completed a public offering of 9.9 million shares of our Class A common stock at a price of \$11.33 per share, for gross proceeds of \$112.1 million. We used the net proceeds from the equity offering to prepay \$103.0 million of outstanding debt under our revolving credit facility and the balance for general corporate purposes.

Vessel Acquisitions

In June 2012, we acquired from Teekay seven conventional oil tankers and six product tankers and related time-charter contracts, and an interest rate swap, for an aggregate price of approximately \$454.2 million, including the assumption of outstanding debt of approximately \$428.1 million (or the *2012 Acquired Business*). Ten of the vessels were acquired on June 15, 2012 and the remaining three were acquired on June 26, 2012. As consideration for this acquisition, we issued to Teekay 4.5 million Class A common shares and made a cash payment of \$1.1 million to Teekay. The 4.5 million Class A common shares had an approximate value of \$25.0 million, or \$5.60 per share, when the purchase price was agreed to between the parties and a value of \$18.3 million, or \$4.11 per share, on the acquisition closing date. The purchase price, for accounting purposes, was based upon the value of the Class A common shares on the acquisition closing date. Consequently, common stock and additional paid in capital and accumulated deficit are both \$6.7 million lower than if the value of the shares had remained unchanged from when the purchase price was agreed to between the parties. In addition, we reimbursed Teekay for \$8.4 million of working capital we assumed from Teekay in connection with the 2012 Acquired Business. Teekay has granted us a right of first refusal on any conventional tanker opportunities developed by Teekay for a period of three years from the closing date of the acquisition. Please read Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions - B. Related Party Transactions.

The acquisition of the 2012 Acquired Business was accounted for as a reorganization between entities under common control. As a result, our consolidated financial statements reflect the 2012 Acquired Business as if we had acquired the 2012 Acquired Business when the 13 vessels began respective operations under the ownership of Teekay. All of these vessels began operations prior to the periods covered by these consolidated financial statements and consequently all information contained herein that relates to periods prior to the acquisition of the 2012 Acquired Business have been retroactively adjusted to include the impact of the 2012 Acquired Business. The effect of adjusting such information to account for the 2012 Acquired Business in periods prior to our acquisition is referred to herein as the *Dropdown Predecessor*. Please read Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Note 20 2012 Acquired Business to our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2013, we entered into an agreement with STX Offshore & Shipbuilding Co., Ltd (or *STX*) of South Korea for the construction of four, fuel-efficient 113,000 dead-weight tonne Long Range 2 (LR2) product tanker newbuildings for a fully built up cost of approximately \$47 million each. The agreement with STX also includes fixed-price options for the construction up to 12 additional LR2 newbuildings, four of which are exercisable up to and including each of the following months: October 2013, April 2014, and October 2014, respectively. Upon delivery, it is expected that the four vessels will operate in Teekay Corporation's Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool. The agreement with STX also includes favourable payment terms, with the majority of the purchase price due upon delivery. We intend to finance the installment payments with our existing liquidity and to secure long-term debt financing for the four vessels prior to their scheduled deliveries in late-2015 and early-2016. Please read Note 19 Subsequent Event included in our consolidated financial statements.

Vessel Impairments

Our consolidated statement of loss for the year ended December 31, 2012 includes an aggregate \$352.5 million write down, consisting of seven Suezmax tankers (\$305.6 million), four Aframax tankers (\$44.5 million), and one product tanker (\$2.4 million). When comparing the seven Suezmax tankers to each other and when comparing the four Aframax tankers to each other, the vessels have a similar age, a similar carrying value and are all being employed in the spot market or on short term time-charters. The primary factor that contributed to the write downs is the current economic environment for the tanker industry. The tanker industry has continued to be weak, largely caused by an oversupply of vessels relative to demand. In addition, the write down in 2012 was also impacted by a tanker market recovery taking longer than initially anticipated.

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One of the four Aframax tankers was held for sale at December 31, 2012 and was subsequently sold in January 2013. The vessels were written down to their estimated fair values, using an internally appraised value based on second hand sale and purchase market data.

Vessel Sale

On January 22, 2013, we completed the sale of the Aframax tanker, *Nassau Spirit*, for \$9.1 million. The vessel was held for sale on our consolidated balance sheet as at December 31, 2012 and its net book value was written down to its sale proceeds net of cash outlays to complete the sale. The vessel was trading in the Teekay Aframax Pool prior to sale.

Dividend Policy

Commencing in the first quarter of 2013, we intend to pay a fixed quarterly dividend of \$0.03 per share on our common shares, subject to the review of our Board of Directors from time to time. Up to and including the quarter ended December 31, 2012, we have distributed the majority of our cash flow to shareholders through a full payout dividend policy, subject to certain reserves determined by our Board of Directors.

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We generate revenues by charging customers for the transportation of their crude oil using our vessels. Historically, these services generally have been provided under the following basic types of contractual relationships:

Voyage charters participating in pooling arrangements are charters for shorter intervals that are priced on a current or spot market rate then adjusted for pool participation based on predetermined criteria; and

Time charters, whereby 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.

The table below illustrates the primary distinctions among these types of charters and contracts:

	Voyage Charter	Time Charter
Typical contract length	Single voyage	One year or more
Hire rate basis ⁽¹⁾	Varies	Daily
Voyage expenses ⁽²⁾	We pay	Customer pays
Vessel operating expenses ⁽³⁾	We pay	We pay
Off hire ⁽⁴⁾	Customer does not pay	Customer does not pay

(1) *Hire* rate refers to the basic payment from the charterer for the use of the vessel.

(2) Voyage expenses are all expenses unique to a particular voyage, including any bunker fuel expenses, port fees, cargo loading and unloading expenses, canal tolls, agency fees and commissions.

(3) Vessel operating expenses include crewing, repairs and maintenance, insurance, stores, lube oils and communication expenses.

(4) *Off hire* refers to the time a vessel is not available for service.

Important Financial and Operational Terms and Concepts

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

Revenues. Revenues primarily include revenues from time charters, voyage charters, pool arrangements, and interest income from investment in term loans. Revenues are affected by hire rates and the number of days a vessel operates. Revenues are also affected by the mix of business between time charters, voyage charters and vessels operating in pool arrangements. Hire rates for voyage charters are more volatile, as they are typically tied to prevailing market rates at the time of a voyage.

Voyage Expenses. Voyage expenses are all expenses unique to a particular voyage, including any bunker fuel expenses, port fees, cargo loading and unloading expenses, canal tolls, agency fees and commissions. Voyage expenses are typically paid by the ship owner under voyage charters and the customer under time charters.

Net Revenues. Net revenues represent revenues less voyage expenses. Because the amount of voyage expenses we incur for a particular charter depends upon the type of the charter, we use net revenues to improve the comparability between periods of reported revenues that are generated by the different types of charters and contracts. We principally use net revenues, a non-GAAP financial measure, because it provides more meaningful information to us about the deployment of our vessels and their performance than revenues, the most directly comparable financial measure under United States generally accepted accounting principles (or *GAAP*).

Vessel Operating Expenses. We are responsible for vessel operating expenses, which include crewing, repairs and maintenance, insurance, stores, lube oils and communication expenses. The two largest components of our vessel operating expenses are crew costs and repairs and maintenance. We expect these expenses to increase as our fleet matures and to the extent that it expands.

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Income from Vessel Operations. To assist us in evaluating our operations, we analyze the income we receive after deducting operating expenses, but prior to interest expense and income, realized and unrealized gains and losses on derivative instruments and other expenses.

Dry docking. We must periodically dry dock each of our vessels for inspection, repairs and maintenance and any modifications to comply with industry certification or governmental requirements. Generally, we dry dock each of our vessels every two and a half to five years, depending upon the age of the vessel. We capitalize a substantial portion of the costs incurred during dry docking and amortize those costs on a straight-line basis from the completion of a dry docking over the estimated useful life of the dry dock. We expense, as incurred, costs for routine repairs and maintenance performed during dry dockings that do not improve or extend the useful lives of the assets. The number of dry dockings undertaken in a given period and the nature of the work performed determine the level of dry-docking expenditures.

Depreciation and Amortization. Our depreciation and amortization expense typically consists of charges related to the depreciation of the historical cost of our fleet (less an estimated residual value) over the estimated useful lives of our vessels and charges related to the amortization of dry-docking expenditures over the estimated number of years to the next scheduled dry docking.

Time-Charter Equivalent (TCE) Rates. Bulk shipping industry freight rates are commonly measured in the shipping industry at the net revenues level in terms of time-charter equivalent (or TCE) rates, which represent net revenues divided by revenue days. We calculate TCE rates as net revenue per revenue day before related-party pool management fees and pool commissions, and off-hire bunker expenses.

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, dry dockings or special or intermediate surveys. Consequently, revenue days represents the total number of days available for the vessel to earn revenue. Idle days, which are days when the vessel is available for the vessel to earn revenue yet is not employed, are included in revenue days. We use revenue days to explain changes in our net revenues between periods.

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Average Number of Ships. Historical average number of ships consists of the average number of vessels that were in our possession during a period. We use average number of ships primarily to highlight changes in vessel operating expenses and depreciation and amortization.

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 financial results reflect the results of the interests in vessels acquired from Teekay for all periods the vessels were under common control. From January 1, 2010, we have acquired a total of 18 vessels from Teekay, as outlined in the following table:

Vessel Type	Number of Tankers Acquired	Details
Suezmax	7	3 acquired in 2010 and 4 acquired in 2012
Aframax	5	2 acquired in 2010 and 3 acquired in 2012
LR2	3	3 acquired in 2012
MR	3	3 acquired in 2012
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All of these acquisitions were deemed to be business acquisitions between entities under common control. Accordingly, we have accounted for these transactions in a manner similar to the pooling of interests method. Under this method of accounting our financial statements, for periods prior to the date the interests in these vessels were actually acquired by us, are retroactively adjusted to include the results of these acquired vessels. The periods retroactively adjusted include all periods that we and the acquired vessels were both under common control of Teekay and had begun operations. Our statements of loss for the years ended December 31, 2010, December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012 include the 2012 Acquired Business for the periods it was under common control of Teekay prior to the acquisition by us. All financial or operational information contained herein for the periods prior to the date the interests in these vessels were actually acquired by us and during which we and the applicable vessels were under common control of Teekay, are retroactively adjusted to include the results of these acquired vessels and are collectively referred to as the *Dropdown Predecessor*.

Our voyage revenues are affected by cyclicality 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 we trade in the spot market.

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 increased refinery maintenance. In addition, unpredictable weather patterns during the winter months tend to disrupt vessel scheduling, which historically has increased oil price volatility and 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 December 31 and March 31.

Vessel operating and other costs are facing industry-wide cost pressures. The shipping industry continues to experience a global manpower shortage of qualified seafarers due to growth in the world fleet, which in recent years has resulted in upward pressure on manning costs. Recently, the gap between demand and supply of officers has narrowed, which has allowed wages in certain sectors to stabilize or increase at a lower rate. In the future, there may be additional increases in crew compensation as vessel and officer supply dynamics continue to change. In addition, factors such as pressure on commodity and raw material prices, as well as changes in regulatory requirements could also contribute to operating expenditure increases. We continue to take steps aimed at improving operational efficiencies, and lessening the effect of inflationary and other price escalations; however, we believe that increases to operational costs are still likely to occur in the future.

The amount and timing of dry dockings of our vessels can significantly affect our revenues between periods. Our vessels are normally off hire when they are being dry docked. Including the Dropdown Predecessor, we had four vessels dry docked in 2012 compared to three vessels dry docked in 2011, and five vessels dry docked in 2010. The total number of off hire days relating to dry docking during the years ended December 31, 2012, December 31, 2011 and 2010 were 78, 64 and 180 days, respectively. As a result of including the financial results of the Dropdown Predecessor, the total number of days of off hire relating to dry docking increased by nil, 64 and 52 days, for the years ended 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. For our current fleet, there are eight vessels scheduled for dry dockings in 2013 and eight vessels scheduled for dry dockings in 2014.

Results of Operations

In accordance with GAAP, we report gross revenues in our consolidated statements of loss and include voyage expenses among our operating expenses. However, ship-owners base economic decisions regarding the deployment of their vessels upon anticipated TCE rates, and industry analysts typically measure bulk shipping freight rates in terms of TCE rates. This is because under time-charter contracts the customer usually pays the voyage expenses, while under voyage charters the ship-owner usually pays the voyage expenses, which typically are added to the hire rate at an approximate cost. Accordingly, the discussion of revenue below focuses on net revenues and TCE rates where applicable.

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The following table presents our operating results for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and compares net revenues, a non-GAAP financial measure, for those periods to revenues, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
(in thousands of U.S. dollars, except percentages)		
Revenues	185,930	203,749
Interest income from investment in term loans	11,499	11,323
Less: voyage expenses	(4,618)	(3,449)
Net revenues	192,811	211,623
Vessel operating expenses	89,215	84,089
Time-charter hire expense	3,950	4,046
Depreciation and amortization	72,365	74,482
General and administrative	14,930	16,125
Vessel impairment and net loss on sale of vessels	352,546	58,034
Goodwill impairment charge		19,294
Loss from vessel operations	(340,195)	(44,447)
Interest expense	(20,009)	(40,539)
Interest income	50	71
Realized and unrealized loss on derivative instruments	(7,963)	(27,783)
Other expenses - net	(2,064)	(377)
Net loss	(370,181)	(113,075)

Tanker Market

Crude tanker spot rates strengthened through the first half of 2012 before declining to historically low levels during the second half of the year. Demand for crude tankers in the first half of the year was driven by crude oil stockpiling ahead of the EU's sanctions on Iranian oil, which took effect July 1, 2012 coupled with high levels of global oil production, particularly from OPEC. The combined effect of crude demand for stockpiling purposes and an increase in long-haul OPEC barrels was a significant increase in crude tanker tonne-mile demand through the first half of 2012.

In the second half of 2012, the situation was reversed with rates in the large crude tanker segments falling to historically low levels during the summer months. This decline in tanker rates was due to much lower levels of tanker demand once oil inventories had been replenished, coupled with reduced OPEC oil production. Tanker rates exhibited a modest rebound to six-month highs in the fourth quarter of 2012 due to seasonal factors but remained well below the long-term average.

In the product tanker sector, the pattern of earnings was the opposite of the crude tanker sector with a very weak first half of the year giving way to a much stronger second half. LR2 spot rates reached a 3-year high during the fourth quarter of 2012 driven by a combination of increased long-haul naphtha movements into Asia and reduced competition from crude tanker newbuildings on the East-West gasoil trade.

The global tanker fleet grew by a net 17.7 million deadweight tonnes (or *mdwt*), or 3.7%, during 2012. A total of 32.4 mdwt of tankers delivered into the fleet, down from 40.2 mdwt in 2011, while scrapping and removals increased slightly to 14.7 mdwt from 14.0 mdwt in 2011. Looking ahead to 2013, we estimate that tanker deliveries will total approximately 30 mdwt while scrapping is forecast to total approximately 13 mdwt. As a result, we estimate net tanker fleet growth of approximately 17 mdwt, or 3.5%, in 2013, the lowest level of tanker fleet growth in percentage terms since 2003. Fleet growth during 2013 is expected to be weighted towards the Very Large Crude Carrier (or *VLCC*) and Suezmax sectors, with negligible or declining growth in the Aframax and LR2 sectors.

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Global oil demand is expected to grow by 0.9 million barrels per day (or *mb/d*) during 2013 according to the average of forecasts from the International Energy Agency, Energy Information Administration and Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (or *OPEC*). This represents the same level of oil demand growth as in 2012, with the non-OECD countries, and China in particular, accounting for the majority of the growth. However, the call on OPEC crude is expected to decline by approximately 0.4 *mb/d* during 2013, which could result in lower tonne-mile demand for crude tankers compared to 2012.

Fleet and TCE Rates

As at December 31, 2012, we owned 28 double-hulled conventional oil tankers, time-chartered in one Aframax vessel from a third party and owned a 50% interest in one VLCC newbuilding scheduled to deliver during the second quarter of 2013. The number of vessels we own, as well as our financial and operational results, includes the Dropdown Predecessor in all relevant periods presented. Please read Note 1 *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* included in the notes to our consolidated financial statements attached in this Report.

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As defined and discussed above, we calculate TCE rates as net revenue per revenue day before related-party pool management fees and pool commissions, and off-hire bunker expenses. The following table outlines the average TCE rates earned by vessels for 2012 and 2011:

	Year Ended December 31, 2012			Year Ended December 31, 2011		
	Net Revenues (1)(2) (in thousands)	Revenue Days	Average TCE per Revenue Day	Net Revenues (2)(3) (in thousands)	Revenue Days	Average TCE per Revenue Day
Voyage-charter contracts - Suezmax	\$ 32,983	1,865	\$ 17,688	\$ 21,035	1,456	\$ 14,447
Voyage-charter contracts - Aframax	\$ 19,279	1,583	\$ 12,179	\$ 17,254	1,343	\$ 12,850
Voyage-charter contracts - LR2 Product	\$ 13,568	1,098	\$ 12,357	\$ 13,074	1,026	\$ 12,745
Time-charter contracts - Suezmax	\$ 37,529	1,682	\$ 22,311	\$ 53,362	2,186	\$ 24,414
Time-charter contracts - Aframax	\$ 56,039	3,043	\$ 18,418	\$ 72,793	3,271	\$ 22,256
Time-charter contracts - MR Product	\$ 28,063	1,092	\$ 25,711	\$ 27,887	1,090	\$ 25,594
Total	\$ 187,461	10,363	\$ 18,091	\$ 205,405	10,372	\$ 19,806

- (1) Excludes a total of \$4.7 million in pool management fees and commissions payable by us to Teekay for commercial management for our vessels and \$1.5 million in off-hire bunker and other expenses.
- (2) Excludes interest income from investment in term loan of \$11.5 million and \$11.3 million for 2012 and 2011, respectively.
- (3) Excludes a total of \$3.7 million in pool management fees and commissions payable by us to Teekay for commercial management for our vessels and \$1.4 million in off-hire bunker and other expenses.

Net Revenues. Net revenues decreased to \$192.8 million for 2012 from \$211.6 million for 2011, primarily due to a net decrease of \$32.3 million relating to lower fixed-rate time-charter revenues partially offset by a net increase of \$14.4 million in overall spot-rate revenues and \$1.2 million of lower voyage expenses. The details of the changes are discussed further below.

The net decrease of \$32.3 million in fixed-rate time-charter revenues is attributable to the following:

a net decrease of \$22.5 million from various vessels changing employment between fixed-rate charters and voyage charters and vice versa; and

a net decrease of \$10.4 million relating to our fixed-rate tankers which had existing time-charter agreements expire during the year and were re-chartered at lower average fixed-rates.

The net increase of \$14.4 million in spot-rate revenues is attributable to the following:

net increases of \$11.7 million as a result of having, on average, more Suezmax tankers trading in pooling arrangements in 2012 compared to 2011 despite having four spot-traded Suezmax tankers complete their scheduled drydockings in 2012. In addition, average Suezmax spot rates realized in 2012 were higher than in 2011;

a net increase of \$1.8 million as a result of having, on average, more Aframax tankers days in operations as we had more time-chartered in vessels from external parties in 2012 compared to 2011. This yielded \$3.3 million in additional net voyage revenue which was partially offset by a \$1.5 million decrease in the average spot Aframax rates in 2012 compared to 2011; and

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a net increase of \$0.8 million resulting from more revenue days for our three LR2 product tankers in 2012 compared to 2011 as all three vessels completed their scheduled drydocking in 2011.

Vessel Operating Expenses. Vessel operating expenses increased to \$89.2 million for 2012 compared to \$84.1 million for 2011 primarily due to an increase of \$3.7 million relating to higher unplanned repairs and maintenance expenses across the fleet in 2012 compared to 2011.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization decreased to \$72.4 million for 2012 compared to \$74.5 million for 2011. The decrease in 2012 relates primarily to the asset impairment charge in the third quarter of 2011 for the three medium range product tankers owned by the Dropdown Predecessor.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses decreased to \$14.9 million for 2012 compared to \$16.1 million for 2011, primarily due to:

a decrease of \$5.0 million attributable to the Dropdown Predecessor for the general and administrative expenses and management fees allocated for the full previous period as compared to only a portion of the current year (up to the acquisition date in June 2012); partially offset by

an increase of \$3.3 million in management fees resulting from the purchase of the 2012 Acquired Business; and

an increase of \$0.8 million in corporate expenses relating to one-time acquisition costs associated with the purchase of the 2012 Acquired Business, compared to 2011.

Vessel Impairments and Net Loss on Sale of Vessels. Vessel impairments and net loss on sale of vessels totaled \$352.5 million for 2012. Indicators of impairment were present in the fourth quarter of 2012 which triggered an impairment test to be conducted on certain of our conventional oil tankers. These indicators of impairment included a negative change in the outlook for the crude tanker market, a delay in the expected timing of a recovery of the crude tanker market, and the expected discrimination impact from more fuel efficient vessels being constructed. As a result of these developments, we recognized impairments on seven Suezmax tankers, four Aframax tankers and one medium-range product tanker, which in aggregate amounted to \$352.5 million. In December 2012, we entered into an agreement to sell one of the four impaired Aframax tankers. As the vessel sale was not completed until January 2013, the vessel was classified as Held for Sale on the consolidated balance sheet as at December 31, 2012.

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Vessel impairments and net loss on sale of vessels was \$58.0 million for 2011. We recognized impairments on three medium-range product tankers built in 2000, 2004 and 2005. The indicators of impairment related to these vessels included a change in the operating plans for certain of these vessels, escalating dry dock costs, a continued decline in the fair market value of vessels, and a general decline in the future outlook for shipping and the global economy. The charges recorded in 2011 were attributable to the vessels which belonged to the Dropdown Predecessor during the same period in 2011.

Goodwill Impairment Charge. Goodwill impairment charges for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were nil and \$19.3 million, respectively. We performed goodwill impairment analyses on the conventional tanker fleet in 2011 and concluded the carrying value of the goodwill, all relating to the Suezmax reporting unit, exceeded its fair value. As a result, a goodwill impairment charge of \$19.3 million was recognized in our 2011 consolidated statement of loss, of which \$6.0 million of this charge was related to Suezmax vessels owned by the Dropdown Predecessor. The fair value of the Suezmax reporting unit was determined using the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at a rate equivalent to a market participant's weighted-average cost of capital. The estimates and assumptions regarding expected cash flows and the appropriate discount rates are in part based upon existing contracts, future tanker market rates, historical experience, financial forecasts and industry trends and conditions.

Interest Expense. Interest expense decreased to \$20.0 million for 2012 compared to \$40.5 million for 2011, primarily due to:

a decrease of \$22.1 million in interest expense attributable to the Dropdown Predecessor during 2012 compared to 2011 as the Dropdown Predecessor effectively replaced long-term debt bearing interest at 8.5% with revolving credit facilities, which had an average outstanding interest rate of approximately 1%, and as debt levels related to the 2012 Acquired Business were reduced since the acquisition date;

partially offset by

an increase of \$1.1 million due to higher average debt balances outstanding and higher interest rates in 2012 compared to 2011.

Realized and unrealized loss on derivative instruments. Realized and unrealized losses on interest rate swaps was \$8.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to \$27.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. During 2012 and 2011, we had interest rate swap agreements with aggregate average outstanding notional amounts of approximately \$291.6 million and \$415.0 million, respectively, and with average fixed rates of approximately 2.2% and 2.8%, respectively, as one of our interest rate swaps expired during the year.

Short term variable benchmark interest rates during these periods were generally less than 1.0% and, as such, we incurred realized losses of \$9.5 million and \$39.0 million (which includes the impact of a \$31.1 million interest rate swap settlement payment made by the Dropdown Predecessor concurrently with a reset of the fixed rate on an interest rate swap from 5.07% to 2.51% in January 2011), respectively, during 2012 and 2011 under the interest rate swap agreements.

Long-term benchmark interest rates increased in 2012 and 2011, causing us to recognize an unrealized gain of \$1.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, compared to an unrealized gain of \$11.2 million (which includes the impact from a \$31.1 million interest rate swap settlement payment described above) for the same period last year. Please see Item 5 - Operating and Financial Review and Prospects: Valuation of Derivative Instruments, which explains how our derivative instruments are valued, including the significant factors and uncertainties in determining the estimated fair value and why changes in these factors result in material changes in realized and unrealized (loss) gain on derivative instruments from period to period.

Other expenses. Other expenses increased to \$2.1 million in 2012, compared to \$0.4 million in 2011. The increase in other expenses is primarily related to an increase in our estimate of freight tax expenses as a result of some of our fleet engaging in more voyages in freight tax jurisdictions such as Nigeria and Turkey.

Net Loss. As a result of the foregoing factors, we recorded a net loss of \$370.2 million for 2012, compared to \$113.1 million for 2011.

Year Ended December 31, 2011 versus Year Ended December 31, 2010

The following table presents our operating results for 2011 and 2010 and compares net revenues, a non-GAAP financial measure, for those periods to revenues, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

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(in thousands of U.S. dollars, except percentages)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
Revenues	203,749	235,053
Interest income from investment in term loans	11,323	5,297
Less: voyage expenses	(3,449)	(5,301)
Net revenues	211,623	235,049
Vessel operating expenses	84,089	81,650
Time-charter hire expense	4,046	
Depreciation and amortization	74,482	77,317
General and administrative	16,125	16,620
Vessel impairment and net loss on sale of vessels	58,034	1,864
Goodwill impairment charge	19,294	
Loss from vessel operations	(44,447)	57,598
Interest expense	(40,539)	(51,140)
Interest income	71	100
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	(27,783)	(28,684)
Other expenses - net	(377)	(1,016)
Net loss	(113,075)	(23,142)

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As at December 31, 2011, we owned twelve Aframax-class and ten Suezmax-class tankers and six product tankers. The number of vessels we own as well as our financial and operational results includes the Dropdown Predecessor in all relevant periods presented. Please read Note 1 *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* included in the notes to our consolidated financial statements attached in this Report.

As defined and discussed above, we calculate TCE rates as net revenue per revenue day before related-party pool management fees and pool commissions, and off-hire bunker expenses. The following table outlines the average TCE rates earned by vessels for 2011 and 2010:

	Year Ended December 31, 2011			Year Ended December 31, 2010		
	Net Revenues (1)(2) (in thousands)	Revenue Days	Average TCE per Revenue Day	Net Revenues (2)(3) (in thousands)	Revenue Days	Average TCE per Revenue Day
Voyage-charter contracts - Suezmax	\$ 21,035	1,456	\$ 14,447	\$ 38,528	1,551	\$ 24,844
Voyage-charter contracts - Aframax	\$ 17,254	1,343	\$ 12,850	\$ 21,335	1,246	\$ 17,118
Voyage-charter contracts - LR2 Product	\$ 13,074	1,026	\$ 12,745	\$ 14,848	1,092	\$ 13,603
Voyage-charter contracts - MR Product				\$ 1,401	126	\$ 11,095
Time-charter contracts - Suezmax	\$ 53,362	2,186	\$ 24,414	\$ 54,039	2,094	\$ 25,811
Time-charter contracts - Aframax	\$ 72,793	3,271	\$ 22,256	\$ 84,590	3,333	\$ 25,378
Time-charter contracts - MR Product	\$ 27,887	1,090	\$ 25,594	\$ 20,152	894	\$ 22,531
Total	\$ 205,405	10,372	\$ 19,806	\$ 234,893	10,336	\$ 22,719

- (1) Excludes total of \$3.7 million in pool management fees and commissions payable by us to Teekay for commercial management for our vessels and \$1.4 million in off-hire bunker and other expenses.
- (2) Excludes interest income from investment in term loan of \$11.3 million and \$5.3 million for 2011 and 2010, respectively.
- (3) Excludes a total of \$3.7 million in pool management fees and commissions payable by us to Teekay for commercial management for our vessels and \$1.5 million in off-hire bunker and other expenses.

Net Revenues. Net revenues decreased to \$211.6 million for 2011, compared to \$235.0 million for 2010, primarily due to:

a decrease of \$19.0 million for 2011 from lower average TCE rates earned by our Suezmax and Aframax vessels operating on spot-market-based voyage charters, resulting from the relatively weaker spot markets during 2011 compared to the prior year;

a decrease of \$10.2 million for 2011 resulting from the decrease in average TCE rates earned by our Aframax vessels employed on time-charter contracts in 2011 compared to 2010 as a result of new and renewed time-charter contracts at lower average TCE rates;

a decrease of \$4.6 million for 2011 compared to the prior year as a result of fewer revenue days from the sales of the Falster Spirit and Sotra Spirit in April 2010 and August 2010, respectively; and

a decrease of \$3.0 million for 2011 relating to lower profit-sharing amounts earned by the six applicable Suezmax tankers compared to the prior year, resulting from weaker average spot rates in 2011; partially offset by

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an increase of \$6.0 million for 2011 compare to the prior year, resulting from interest income from an investment in term loans which earns and annual yield of approximately 10%;

an increase of \$5.1 million for 2011 resulting from the Hugli Spirit operating under a spot-market-based voyage charter for a portion of 2010 at a lower average TCE rate, in addition to overall higher average time-charter contract rates in 2011; and

an increase of \$2.5 million for 2011 resulting from two additional vessels earning revenue as we entered into agreements to time-charter in two Aframax tankers from third parties, compared to the prior year.

Vessel Operating Expenses. Vessel operating expenses were \$84.1 million for 2011 compared to \$81.7 million for 2010, primarily due to a \$3.1 million increase from the change of the Hugli Spirit crew to Australian seafarers in 2010, which occurred in conjunction with the vessel being chartered to an Australian customer, partially offset by a decrease of \$2.4 million for 2011 relating to the *Falster Spirit* and the *Sotra Spirit*, which were sold in April and August 2010, respectively. The remaining of the increase was the result of an increase in manning for certain of our conventional tankers and the timing of services and maintenance.

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Time-Charter Hire Expenses. Time-charter hire expenses were \$4.0 million in 2011 compared to nil in 2010. During 2011, we entered into two agreements to time-charter in two Aframax tankers from third parties. The time-charters commenced in July 2011 and August 2011, respectively, and remained in our fleet for the remainder of 2011 as a result of extension options being exercised.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization was \$74.5 million for 2011 compared to \$77.3 million for 2010, primarily due to a \$1.6 million decrease from the sale of the *Falster Spirit* and the *Sotra Spirit* in April and August 2010, respectively, a \$1.5 million decrease from an increase in our vessel scrap value assumption in 2011, and a \$0.9 million decrease from vessel impairments during 2011, partially offset by a \$0.9 million increase in drydock amortization.

Vessel Impairments and Net Loss on Sale of Vessels. Vessel impairments and net loss on sale of vessels was \$58.0 million for 2011 compared to 1.9 million in 2010. We recognized vessels impairments on three medium-range product tankers built in 2000, 2004 and 2005, respectively. We identified the following indicators of impairment related to these vessels: a change in the operating plans for certain of these vessels; escalating dry-dock costs; a continued decline in the fair market value of vessels; and a general decline in the future outlook for shipping and the global economy.

Goodwill Impairment Charge. Goodwill impairment charge was \$19.3 million for 2011 compared to \$nil in 2010. During 2011, we concluded that indicators of impairment, being the continuing weak tanker market, which continues to experience an oversupply of vessels relative to tanker demand, were present for the conventional tanker fleet. Consequently, we performed a goodwill impairment analysis on the conventional tanker fleet and, concluded that the carrying value of the goodwill, all relating to the Suezmax reporting unit, exceeded its fair value. As a result, a goodwill impairment charge of \$19.3 million was recognized in our 2011 consolidated statement of loss. The fair value of this reporting unit was determined using the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at a rate equivalent to a market participant's weighted-average cost of capital. The estimates and assumptions regarding expected cash flows and the appropriate discount rates are in part based upon existing contracts, future tanker market rates, historical experience, financial forecasts and industry trends and conditions.

Interest Expense. Interest expense was \$40.5 million for 2011 compared to \$51.1 million for 2010. The decrease in interest expense was primarily due to a decline in interest expense attributable to the Dropdown Predecessor. Vessels constructed or acquired by Teekay generally have been financed solely with interest bearing debt. In contrast, we generally finance the acquisition of these vessels from Teekay with a combination of equity and debt. As such, the overall amount of debt and interest generally will decline after our acquisition of these vessels from Teekay. Also contributing to the decrease was the Dropdown Predecessor effectively replacing during 2011 certain of its long-term debt bearing interest at a fixed rate of 8.5% with revolving credit facilities, which had an average outstanding interest rate of approximately 1%.

Realized and unrealized (loss) gain on interest rate swaps. During 2011 and 2010, we had interest rate swap agreements with aggregate average outstanding notional amounts of approximately \$415.0 million and \$351.0 million, respectively, and with average fixed rates of approximately 2.8% and 4.6%, respectively. Short term variable benchmark interest rates during these periods were generally less than 1.0% and, as such, we incurred realized losses of \$39.0 million (which includes the impact from a \$31.1 million interest rate swap settlement payment made by the Dropdown Predecessor concurrently with a reset of the fixed rate on an interest rate swap from 5.07% to 2.51% in January 2011) and \$14.9 million, respectively, during 2011 and 2010 under the interest rate swap agreements.

Long-term benchmark interest rates declined in 2011 and 2010, causing us to recognize an unrealized gain of \$11.2 million in 2011 (which includes the impact from a \$31.1 million interest rate swap settlement payment described above) and an unrealized loss of \$13.8 million in 2010. Please see Item 5 - Operating and Financial Review and Prospects: Valuation of Derivative Instruments, which explains how our derivative instruments are valued, including the significant factors and uncertainties in determining the estimated fair value and why changes in these factors result in material changes in realized and unrealized (loss) gain on derivative instruments from period to period.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity and Cash Needs

Our primary sources of liquidity are cash and cash equivalents, cash flows provided by our operations, our undrawn credit facilities, proceeds from the sale of vessels, and capital raised through financing transactions. As at December 31, 2012, our total cash and cash equivalents was \$26.3 million, compared to \$18.6 million at December 31, 2011. Our total liquidity, including cash, cash equivalents and undrawn credit facilities, was \$327.3 million as at December 31, 2012, compared to \$324.3 million as at December 31, 2011. We believe that our working capital is sufficient for our present requirements.

Our short-term liquidity requirements include the payment of operating expenses, dry-docking expenditures, debt servicing costs, dividends on our shares of common stock, scheduled repayments of long-term debt, as well as funding our other working capital requirements. Our short-term

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charters and spot market tanker operations contribute to the volatility of our net operating cash flow, and thus our ability to generate sufficient cash flows to meet our short-term liquidity needs. Historically, the tanker industry has been cyclical, experiencing volatility in profitability and asset values resulting from changes in the supply of, and demand for, vessel capacity. In addition, tanker spot markets historically have exhibited seasonal variations in-charter rates. Tanker spot markets are typically stronger in the winter months as a result of increased oil consumption in the northern hemisphere and unpredictable weather patterns that tend to disrupt vessel scheduling. Through December 31, 2012, we have distributed the majority of our cash flow to shareholders through a full payout dividend policy, subject to certain reserves determined by our Board of Directors. Our board of directors recently modified our dividend policy, and commencing in the first quarter of 2013, we now pay a fixed quarterly dividend of \$0.03 per share on our common shares, which amount will be reviewed from time to time by our board of directors.

Our long-term capital needs are primarily for capital expenditures and debt repayment. Generally, we expect that our long-term sources of funds will be cash balances, long-term bank borrowings and other debt or equity financings. We expect that we will rely upon external financing sources, including bank borrowings and the issuance of debt and equity securities, to fund acquisitions and expansion capital expenditures, including opportunities we may pursue to purchase additional vessels from Teekay or third parties.

Our revolving credit facilities and term loans are described in Note 9 Long-Term Debt to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report. Our revolving credit facilities and term loans contain covenants and other restrictions we believe are typical of debt financing collateralized by vessels, including those that restrict the relevant subsidiaries from incurring or guaranteeing additional indebtedness, making

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certain negative pledges or granting certain liens, and selling, transferring, assigning or conveying assets. In the future, some of the covenants and restrictions in our financing agreements could restrict the use of cash generated by ship-owning subsidiaries in a manner that could adversely affect our ability to pay dividends on our common stock. However, we do not currently expect that these covenants will have such an effect. Our revolving credit facilities and term loans require us to maintain financial covenants. Should we not meet these financial covenants, the lender may declare our obligations under the agreements immediately due and payable and terminate any further loan commitments, which would significantly affect our short-term liquidity requirements. As at December 31, 2012, we and Teekay were in compliance with all covenants relating to our revolving credit facilities and term loans.

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates, foreign currency fluctuations and spot market rates. We use interest rate swaps to manage interest rate risk. We do not use this financial instrument for trading or speculative purposes.

Passage of any climate control legislation or other regulatory initiatives that restrict emissions of greenhouse gases could have a significant financial and operational impact on our business, which we cannot predict with certainty at this time. Such regulatory measures could increase our costs related to operating and maintaining our 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. In addition, increased regulation of greenhouse gases may, in the long term, lead to reduced demand for oil and reduced demand for our services.

Cash Flows

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

(in thousands of U.S. dollars)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net cash flow from operating activities	27,542	24,020	58,402
Net cash flow (used in) from financing activities	(13,905)	(16,006)	48,051
Net cash flow used in investing activities	(5,862)	(4,337)	(101,996)

Operating Cash Flows

Changes in net cash flow from operating activities primarily reflect fluctuations in spot tanker rates, change in interest rates, fluctuations in working capital balances, the timing and the amount of dry-docking expenditures, repairs and maintenance activities, and vessel additions and dispositions. Our exposure to the spot tanker market has contributed significantly to historical fluctuations in operating cash flows as a result of highly cyclical spot tanker rates and more recently as a result of the reduction in global oil demand that was caused by a slow-down in global economic activity.

Net cash flow from operating activities increased to \$27.5 million in 2012, compared to \$24.0 million in 2011, primarily as a result of the following:

an increase of \$29.5 million due primarily to an interest rate swap settlement payment made by the Dropdown Predecessor that occurred concurrently with a reset of the fixed interest rate on an interest rate swap from 5.07% to 2.51% during the nine months ended 2011; and

an increase of \$22.1 million due to lower interest expense allocations relating to the Dropdown Predecessor for the year ended 2011; partially offset by:

a net decrease of \$19.0 million resulting from lower average realized TCE rates our vessels earned for the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011;

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a net decrease of \$6.4 million resulting from higher operating and other expenses incurred for the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011; and

a net decrease of \$19.0 million due to changes in non-cash working capital relating to our vessel operations; and

a net decrease of \$3.8 million due to completing four drydockings in 2012 compared to three in 2011.

Net cash flow from operating activities decreased to \$24.0 million in 2011, compared to \$58.4 million in 2010, primarily as a result of the following:

a net decrease of \$29.4 million in income from operations before depreciation, amortization, vessel impairments, net loss on sale of vessels and impairment of our goodwill (this decrease is mainly attributed to a decrease in average TCE rates earned by our spot and time-charter vessels as global tanker markets weakened in 2011 primarily due to an oversupply of vessels); and

a net decrease of \$24.2 million relating to realized losses in 2011 as compared to 2010 on our interest rate swaps, of which \$31.1 million relates to an interest rate swap settlement payment made by the Dropdown Predecessor concurrently with a reset of the fixed rate on an interest rate swap from 5.07% to 2.51% in January 2011;

partially offset by:

a net increase of \$10.6 million relating to a decrease in interest expense allocations relating to the Dropdown Predecessor in 2011; and

a net increase of \$6.1 million relating to completing two fewer drydockings in 2011 compared to 2010.

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Financing Cash Flows

Net cash outflow from financing activities decreased to \$13.9 million in 2012, compared to \$16.0 million in 2011, as a result of the following:

a net decrease of \$41.3 million in cash received from public offerings for the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the prior year. In February 2012, we issued 17.3 million shares at \$4.00 per share for net proceeds of \$65.8 million compared to net proceeds of \$107.1 million in February 2011 when we issued 9.9 million shares at \$11.33 per share;

a net decrease of \$39.5 million in cash used for financing activities resulting from the net financing activities of the Dropdown Predecessor.

partially offset by:

a net increase of \$63.8 million as a result of net borrowing, repayments, and prepayments on our credit facilities. For the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the 2011, we borrowed \$17.2 million more from our revolving credit facilities; repaid \$11.7 million more in scheduled debt repayments as a result of the new debt acquired as part of the 2012 Acquired Business that occurred in June 2012; and decreased our prepayments of long term debt by \$58.3 million; and

an increase of \$19.1 million as a result of lower dividends payments for the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the prior year;

Net cash flows from financing activities decreased to net cash outflow of \$16.0 million in 2011 compared to net cash inflow of \$48.1 million in 2010.

Excluding the Dropdown Predecessor, during 2011 we borrowed \$15.0 million on our revolving credit facilities and received \$107.1 million in net proceeds from the February 2011 offering of 9.9 million Class A common shares. These funds were primarily used to make \$118.3 million of long-term debt prepayments. In addition, the Dropdown Predecessor raised \$33.4 million of net financing proceeds during 2011. The Dropdown Predecessor used such funds primarily to make a \$31.1 million interest rate swap settlement payment concurrently with a reset of the fixed rate on an interest rate swap from 5.07% to 2.51%.

Excluding the Dropdown Predecessor, during 2010 we borrowed \$185.0 million on our revolving credit facilities and received \$202.6 million in net proceeds from offerings of our Class A common shares. We used these funds primarily to acquire five vessels from Teekay for \$244.2 million, invest \$115.6 million in term loans we made to a third party and prepay \$33.1 million of credit facilities. In addition, the Dropdown Predecessor raised \$132.5 million of funds from Teekay Corporation during 2010 and used such funds for net debt repayments.

On March 11, 2013, we paid a cash dividend of \$0.03 per common share relating to the quarter ended December 31, 2012. Previously, we have distributed the majority of our cash flow to shareholders through a full payout dividend policy, subject to certain reserves determined by our board of directors. Commencing in the first quarter of 2013, we intend to pay a fixed quarterly dividend of \$0.03 per share on our common shares, which amount will be subject to the review of our Board of Directors from time to time.

Investing Cash Flows

Net cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2012 increased by \$1.5 million compared to the same period in 2011 primarily as a result of our funding of \$3.3 million to our 50/50 joint venture to meet shipyard obligations for the construction of a VLCC newbuilding, which was partially offset by a \$1.8 million reduction in expenditures for vessel and equipment for the year ended 2012 compared to the same period in 2011.

Net cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2011 decreased by \$97.7 million compared to the same period in 2010 predominantly as a result of our investment of \$115.6 million in term loans and \$9.8 million in advances we made to our 50/50 joint venture in 2010 and we did not make similar cash expenditures in 2011. In addition, capital expenditures for our vessel and equipment were \$7.7 million lower for the year ended December 31, 2011 compared to the same period in 2010. The reduction in cash out flows for investing for the year

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ended December 31, 2011 was partially offset by not completing any vessel sales in 2011 compared to our receiving proceeds of \$35.4 million from the sale of two Aframax tankers in 2010.

Please read Note 5 *Investment in Term Loans* and Note 6 *Investment in Joint Venture* for specific details on our investment in term loans and 50/50 joint venture activities included in the notes to our consolidated financial statements attached in this Annual Report.

We have invested in term loans with a total principal amount outstanding of \$115.0 million as of December 31, 2012. We receive quarterly interest payments on the loans and the loans outstanding are due in July 2013. The term loans are collateralized by first priority mortgages on two 2010-built VLCC tankers, together with other related security. Interest income from the loans for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$11.5 million compared with \$11.3 million in prior year. The borrower on this loan is facing financial difficulty and has defaulted on its interest payment obligations under the loans since January 31, 2013. Failure of the borrower to pay interest or to repay principal under the loans would harm our results of operations and, to the extent we are unable to foreclose on the collateral, our financial condition. We estimate that the current value of our security interest in the two VLCC tankers is sufficient to cover all amounts currently owed from the borrower.

Commitments and Contingencies

The following table summarizes our long-term contractual obligations as at December 31, 2012:

(in millions of U.S. dollars)	Total	2013	2014 and 2015	2016 and 2017	Beyond 2017
U.S. Dollar-Denominated Obligations					
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	735.7	25.2	77.4	524.9	108.2
Chartered-in vessels (operating leases) ⁽²⁾	6.5	6.4	0.1		
Newbuilding installments ⁽³⁾	27.0	27.0			
Total	769.2	58.6	77.5	524.9	108.2

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- (1) Excludes all expected interest payments of \$8.8 million (2013), \$15.9 million (2014 and 2015), \$10.5 million (2016 and 2017) and \$3.1 million (beyond 2017). Expected interest payments are based on the existing interest rates for fixed-rate loans that range from 4.06% to 4.9% and existing interest rates for variable-rate loans at LIBOR plus margins that range from 0.3% to 1.0% at December 31, 2012. The expected interest payments do not reflect the effect of related interest rate swaps that we have used to hedge certain of our floating-rate debt.
- (2) Excludes payments required if we execute all options to extend the terms of one in-chartered lease. If we exercise all options to extend the terms of the in-chartered lease, we would expect total payments of \$2.2 million (remaining in 2013) and \$7.5 million (2014 and 2015).
- (3) We have a 50% interest in a joint venture that has entered into an agreement for the construction of a VLCC. As at December 31, 2012, the remaining commitments on the vessel, excluding capitalized interest and other miscellaneous construction costs, totalled \$53.9 million of which our share is \$27.0 million. Please read Note 6 Investment in Joint Venture to our consolidated financial statements.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future material effect on our financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Critical Accounting Estimates

We prepare our financial statements in accordance with GAAP, which requires us to make estimates in the application of our accounting policies based on our best assumptions, judgments and opinions. On a regular basis, management reviews the accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and judgments to ensure that our consolidated financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with GAAP. However, because future events and their effects cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could differ from our assumptions and estimates, and such differences could be material. Accounting estimates and assumptions discussed in this section are those that we consider to be the most critical to an understanding of our financial statements because they inherently involve significant judgments and uncertainties. For a further description of our material accounting policies, please read Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report.

Revenue Recognition

Description. We recognize voyage revenue using the percentage of completion method. Under such method, voyages may be calculated on either a load-to-load or discharge-to-discharge basis. This means that voyage revenues are recognized ratably either from the beginning of when product is loaded for one voyage to when it is loaded for the next voyage, or from when product is discharged (unloaded) at the end of one voyage to when it is discharged after the next voyage.

Judgments and Uncertainties. In applying the percentage of completion method, we believe that in most cases the discharge-to-discharge basis of calculating voyages more accurately reflects voyage results than the load-to-load basis. At the time of cargo discharge, we generally have information about the next load port and expected discharge port, but at the time of loading we are typically less certain what the next load port will be. We use this method of revenue recognition for all spot voyages. However we do not begin recognizing revenue for any of our vessels until a charter has been agreed to by the customer and us, even if the vessel has discharged its cargo and is sailing to the anticipated load port on its next voyage.

Effect if Actual Results Differ from Assumptions. If actual results are not consistent with our estimates in applying the percentage of completion method, our revenues could be overstated or understated for any given period by the amount of such difference.

Vessel Lives and Impairment

Description. As each vessel in our operating fleet was acquired from Teekay, these acquisitions were deemed to be business acquisitions between entities under common control. Accordingly, the carrying value of each of our vessels represents Teekay's carrying value at the date we acquired the vessel, less subsequent depreciation and impairment charges. We depreciate the original cost, less an estimated residual value, of our vessels on a straight-line basis over each vessel's estimated useful life. The carrying values of our vessels may not represent their market value at any point in time because the market prices of second-hand vessels tend to fluctuate with changes in charter rates and the cost of newbuildings. Both charter rates and newbuilding costs tend to be cyclical in nature.

We review vessels and equipment for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset, including the carrying value of the charter contract, if any, under which the vessel is employed, may not be recoverable. This occurs when the asset's carrying value is greater than the future undiscounted cash flows the asset is expected to generate over its remaining useful life. For a vessel under charter, the discounted cash flows from that vessel may exceed its market value, as market values may assume the vessel is not employed on an existing charter. If the estimated future undiscounted cash flows of an asset exceeds the asset's carrying value, no impairment is recognized even

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though the fair value of the asset may be lower than its carrying value. If the estimated future undiscounted cash flows of an asset are less than the asset's carrying value and the fair value of the asset is less than its carrying value, the asset is written down to its fair value. Fair value is calculated as the net present value of estimated future cash flows, which, in certain circumstances, will approximate the estimated market value of the vessel.

The following table presents the aggregate market values and carrying values of our vessels that we have determined have a market value that is less than their carrying value as of December 31, 2012. While the market values of these vessels are below their carrying values, no impairment has been recognized on any of these vessels as the estimated future undiscounted cash flows relating to such vessels are greater than their carrying values.

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We would consider the vessels reflected in the following table to be at a higher risk of future impairment. This table is disaggregated for vessels which have estimated future undiscounted cash flows that are marginally or significantly greater than their respective carrying values. Vessels with estimated future cash flows significantly greater than their respective carrying values would not necessarily represent vessels that would likely be impaired in the next twelve months. The recognition of an impairment in the future for those vessels may primarily depend upon our deciding to dispose of the vessel instead of continuing to operate it. In deciding whether to dispose of a vessel, we determine whether it is economically preferable to sell the vessel or continue to operate it. This assessment includes an estimation of the net proceeds expected to be received if the vessel is sold in its existing condition compared to the present value of the vessel's estimated future revenue, net of operating costs. Such estimates are based on the charter market outlook and estimated operating costs, given a vessel's type, condition and age. In addition, we typically do not dispose of a vessel that is servicing an existing customer contract. The recognition of an impairment in the future may be more likely for vessels that have estimated future undiscounted cash only marginally greater than their respective carrying values.

Aframax, Suezmax and Product Tankers

(in thousands of USD, except number of vessels)	# Vessels	Market Values ⁽¹⁾	Carrying Values
Marginally greater	5	\$ 102,000	\$ 154,447
Significantly greater	11	\$ 326,000	\$ 483,579
Total	16	\$ 428,000	\$ 638,026

(1) Market values are determined using reference to second-hand market comparables. Since vessel values can be volatile, our estimates of market value may not be indicative of either the current or future prices we could obtain if we sold any of the vessels.

Judgments and Uncertainties. Depreciation is calculated using an estimated useful life of 25 years for conventional crude oil and product tankers, commencing at the date the vessel was originally delivered from the shipyard. However, the actual life of a vessel may be different than the estimated useful life, with a shorter actual useful life resulting in an increase in quarterly depreciation and potentially resulting in an impairment loss. The estimated useful life of our vessels takes into account design life, commercial considerations and regulatory restrictions. Our estimates of future cash flows involve assumptions about future charter rates, vessel utilization, operating expenses, dry-docking expenditures, vessel residual values and the remaining estimated life of our vessels. Our estimated charter rates are based on rates under existing vessel contracts and market rates at which we expect we can re-charter our vessels. Our estimates of vessel utilization, including estimated off-hire time, are based on historical experience and our projections of the number of future conventional tanker voyages. Our estimates of operating expenses and dry-docking expenditures are based on historical operating and dry-docking costs and our expectations of future inflation and operating requirements. Vessel residual values are a product of a vessel's lightweight tonnage and an estimated scrap rate. The remaining estimated lives of our vessels used in our estimates of future cash flows are consistent with those used in the calculations of depreciation.

In our experience, certain assumptions relating to our estimates of future cash flows are more predictable by their nature, including estimated revenue under existing contract terms, on-going operating costs and remaining vessel life. Certain assumptions relating to our estimates of future cash flows require more discretion and are inherently less predictable, such as future charter rates beyond the firm period of existing contracts and vessel residual values, due to factors such as the volatility in vessel charter rates and vessel values. We believe that the assumptions used to estimate future cash flows of our vessels are reasonable at the time they are made. We can make no assurances, however, as to whether our estimates of future cash flows, particularly future vessel charter rates or vessel values, will be accurate.

Effect if Actual Results Differ from Assumptions. If we conclude that a vessel or equipment is impaired, we recognize a loss in an amount equal to the excess of the carrying value of the asset over its fair value at the date of impairment. The written-down amount becomes the new lower cost basis and will result in a lower annual depreciation expense than for periods before the vessel impairment.

Dry docking

Description. We capitalize a substantial portion of the costs we incur during dry docking and amortize those costs on a straight-line basis from the completion of a dry docking to the estimated completion of the next dry docking. We immediately expense costs for routine repairs and maintenance performed during dry docking that do not improve or extend the useful lives of the assets.

Judgments and Uncertainties. Amortization of capitalized dry-docking expenditure requires us to estimate the period of the next dry docking. While we typically dry dock each vessel every 2.5 to 5 years, we may dry dock the vessels at an earlier date. The actual life of a vessel may be

different, with a shorter life resulting in an increase in the quarterly depreciation and potentially resulting in an impairment loss. The estimates and assumptions regarding expected cash flows require considerable judgment and are based upon existing contracts, historical experience, financial forecasts and industry trends and conditions. We are not aware of any indicators of impairments nor any regulatory changes or environmental liabilities that we anticipate will have a material impact on our current or future operations.

Effect if Actual Results Differ from Assumptions. If we change our estimate of the next dry dock date we will adjust our annual amortization of dry-docking expenditures. If we consider a vessel or equipment to be impaired, we recognize a loss in an amount equal to the excess of the carrying value of the asset over its fair market value. The new lower cost basis will result in a lower annual depreciation expense than before the vessel impairment.

Valuation of Derivative Instruments

Description. Our risk management policies permit the use of derivative financial instruments to manage interest rate risk. Changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments that are not designated as cash flow hedges for accounting purposes are recognized in earnings in the consolidated statement of (loss) income.

Judgments and Uncertainties. The fair value of our derivative instruments and the change in fair value of our derivative instruments from period to period result from our use of interest rate swap agreements. The fair value of our derivative instruments is the estimated amount that we would receive or pay to terminate the agreements in an arm's length transaction under normal business conditions at the reporting date, taking into account current interest rates and the current credit worthiness of ourselves and the swap counterparties. The estimated amount for interest rate

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swap agreements is the present value of estimated future cash flows, being equal to the difference between the benchmark interest rate and the fixed rate in the interest rate swap agreement, multiplied by the notional principal amount of the interest rate swap agreement at each interest reset date.

The fair value of our interest rate swap agreements at the end of each period is most significantly impacted by the interest rate implied by the benchmark interest rate yield curve, including its relative steepness. Interest rates have experienced significant volatility in recent years in both the short and long term. While the fair value of our interest rate swap agreements is typically more sensitive to changes in short-term rates, significant changes in the long-term benchmark interest rate also materially impact our interest rate swap agreements.

The fair value of our interest rate swap agreements is also impacted by changes in our specific credit risk included in the discount factor. We discount our interest rate swap agreements with reference to the credit default swap spreads of global industrial companies with a similar credit rating and by considering any underlying collateral. The process of determining credit worthiness requires significant judgment in determining which source of credit risk information most closely matches our risk profile.

The benchmark interest rate yield curve and our specific credit risk are expected to vary over the life of the interest rate swap agreements. The larger the notional amount of the interest rate swap agreements outstanding and the longer the remaining duration of the interest rate swap agreements, the larger the impact of any variability in these factors will be on the fair value of our interest rate swaps. We economically hedge the interest rate exposure on a significant amount of our long-term debt and for long durations. As such, we have historically experienced, and we expect to continue to experience, material variations in the period-to-period fair value of our derivative instruments.

Effect if Actual Results Differ from Assumptions. Although we measure the fair value of our derivative instruments utilizing the inputs and assumptions described above, if we were to terminate the agreements at the reporting date, the amount we would pay or receive to terminate the derivative instruments may differ from our estimate of fair value. If the estimated fair value differs from the actual termination amount, an adjustment to the carrying amount of the applicable derivative asset or liability would be recognized in earnings for the current period. Such adjustments could be material. See Item 18 Financial Statements: Note 10 *Derivative Instruments* for the effects on the change in fair value of our derivative instruments on our consolidated statements of loss.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2012, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (or *FASB*) issued amendments to FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, which clarify or change the application of existing fair value measurements, including that the highest and best use and valuation premise in a fair value measurement are relevant only when measuring the fair value of nonfinancial assets; that a reporting entity should measure the fair value of its own equity instrument from the perspective of a market participant that holds that instrument as an asset; to permit an entity to measure the fair value of certain financial instruments on a net basis rather than based on its gross exposure when the reporting entity manages its financial instruments on the basis of such net exposure; that in the absence of a Level 1 input, a reporting entity should apply premiums and discounts when market participants would do so when pricing the asset or liability consistent with the unit of account; and that premiums and discounts related to size as a characteristic of the reporting entity's holding are not permitted in a fair value measurement. The adoption of this amendment did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees

Our board of directors and executive officers oversee and supervise our operations. Subject to this oversight and supervision, our operations are managed generally by our Manager. We have entered into:

- (a) the long-term Management Agreement pursuant to which our Manager and its affiliates provide to us commercial, technical, administrative and strategic services;
- (b) a pool agreement with Gemini Suezmax Tankers, which commercially manages the Gemini Suezmax Pool by providing chartering and marketing services for all participating tankers;

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- (c) a revenue sharing agreement with Teekay Corporation and Teekay Chartering Limited, a subsidiary of Teekay Corporation, pursuant to which Teekay Chartering Limited commercially manages the Teekay Aframax Pool by providing chartering and marketing services for all participating tankers; and

- (d) a pool agreement with Taurus Tankers Ltd, which commercially manages the Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool by providing chartering and marketing services for all participating tankers.

Please read Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions Related Party Transactions for descriptions of these agreements.

Our Chief Executive Officer, Bruce Chan, and our Chief Financial Officer, Vincent Lok, allocate their time between managing our business and affairs directly as such officers, and indirectly as officers of our Manager, and the business and affairs of Teekay Corporation, for which they also serve as the President of Teekay Tanker Services division, and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, respectively. The amount of time Messrs. Chan and Lok allocate among our business and the businesses of Teekay Corporation, our Manager and other subsidiaries of Teekay Corporation varies from time to time depending on various circumstances and needs of the businesses, such as the relative levels of strategic activities of the businesses.

Our officers and individuals providing services to us or our subsidiaries may face a conflict regarding the allocation of their time between our business and the other business interests of Teekay Corporation or its affiliates. We intend to seek to cause our officers to devote as much time to the management of our business and affairs as is necessary for the proper conduct thereof.

Table of Contents**Directors and Executive Officers of Teekay Tankers Ltd.**

The following table provides information about the directors and executive officers of Teekay Tankers Ltd. Directors are elected for one-year terms. The business address of each of our directors and officers listed below is c/o 4th Floor, Belvedere Building, 69 Pitts Bay Road, Hamilton, HM 08 Bermuda. Ages of the directors and executive officers are as of December 31, 2012.

Name	Age	Position
C. Sean Day	63	Chairman of the Board of Directors ⁽¹⁾
Bruce Chan	40	Chief Executive Officer
Vincent Lok	44	Chief Financial Officer
Richard J.F. Bronks	47	Director ⁽²⁾
Peter Evensen	54	Director
William Lawes	69	Director ⁽²⁾
Bjorn Moller	55	Director
Richard T. du Moulin	66	Director ⁽²⁾

(1) Member of Nominating and Governance Committee.

(2) Member of Audit Committee, Conflicts Committee, and Nominating and Governance Committee.

Certain biographical information about each of these individuals is set forth below.

C. Sean Day has served as Chairman of the Board of Teekay Tankers Ltd. since it was formed in October 2007. He also serves as Chairman of our Manager. Mr. Day has served as Chairman of the Board for Teekay Corporation since September 1999. He also serves as Chairman of Teekay GP L.L.C. (the general partner of Teekay LNG Partners L.P., a publicly held partnership controlled by Teekay Corporation) and Teekay Offshore GP L.L.C. (the general partner of Teekay Offshore Partners L.P., a publicly held partnership controlled by Teekay Corporation). From 1989 to 1999, Mr. Day was President and Chief Executive Officer of Navios Corporation, a large bulk shipping company based in Stamford, Connecticut. Prior to that, Mr. Day held a number of senior management positions in the shipping and finance industry. He is currently serving as a Director of Kirby Corporation, and as Chairman of Compass Diversified Holdings. Mr. Day is engaged as a consultant to Kattegat Limited, the parent company of Teekay Corporation's largest shareholder, to oversee its investments, including that in the Teekay group of companies.

Bruce Chan became Chief Executive Officer of Teekay Tankers Ltd. on April 1, 2011, having joined Teekay in 1995 and been appointed to his most recent role as President, Teekay Tanker Services (TTS) in April 2008. As Chief Executive Officer of Teekay Tankers Ltd. and President of TTS, Mr. Chan leads a global network of commercial offices in Asia, Europe and North America, with the responsibility of marketing Teekay's fleet of conventional tankers. Prior to his most recent appointments, Mr. Chan was already a member of Teekay Corporation's Senior Leadership Team, serving as Executive Vice President of Corporate Resources, responsible for Human Resources, Corporate Communications & Marketing, Corporate Services, and Information Technology. Since joining the company in 1995, he has held senior roles in Teekay's Finance and Strategic Development groups, including managing several of the company's strategic acquisitions. He has also previously served as Director, Strategic Development in TTS. Prior to joining Teekay, he was a Chartered Accountant with Ernst & Young. Mr. Chan also holds a MBA and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Vincent Lok has served as Chief Financial Officer of Teekay Tankers Ltd. since October 2007. Mr. Lok has served as Teekay Corporation's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since July 2007. He has held a number of finance and accounting positions with Teekay Corporation, including Controller from 1997 until his promotions to the positions of Vice President, Finance in March 2002 and Senior Vice President and Treasurer in February 2004. He was subsequently appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in November 2006. Mr. Lok also serves as the Chief Financial Officer of our Manager. Prior to joining Teekay Corporation, Mr. Lok worked in the Vancouver, Canada, audit practice of Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Richard J.F. Bronks joined the Board of Directors of Teekay Tankers Ltd. in January 2008. Mr. Bronks retired from Goldman Sachs in 2007, where he held a number of positions during his career. From 2004 until March 2007, Mr. Bronks was responsible for building Goldman Sachs

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equity, bond and loan financing business in emerging markets, including Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, the Former Soviet Union, the Middle East, Turkey and Africa. From 1999 to 2004, Mr. Bronks served as a co-head of Goldman's global commodity business, engaged in the trading of commodities and commodity derivatives, and the shipping and storage of physical commodities. From 1993 to 1999, Mr. Bronks served as a member of Goldman's oil derivatives business in London and New York. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Mr. Bronks was employed by BP Oil International, in both its oil derivatives business and its crude oil trading business.

Peter Evensen was appointed Executive Vice President and a Director of Teekay Tankers Ltd. in October 2007. On March 31, 2011 he resigned from the position of Executive Vice President of Teekay Tankers Ltd. but remains a Director of the company. On April 1, 2011, Mr. Evensen became President and Chief Executive Officer of Teekay Corporation and also became a member of its Board of Directors. He also serves as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Teekay GP L.L.C. and Teekay Offshore GP L.L.C. He joined Teekay Corporation in May 2003 as Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer. He was appointed Executive Vice President of Teekay Corporation in 2006. Mr. Evensen has over 25 years of experience in banking and shipping finance. Prior to joining Teekay Corporation, Mr. Evensen was Managing Director and Head of Global Shipping at J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., and worked in other senior positions for its predecessor firms. His international industry experience includes positions in New York, London and Oslo.

William Lawes joined the Board of Directors of Teekay Tankers Ltd. in January 2008. Mr. Lawes served as a Managing Director and a member of the Europe, Africa and Middle East Regional Senior Management Board of JPMorgan Chase and its predecessor banks based in London from 1987

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until 2002. His functional responsibility was Chief Credit and Counterparty Risk Officer for the region. Prior to joining JPMorgan Chase, he was Global Head of Shipping Finance at Grindlays Bank. Mr. Lawes is qualified as a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. Since March 2005, Mr. Lawes has served as a Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Diana Shipping Inc., a global provider of shipping transportation services. Prior to his retirement in 2010, Mr. Lawes was a trustee and Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee of Care International U.K., a global humanitarian charity for 12 years.

Bjorn Moller served as Teekay Tankers Chief Executive Officer from October 2007 until March 31, 2011. He continues to serve as a Director of Teekay Tankers Ltd. Mr. Moller also served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Teekay Corporation from April 1998 until March 31, 2011, and continues to serve as a Director of Teekay Corporation. Mr. Moller has over 25 years of experience in the shipping industry, and has served as Chairman of the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation since 2006. He held senior management positions with Teekay Corporation for more than 15 years, and led Teekay's overall operations from January 1997, following his promotion to the position of Chief Operating Officer. Prior to that, Mr. Moller headed Teekay Corporation's global chartering operations and business development activities.

Richard T. du Moulin joined the Board of Directors of Teekay Tankers in December 2007. Mr. du Moulin is currently the President of Intrepid Shipping LLC, a position he has held since he founded Intrepid Shipping in 2002. From 1998 to 2002, Mr. du Moulin served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Marine Transport Corporation. Mr. du Moulin is a member of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Seamens Church Institute of New York and New Jersey. Mr. du Moulin currently serves as a Director of Tidewater Inc. and is on the board of Globe Wireless LLC. Mr. du Moulin served as Chairman of Intertanko, the leading trade organization for the tanker industry, from 1996 to 1999.

Directors and Executive Officers of Our Manager

The following table provides information about the directors and executive officers of our Manager. As noted above, our Manager and certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries provide to us commercial, technical, administrative and strategic services pursuant to the Management Agreement. Our Manager was formed, and its directors and executive officers were appointed, in October 2007. Ages of these individuals are as of December 31, 2012.

Name	Age	Position
C. Sean Day	63	Chairman of the Board of Directors
Bruce Chan	40	Chief Executive Officer and Director effective April 1, 2011
Vincent Lok	44	Chief Financial Officer
Peter Evensen	54	Director

As noted above, the directors and executive officers of our Manager also serve as directors or executive officers of us. The business experience of these individuals is described above.

Compensation of Directors and Senior Management

Executive Compensation

Our executive officers are employees of Teekay Corporation or other subsidiaries thereof, and their compensation (other than any awards under our long-term incentive plan described below) is set and paid by Teekay Corporation or such other subsidiaries, and we reimburse Teekay Corporation for time spent by our executive officers on our management matters. This reimbursement is a component of the management fee we pay our Manager, pursuant to the Management Agreement we have with our Manager. The aggregate amount of such reimbursement for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$1.1 million (2011: \$0.7 million; and 2010: \$0.2 million).

Compensation of Directors

Officers of us or Teekay Corporation who serve as our directors do not receive additional compensation for their service as directors. Each of our non-management directors receives compensation for attending meetings of the board of directors, as well as committee meetings. Non-employee directors (excluding the chairman of the board of directors) receive an annual cash fee of \$50,000 and an annual award of fully-vested shares of Class A common stock with a value of approximately \$70,000. The chairman of the board of directors receives an annual cash fee of \$82,500 and an annual award of fully-vested shares of Class A common stock with a value of approximately \$82,500. In addition, members of the Audit Committee each receive a committee cash fee of \$7,500 per year, and the chair of the Audit Committee receives a fee of

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\$12,500 for serving in that role. Members of the Conflicts Committee each receive a committee fee of \$7,500 per year, and the chair of the Conflicts Committee receives a fee of \$12,500 for serving in that role. The chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee receives a fee of \$5,000 for serving in that role. In addition, each director is reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses in connection with attending meetings of the board of directors and committees. Each director is fully indemnified by us for actions associated with being a director to the extent permitted under Marshall Islands law.

During 2012, our five non-employee directors received an aggregate of \$342,500 in cash fees for their services as directors (2011: \$313,333; 2010: \$245,000). In addition, during 2012, we awarded an aggregate of 82,573 (2011: 30,596; and 2010: 19,371) Class A common shares to non-employee directors.

Long-Term Incentive Program

We have adopted the Teekay Tankers Ltd. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan in which our and our affiliates' employees, directors and consultants are eligible to participate. The plan provides for the award of restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock options, stock appreciation rights and other stock or cash-based awards. To date, we have satisfied all awards under the plan through open market purchases and deliveries to the grantees, rather than issuing shares from authorized capital. During 2012, 82,573 shares were awarded to non-employee directors under the plan. As at December 31, 2012, we had 1,000,000 shares of our Class A common stock reserved for delivery pursuant to awards granted under the plan.

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Board Practices

Our board of directors (or the *Board*) currently consists of six members. Directors are appointed to serve until their successors are appointed or until they resign or are removed.

There are no service contracts between us and any of our directors providing for benefits upon termination of their employment or service.

The Board has determined that each of the current members of the Board, other than C. Sean Day, our Chairman, Peter Evensen, our former Executive Vice President, and Bjorn Moller, a Director and our former Chief Executive Officer, has no material relationship with Teekay Tankers (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with Teekay Tankers), and is independent within the meaning of our director independence standards, which reflect the New York Stock Exchange (or *NYSE*) director independence standards as currently in effect and as they may be changed from time to time.

NYSE does not require a company like ours, which is a foreign private issuer and of which more than 50% of the voting power is held by another company, to have a majority of independent directors on the board of directors or to establish compensation or nominating/corporate governance committees composed of independent directors.

The Board has adopted our Corporate Governance Guidelines that address, among other things, director qualification standards, director functions and responsibilities, director access to management, director compensation and management succession. This document is available under the *About Us Corporate Governance* section of our website (www.teekaytankers.com).

The Board has the following three committees: Audit Committee, Conflicts Committee, and Nominating and Governance Committee. The membership of these committees as of December 31, 2012 and the function of each of the committees are described below. Each of the committees, other than the Nominating and Governance Committee, is currently comprised of independent members and operates under a written charter adopted by the Board. All of the committee charters are available under *Other Information Corporate Governance* in the Investor Centre of our Web site at www.teekaytankers.com. During 2012, the Board held six meetings and all directors were in attendance. Committee members attended all meetings except for three committee meetings where two committee members were absent and three committee meetings where one committee member was absent.

Our Audit Committee is composed entirely of directors who satisfy applicable NYSE and SEC audit committee independence standards. Our Audit Committee is comprised of William Lawes (Chair), Richard J.F. Bronks and Richard du Moulin. All members of the committee are financially literate and the Board has determined that Mr. Lawes qualifies as an audit committee financial expert.

The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities for general oversight of:

the integrity of our financial statements;

our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;

the independent auditors' qualifications and independence; and

the performance of our internal audit function and independent auditors.

Our Conflicts Committee is composed entirely of directors who satisfy the heightened NYSE and SEC independence standards applicable to audit committee membership. The Conflicts Committee is comprised of Richard du Moulin (Chair), Richard J.F. Bronks and William Lawes. The Conflicts Committee reviews matters that the Board refers to the committee for consideration and which constitute (a) matters the Board believes may involve conflicts of interest between (i) us and (ii) our controlling stockholder Teekay Corporation or its affiliates (other than us) or (b) material related-party transactions, including transactions between us and our or Teekay Corporation's officers or directors or their affiliates. The Board is not obligated to seek approval of the Conflicts Committee on any matter, and may determine the resolution of any conflict of interest itself.

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Our Nominating and Governance Committee is comprised of Richard J.F. Bronks (Chair), Richard du Moulin, William Lawes and C. Sean Day.

The Nominating and Governance Committee:

identifies individuals qualified to become Board members;

selects and recommends to the Board director and committee member candidates;

maintain oversight of the operation and effectiveness of the Board of Directors and the corporate governance of the Company;

develops, updates and recommends to the Board corporate governance principles and policies applicable to us, monitors compliance with these principles and policies and recommends to the Board appropriate changes; and

monitors compliance with such principles and policies;

discharges responsibilities of the Board relating to the Board's compensation; and

oversees the evaluation of the Board and its committees.

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Crewing and Staff

Our Manager provides us with all of our staff other than our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Our executive officers have the authority to hire additional staff as they deem necessary.

As of December 31, 2012, approximately 900 seagoing staff served on our vessels. The majority of our subsidiaries employ seagoing staff directly and certain subsidiaries of Teekay Corporation employ the crews for one of our vessels. These crews serve on the vessels pursuant to service agreements between our Manager, acting on our behalf, and those subsidiaries.

Teekay Corporation and its affiliates regard attracting and retaining motivated seagoing personnel as a top priority. Teekay Corporation has entered into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Philippine Seafarers Union, an affiliate of the International Transport Workers Federation (or *ITF*), and a Special Agreement with ITF London, which covers substantially all of the officers and seamen that operate our vessels. We believe that Teekay Corporation's relationships with these labor unions are good.

We believe that Teekay Corporation's commitment to training is fundamental to the development of the highest caliber of seafarers for marine operations. Teekay Corporation's cadet training approach is designed to balance academic learning with hands-on training at sea. Teekay Corporation has relationships with training institutions in Australia, Canada, Croatia, India, Latvia, Norway, the Philippines, South Africa and the United Kingdom. After receiving formal instruction at one of these institutions, a cadet's training continues onboard vessels. Teekay Corporation also has a career development plan that was devised to ensure a continuous flow of qualified officers who are trained on its vessels and familiarized with its operational standards, systems and policies. We believe that high-quality crewing and training policies will play an increasingly important role in distinguishing larger independent shipping companies that have in-house or affiliate capabilities from smaller companies that must rely on outside ship managers and crewing agents on the basis of customer service and safety.

Share Ownership

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership, as of December 31, 2012, of our Class A common stock by our directors and executive officers as a group. None of these persons beneficially owns any of our Class B common stock. The information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under SEC rules a person or entity beneficially owns any shares that the person or entity (a) has or shares voting or investment power or (b) has the right to acquire as of March 1, 2013 (60 days after December 31, 2012) through the exercise of any stock option or other right. Unless otherwise indicated, each person has sole voting and investment power (or shares such powers with his or her spouse) with respect to the shares set forth in the following table. Information for all persons listed below is based on information delivered to us.

Identity of Person or Group	Class A Common Stock	Percent of Class A Common Stock Owned	Percent of Total Class A and Class B Common Stock Owned ⁽¹⁾
All directors and executive officers as a group (8 persons) ⁽¹⁾	388,470	0.6%	0.5%

- (1) Excludes shares of Class A and Class B common stock beneficially owned by Teekay Corporation. Please read Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions for more detail.

Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions

A. Major Shareholders

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership, as of March 1, 2013, of our Class A and Class B common stock by each entity or group we know to beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of our Class A common stock or our Class B common stock. Information for certain holders is based on their latest filings with the SEC or information delivered to us. The number of shares beneficially owned by each entity or group is determined under SEC rules and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under SEC rules a person or entity beneficially owns any shares as to which the person or entity has or shares

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voting or investment power. In addition, an entity or group beneficially owns any shares that the entity or group has the right to acquire as of June 8, 2013 (60 days after April 9, 2013) through the exercise of any stock option or other right. Unless otherwise indicated, each entity or group listed below has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares set forth in the following table.

Identity of Person or Group	Percent of Class A		Class B Common Stock	Percent of Class B Common Stock Owned	Percent of Total Class A and Class B Common Stock Owned
	Class A Common Stock	Common Stock Owned			
Teekay Corporation ⁽¹⁾	8,476,530	11.9%	12,500,000	100.0%	25.1%
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Values Fund, Inc., as a group ⁽²⁾	6,684,250	9.4%		0.0%	8.0%

- (1) The voting power represented by shares beneficially owned by Teekay Corporation is 6.3% for Class A common stock, 46.9% for Class B common stock and 53.1% for total Class A and Class B common stock.
- (2) According to the Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2013, T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. has sole voting power as to 1,748,350 of the shares, T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Value Fund, Inc. has sole voting power as to 4,920,000 of the shares, and T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. has sole dispositive power as to all of the shares. The voting power represented by shares beneficially owned by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. and T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Value Fund, Inc., as a group, is 9.4% for Class A common stock and 8.0% for total Class A and Class B common stock.

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Our Class B common stock entitles the holder thereof to five votes per share, subject to a 49% aggregate Class B common stock voting power maximum, while our Class A common stock entitles the holder thereof to one vote per share. Except as otherwise provided by the Marshall Islands Business Corporations Act, holders of shares of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors. Teekay Corporation currently controls all of our outstanding Class B common stock and 8,476,530 shares of our Class A common stock. Because of our dual-class structure, Teekay Corporation may continue to control all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval even if it and its affiliates come to own significantly less than 50% of our outstanding shares of capital stock. Shares of our Class B common stock will convert into shares of our Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis upon certain transfers thereof or if the aggregate number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock beneficially owned by Teekay Corporation and its affiliates falls below 15% of the aggregate number of outstanding shares of our common stock.

We are controlled by Teekay Corporation. We are not aware of any arrangements, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of us.

B. Related Party Transactions

a) Relationship with Teekay Corporation Control

Through its ownership of our capital stock, Teekay Corporation controls us. Please read [Major Shareholders](#) above.

Business Opportunities

Under a contribution, conveyance and assumption agreement entered into in connection with our initial public offering in December 2007, Teekay Corporation and we agreed that Teekay Corporation and its other affiliates may pursue any Business Opportunity (as defined below) of which it, they or we become aware. Business Opportunities may include, among other things, opportunities to charter-out, charter-in or acquire oil tankers or to acquire tanker businesses.

Pursuant to the contribution, conveyance and assumption agreement, we agreed that:

Teekay Corporation and its other affiliates may engage (and will have no duty to refrain from engaging) in the same or similar activities or lines of business as us, and that we will not be deemed to have an interest or expectancy in any business opportunity, transaction or other matter (each a Business Opportunity) in which Teekay Corporation or any of its other affiliates engages or seeks to engage merely because we engage in the same or similar activities or lines of business as that related to such Business Opportunity;

if Teekay Corporation or any of its other affiliates (whether through our Manager, any of Teekay Corporation's or any of its other affiliate's officers or directors who are also officers or directors of us, or otherwise) acquires knowledge of a potential Business Opportunity that may be deemed to constitute a corporate opportunity of both Teekay Corporation and us, then (i) neither Teekay Corporation, our Manager nor any of such officers or directors will have any duty to communicate or offer such Business Opportunity to us and (ii) Teekay Corporation may pursue or acquire such Business Opportunity for itself or direct such Business Opportunity to another person or entity; and

any Business Opportunity of which our Manager or any person who is an officer or director of Teekay Corporation (or any of its other affiliates) and of us becomes aware shall be a Business Opportunity of Teekay Corporation.

If Teekay Corporation or its other affiliates no longer beneficially own shares representing at least 20% of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock, and no person who is an officer or director of us is also an officer or director of Teekay Corporation or its other affiliates, then the business opportunity provisions of the contribution, conveyance and assumption agreement will terminate.

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Our articles of incorporation also renounce in favor of Teekay Corporation business opportunities that may be attractive to both Teekay Corporation and us. This provision likewise effectively limits the fiduciary duties we or our stockholders otherwise may be owed regarding these business opportunities by our directors and officers who also serve as directors or officers of Teekay Corporation or its other affiliates.

Non-competition Agreement

In connection with our acquisition from Teekay Corporation of 13 vessels in June 2012 as part of the 2012 Acquired Business transaction, we entered into a non-competition agreement with Teekay Corporation. The following discussion describes certain provisions of the agreement.

Non-competition. Under the non-competition agreement, Teekay Corporation has agreed that neither it nor any of its controlled affiliates other than us will own, operate or conventional oil or product tankers until June 15, 2015. However, this restriction does not prevent Teekay Corporation or any of its controlled affiliates from, among other things:

- (a) owning, operating or chartering any conventional oil or product tankers that Teekay Corporation and its controlled subsidiaries owned or chartered-in as of June 15, 2012 (or any replacement tankers upon any actual or constructive loss of such vessels);
- (b) providing ship management services relating to conventional oil or product tankers; or
- (c) acquiring up to a 9.9 percent interest in any publicly traded company that owns, operates or charters conventional oil or product tankers; acquiring up to a 50 percent interest in any company that engages no more than the lesser of 20 percent of its assets or \$100 million in the business of owning, operating or chartering conventional oil or product tankers; or owning any interests in us, Teekay Offshore Partners L.P. or Teekay LNG Partners L.P.

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Right of First Refusal. The non-competition agreement also provides us with a right of first refusal to acquire existing or newbuilding conventional and product tankers pursuant to opportunities Teekay Corporation develops prior to June 15, 2015. The non-competition agreement generally provides that Teekay Corporation must offer us such acquisition opportunities at their fair market value, for existing tankers, or the fully built-up cost, for newbuildings, and the price may include an allocation of design and development costs for any newbuildings constructed using an energy efficient design developed by Teekay Corporation.

Please see Item 8 Financial Information Material Contracts below.

b) Teekay Tankers Executive Officers and Certain of its Directors

C. Sean Day, the Chairman of our board of directors, is also the Chairman of Teekay Corporation, Teekay Offshore GP L.L.C. (the general partner of Teekay Offshore Partners L.P., a publicly held partnership controlled by Teekay Corporation), Teekay GP L.L.C. (the general partner of Teekay LNG Partners L.P., a publicly held partnership controlled by Teekay Corporation) and our Manager, which is a subsidiary of Teekay Corporation and that provides to us pursuant to the Management Agreement substantially all services necessary to support our business. Please read Management Agreement below.

Bjorn Moller, our former Chief Executive Officer and one of our Directors, is also a director of Teekay Corporation and was the Chief Executive Officer of Teekay Corporation until his retirement on March 31, 2011. He was also a director of each of Teekay Offshore GP L.L.C. and Teekay GP L.L.C. until March 31, 2011.

Bruce Chan, our Chief Executive Officer, is also the President of Teekay Tanker Services, the Strategic Business Unit of Teekay that manages the conventional crude oil and product tanker fleets within the Teekay Group.

Vincent Lok, our Chief Financial Officer, is also the Chief Financial Officer of our Manager and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Teekay Corporation.

Peter Evensen, our former Executive Vice President and one of our Directors, is also the Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Teekay Corporation. He is also the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and a director of each of Teekay Offshore GP L.L.C. and Teekay GP L.L.C. He is also a director of our Manager.

Because our executive officers are employees of Teekay Corporation or other of its subsidiaries, their compensation (other than any awards under our long-term incentive plan) is set and paid by Teekay Corporation or such other applicable subsidiaries. Pursuant to an agreement with Teekay Corporation, we have agreed to reimburse Teekay Corporation or its applicable subsidiaries for time spent by our executive officers on our management matters.

c) Registration Rights Agreement

In connection with our initial public offering, we entered into a registration rights agreement with Teekay Corporation pursuant to which we granted Teekay Corporation and its affiliates certain registration rights with respect to shares of our Class A and Class B common stock owned by them. Pursuant to the agreement, Teekay Corporation has the right, subject to certain terms and conditions, to require us, on up to three separate occasions, to register under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 shares of Class A common stock, including Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of Class B common stock, held by Teekay Corporation and its affiliates for offer and sale to the public (including by way of underwritten public offering) and incidental or piggyback rights permitting participation in certain registrations of our common stock.

d) Management Agreement

In connection with our initial public offering in December 2007, we entered into the long-term Management Agreement with our Manager, Teekay Tankers Management Services Ltd., a subsidiary of Teekay Corporation. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Manager provides the following types of services to us: commercial (primarily vessel chartering), technical (primarily vessel maintenance and crewing), administrative (primarily accounting, legal and financial) and strategic (primarily advising on acquisitions, strategic planning and general management of the business).

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Our Manager has agreed to use its best efforts to provide these services upon our request in a commercially reasonable manner and may provide these services directly to us or subcontract for certain of these services with other entities, primarily other Teekay Corporation subsidiaries. Under the Management Agreement, our Manager remains responsible for any subcontracted services. We will indemnify our Manager for any losses it incurs in connection with providing services to us, excluding losses caused by the recklessness, gross negligence or willful misconduct of our Manager or its employees or agents, for which losses our Manager will indemnify us.

Compensation of the Manager

Management Fee. In return for services under the Management Agreement, we pay our Manager a management fee based on the following components:

Commercial services fee. We pay a fee to our Manager for commercial services it provides to us currently equal to 1.25% of the gross revenue attributable to the vessels, on time charter, our Manager commercially manages for us (excluding vessels participating in the Gemini Suezmax Pool, Teekay Aframax Pool or the Taurus Tankers LR2Pool). We paid commercial service fees of \$3.6 million for 2012, and \$2.7 million for 2011.

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Technical services fee. We pay a fee to our Manager for technical services fees, and we paid technical services fees of \$4.4 million for 2012, and \$3.1 million for 2011.

Administrative and strategic services fees. We pay fees to our Manager for administrative and strategic services that reimburse our Manager for its related direct and indirect expenses in providing such services and which includes a profit margin. The amount of the profit margin is based on the most recent transfer pricing study performed by an independent, nationally recognized accounting firm with respect to similar administrative and strategic services. The transfer pricing study is updated at least annually. We paid administrative and strategic services fees of \$5.5 million for 2012, and \$3.4 million for 2011.

Performance Fee. In order to provide our Manager with an incentive to improve the results of our operations and financial condition, the Management Agreement also provides for payment to our Manager of a performance fee in certain circumstances, in addition to the basic fees described above. Our Manager generally is entitled to payment of a performance fee equal to 20% of the Gross Cash Available for Distribution for a given fiscal year exceeds \$3.20 per share of our common stock (subject to adjustment for stock dividends, splits, combinations and similar events, and based on the weighted-average number of shares outstanding for the year) (or the *Incentive Threshold*).

Since January 1, 2008, we have maintained an internal account (or the *Cumulative Dividend Account*) that reflects, on an aggregate basis, the amount by which our dividends for a fiscal year are greater or less than the \$2.65 per share annual incentive baseline (subject to adjustments for stock dividends, splits, combinations and similar events, and based on the weighted-average number of shares outstanding for the fiscal year). The Cumulative Dividend Account is intended to ensure that our stockholders receive an equivalent of at least \$2.65 per share in annualized dividends before any performance fee is paid. If Gross Cash Available for Distribution per share exceeds the Incentive Threshold in respect of a particular fiscal year, we will only pay our Manager a performance fee if the Cumulative Dividend Account is zero or positive; if there is a deficit in the Cumulative Dividend Account, the performance fee may be reduced. Following the end of each five-year period, commencing January 1, 2013, the Cumulative Dividend Account balance will be reset to zero. We paid no performance fees to our Manager in 2012, 2011 or 2010.

Term and Termination Rights. Subject to certain termination rights, the initial term of the Management Agreement will expire on December 31, 2022. If not terminated, the Management Agreement will automatically renew for a five-year period and thereafter be extended in additional five-year increments if we do not provide notice of termination in the fourth quarter of the year immediately preceding the end of the respective term.

We may terminate the Management Agreement in certain circumstances, including, among others, if:

our Manager materially breaches the Management Agreement (and the matter is unresolved after a 90-day dispute resolution period) or experiences certain bankruptcy events or experiences a change of control to which we do no consent;

we provide notice in the fourth quarter of 2016 after two-thirds of our board of directors elects to terminate the Management Agreement, which termination would be effective on December 31, 2017; or

we provide notice in the fourth quarter of 2021, which termination would be effective on December 31, 2022. If the Management Agreement extends pursuant to its terms as described above, we can elect to exercise this optional termination right in the fourth quarter of the year immediately preceding the end of the respective term.

If we elect to terminate the Management Agreement under either of the last two bullet points described above, our Manager will receive a payment (the *Termination Payment*) in an amount equal to the aggregate performance fees payable for the immediately preceding five fiscal years. Any Termination Payment will be paid to our Manager in four quarterly installments over the course of the fiscal year following termination.

Our Manager may terminate the Management Agreement prior to the end of its term under either of the following two circumstances:

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after December 18, 2012 with 12 months notice. At our option, our Manager will continue to provide technical services to us for up to an additional two-year period from termination, provided that our Manager or its affiliates continue in the business of providing such services to third parties for similar types of vessels; or

if we materially breach the agreement and the matter is unresolved after a 90-day dispute resolution period.

If our Manager elects to terminate the Management Agreement under the second circumstance described above, our Manager will receive the Termination Payment, payable in four quarterly installments over the course of the first year following termination.

The Management Agreement will terminate automatically and immediately if we experience any of certain changes of control. Upon any such termination, we will be required to pay our Manager the Termination Payment in a single installment.

e) Pooling Agreements

Gemini Suezmax Pool

Teekay Corporation and certain third party vessel owners and operators are parties to a revenue sharing pool agreement (the *Gemini Pooling Agreement*) pursuant to which these pool participants have each agreed to procure to include in the pool certain qualifying Suezmax-class crude tankers of the pool participants and their respective affiliates, including us, that operate in the spot market or pursuant to time charters of less than one year. Prior to February 1, 2012, the Gemini Suezmax Pool was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Teekay Corporation. As of February 1, 2012, the Gemini Suezmax Pool is jointly and equally owned by Teekay Corporation and two third parties.

As of February 1, 2013, the Gemini Suezmax Pool consisted of 28 Suezmax tankers, including eight of our vessels. A participating Suezmax

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tanker will no longer participate in the Gemini Suezmax Pool if it becomes subject to a time charter with a term exceeding one year, unless otherwise agreed by all pool participants. In addition, vessels no longer participate in the pool if they suffer an actual or constructive total loss or if they are sold to or become controlled by a person who is not an affiliate of a party to the Gemini Pooling Agreement.

Vessel owners remain responsible for the technical management of their vessels in the Gemini Suezmax Pool, and our Manager provides these technical services with respect our vessels pursuant to the Management Agreement.

Allocation of Gemini Pool Earnings. The Gemini Pool provides a revenue sharing mechanism whereby aggregate revenues and related expenses of the pool are distributed to pool participants based on an allocation formula. Revenues generated by vessels operating in the Gemini Pool less voyage expenses (such as fuel and port charges) incurred by these vessels and other applicable expenses are pooled and allocated according to a specified weighting system that recognizes each vessel's earnings capability based on its characteristics, speed and bunker consumption, as well as actual on-hire performance. The allocation for each vessel participating in the pool is established based on observations and historical consumption and performance measures of the individual vessel. Payments based on net cash flow applicable to each tanker are made on a monthly basis to pool participants and adjusted every six months based on the weighting system.

Commercial Management Fee and Working Capital Payments. Gemini Tankers, a jointly owned company by Teekay Corporation and two other parties, provides commercial services to pool participants and otherwise administers the pool in exchange for a fee currently equal to \$325 per vessel per day (which increased from \$275 per vessel per day commencing July 1, 2012) plus 1.25% of the gross revenues attributable to the participant's vessels.

Effective February 1, 2012, vessels entering the Gemini Suezmax Pool are required to have approximately 3,000 metric tons of bunker fuel on board. Any difference between this amount and the actual quantity on board is added to or subtracted from a working capital contribution requirement, with valuation of bunker fuel based on the last invoiced price prior to joining the pool. Working capital in aggregate of \$2.0 million is required, subject to the bunker fuel adjustment described above and to a \$300,000 minimum adjusted working capital amount. If a vessel has less than 2,000 metric tons of bunker fuel on board, it may be refused entry to the pool until such time as the bunker fuel quantities meet the required limits. Working capital advances are returned when a vessel no longer participates in the pool, less any set-offs for outstanding liabilities or contingencies and taking into account the differences in bunker fuel values at the time of withdrawal compared to when the vessel entered into the pool. Please read Note 14(e) to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report.

Term and Termination. There is no specific expiration date for the Gemini Pooling Agreement. However, the pool may be wound up upon unanimous agreement of all participants or upon 90 days advance notice by Gemini Tankers. A pool participant may withdraw from the Gemini Pool upon at least 30 days' notice and shall cease to participate in the Gemini Pool if, among other things, it materially breaches the Gemini Pooling Agreement and fails to resolve the breach within a specified cure period or experiences certain bankruptcy events.

Teekay Aframax Pool

We entered into a revenue sharing pool agreement (the *Teekay Pooling Agreement*) with Teekay Corporation and Teekay Chartering Limited, a subsidiary of Teekay Corporation. Pursuant to the Teekay Pooling Agreement, we and Teekay Corporation have agreed to include in the Teekay Aframax Pool all of our and its respective Aframax-class oil tankers that are employed in the spot market or operate pursuant to time charters of less than 90 days. As of February 1, 2013, the Teekay Aframax Pool consisted of 28 Aframax tankers which included two of our owned Aframax tankers and two chartered-in tankers. Any Aframax tanker that becomes subject to a time charter with a term of at least 90 days or becomes subject to enforcement action under a ship-mortgage foreclosure or similar proceeding will no longer participate in the Teekay Aframax Pool, unless otherwise agreed by Teekay Corporation and us. In addition, vessels will no longer participate in the pool if they suffer an actual or constructive total loss or if they are sold to or become controlled by a third party who is not a party to the Teekay Pooling Agreement.

Under the Teekay Pooling Agreement, Teekay Chartering Limited commercially manages the Teekay Aframax Pool by providing chartering and marketing services for all participating tankers. We remain responsible for the technical management of our vessels in the Teekay Aframax Pool, and our Manager provides these technical services to us pursuant to the Management Agreement.

Allocation of Teekay Pool Earnings. The Teekay Aframax Pool provides a revenue sharing mechanism whereby aggregate revenues and related expenses of the pool are distributed to pool participants based on an allocation formula. Revenues generated by vessels operating in the Teekay Aframax Pool less voyage expenses (such as fuel and port charges) incurred by these vessels and other applicable expenses are pooled and allocated according to a specified weighting system that recognizes each vessel's earnings capability based on its characteristics, speed and bunker consumption, as well as actual on-hire performance. The allocation for each vessel participating in the pool is established based on observations and historical consumption and performance measures of the individual vessel. Payments based on net cash flow applicable to each tanker are made on a monthly basis to pool participants and adjusted every six months based on the weighting system.

Commercial Management Fee and Working Capital Payments. Teekay Chartering Limited provides commercial services to us and otherwise administers the pool in exchange for a fee currently equal to \$350 per vessel per day plus 1.25% of the gross revenues attributable to the participant's vessels. The amount of the daily per vessel fee is adjusted every three years by agreement between Teekay Chartering Limited and us or, if needed, by arbitration.

Upon delivery of each of our vessels to the Teekay Aframax Pool, we are required to advance to Teekay Chartering Limited \$250,000 for working capital purposes. We may be required to advance additional working capital funds from time to time. Working capital advances will be returned to us when a vessel no longer participates in the pool, less any set-offs for outstanding liabilities or contingencies. Please read Note 14(e) to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report.

Term and Termination Rights. Subject to certain termination rights, the initial term of the Teekay Pooling Agreement expires on December 31, 2022. If not terminated, the Teekay Pooling Agreement will automatically renew for a five-year period and thereafter be extended in additional five-year increments unless we provide a notice of termination in the fourth quarter of the year immediately preceding the end of the respective term.

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We may also terminate the Teekay Pooling Agreement in certain other circumstances, including, among others, if:

Teekay Chartering Limited or Teekay Corporation materially breaches the Teekay Pooling Agreement (and the matter is unresolved after a 90-day dispute resolution period) or experiences certain bankruptcy events or if Teekay Chartering Limited experiences a change of control to which we do not consent; or

the Management Agreement terminates for any reason.

Either Teekay Chartering Limited or Teekay Corporation may terminate the Teekay Pooling Agreement prior to the end of its term under any of the following circumstances:

after December 18, 2012 with 12 months' notice;

if we materially breach the Teekay Pooling Agreement and the matter is unresolved after a 90-day dispute resolution period; or

if the Management Agreement terminates for any reason.

Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool

Teekay Corporation and certain third party vessel owners and operators are parties to a revenue sharing pool agreement (the *Taurus Pooling Agreement*) pursuant to which these pool participants have each agreed to include in the pool certain qualifying Long Range 2 (LR2)-class product tankers of the pool participants and their respective affiliates, including us, that operate in the spot market or pursuant to time charters of less than 180 days unless otherwise agreed by all pool participants. Upon completion of our 13-vessel acquisition from Teekay Corporation in June 2012, as part of the 2012 Acquired Business, which included three LR2 product tankers, we became the owner of qualifying vessels and pool participant to the Taurus Pooling Agreement. The Taurus Tankers LR2 Pool is owned by Taurus Tankers Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Teekay Corporation.

As of February 1, 2013, the Taurus Pool consisted of 19 tankers, including three of our vessels. A participating LR2 product tanker will no longer participate in the Taurus Pool if it becomes subject to a time charter with a term exceeding 180 days, unless otherwise agreed by all pool participants. In addition, vessels will no longer participate in the pool if they suffer an actual or constructive total loss or if they are sold to or become controlled by a person who is not an affiliate of a party to the Taurus Pooling Agreement.

Vessel owners remain responsible for the technical management of their vessels in the Taurus Pool, and our Manager provides these technical services with respect to our vessels pursuant to the Management Agreement.

Allocation of Taurus Pool Earnings. The Taurus Pool provides a revenue sharing mechanism whereby aggregate revenues and related expenses of the pool are distributed to pool participants based on an allocation formula. Revenues generated by vessels operating in the Taurus Pool less voyage expenses (such as fuel and port charges) incurred by these vessels and other applicable expenses are pooled and allocated according to a specified weighting system that recognizes each vessel's earnings capability based on its characteristics, speed and bunker consumption, and actual on-hire performance. The allocation for each vessel participating in the pool is established based on observations and historical consumption and performance measures of the individual vessel. Payments based on net cash flow applicable to each tanker are made on a monthly basis to pool participants and adjusted at regular intervals throughout the year based on the weighting system.

Commercial Management Fee and Working Capital Payments. Taurus Tankers provides commercial services to pool participants and otherwise administers the pool in exchange for a fee currently equal to \$275 per vessel per day plus 1.25% of the gross revenues attributable to the participant's vessels.

Upon delivery of each of our vessels to the Taurus Pool, we are required to advance \$250,000 for working capital purposes, plus approximately 2,000 metric tonnes of bunkers. We may be required to advance additional working capital funds from time to time. Working capital advances

will be returned to us when a vessel no longer participates in the pool, less any set-offs for outstanding liabilities or contingencies. Please read Note 14(e) to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report.

Term and Termination. There is no specific expiration date for the Taurus Pooling Agreement. However, the pool may be wound up upon unanimous agreement of all participants or upon 180 days advance notice by Taurus Tankers. A pool participant may withdraw from the Taurus Pool upon at least 90 days notice and shall cease to participate in the Taurus Pool if, among other things, it materially breaches the Taurus Pooling Agreement and fails to resolve the breach within a specified cure period or experiences certain bankruptcy events.

Item 8. Financial Information
Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes

Please see Item 18 below for additional information required to be disclosed under this Item.

Legal Proceedings

From time to time we have been, and we expect to continue to be, subject to legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of our business, principally personal injury and property casualty claims. Such claims, even if lacking merit, could result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources. We are not aware of any legal proceedings or claims that we believe will have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

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Prior to the first quarter of 2013, we paid a variable quarterly cash dividend equal to our Cash Available for Distribution each quarter, subject to any reserves determined by our board of directors. Dividends were paid equally on a per-share basis between our Class A common stock and our Class B common stock. Cash Available for Distribution represented net income (loss), plus depreciation and amortization, unrealized losses from derivatives, non-cash items and any write-offs or other non-recurring items, less unrealized gains from derivatives and net income attributed to the historical results of vessels acquired by us from Teekay Corporation, prior to their acquisition by us, for the period these vessels were owned and operated by Teekay Corporation. On February 21, 2013, we announced that our board of directors elected to move to a fixed quarterly cash dividend of \$0.03 per share commencing with the quarter ended March 31, 2013. Subject to financial results and determination by the Board of Directors, we currently intend to continue to declare and pay a regular fixed quarterly dividend in such amount per share on our Class A common stock and our Class B common stock.

The timing and amount of dividends, if any, will depend, among other things, on our results of operations, financial condition, cash requirements, the requirements of Marshall Islands law, restrictions in financing agreements and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors.

Significant Changes

Please read Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Significant Developments in 2012 and 2013.

Item 9. The Offer and Listing

Our Class A common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (or *NYSE*) under the symbol *TNK*. The following table sets forth the high and low prices for our Class A common stock on the NYSE for each of the periods indicated.

Years Ended	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010	Dec. 31, 2009	Dec. 31, 2008
High	\$ 6.33	\$ 12.99	\$ 13.96	\$ 14.55	\$ 26.14
Low	\$ 2.38	\$ 3.36	\$ 8.50	\$ 7.59	\$ 4.82

Quarters Ended	Mar. 31, 2013	Dec. 31, 2012	Sept. 30, 2012	Jun. 30, 2012	Mar. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Sept. 30, 2011	Jun. 30, 2011	Mar. 31, 2011
High	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.94	\$ 4.58	\$ 6.33	\$ 6.18	\$ 5.22	\$ 9.49	\$ 10.85	\$ 12.99
Low	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.38	\$ 3.71	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.36	\$ 4.59	\$ 8.42	\$ 9.22

Months Ended	Mar. 31, 2013	Feb. 29, 2013	Jan. 31, 2013	Dec. 31, 2012	Nov. 30, 2012	Oct. 31, 2012
High	\$ 2.89	\$ 2.92	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.28	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.94
Low	\$ 2.46	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.85	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.38	\$ 3.30

**Item 10. Additional Information
Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws**

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Our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws have been filed as Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2, respectively, to Amendment No. 1 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-147798), filed with the SEC on December 11, 2007, and are hereby incorporated by reference into this Annual Report.

The rights, preferences and restrictions attaching to each class of our capital stock are described in the section entitled "Description of Capital Stock" of our Rule 424(b) prospectus (File No. 333-147798), filed with the SEC on December 13, 2007, and hereby incorporated by reference into this Annual Report.

There are no limitations on the rights to own securities, including the rights of non-resident or foreign shareholders to hold or exercise voting rights on the securities imposed by the laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands or by our Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws.

Material Contracts

The following is a summary of each material contract, other than material contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, to which we or any of our subsidiaries is a party, for the two years immediately preceding the date of this Annual Report, each of which is included in the list of exhibits in Item 19:

- a) Purchase Agreement, dated June 24, 2009, for the purchase of Ashkini Spirit L.L.C (formerly Ingeborg Shipping L.L.C.) between Teekay Corporation and Teekay Tankers Ltd.

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- b) Purchase Agreement dated April 6, 2010 for the purchase of the entire membership interests in Yamuna Spirit L.L.C., Kaveri Spirit L.L.C., and Helga Spirit L.L.C. between Teekay Corporation and Teekay Tankers Ltd.
- c) Facility Agreement dated July 5, 2010 for a U.S. \$57,500,000 loan facility among Alpha Elephant Inc, Solar VLCC Corporation, Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A. and Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch.
- d) Facility Agreement dated July 5, 2010 for a U.S. \$57,500,000 loan facility among Beta Elephant Inc, Solar VLCC Corporation, Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A. and Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch.
- e) Transfer Certificate dated July 15, 2010 among Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A., Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch and VLCC A Investment L.L.C.
- f) Transfer Certificate dated July 15, 2010 among Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A., Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch and VLCC B Investment L.L.C.
- g) Shareholders Agreement dated September 30, 2010 for a U.S. \$98,000,000 shipbuilding contract among Teekay Tankers Holding Ltd., Kriss Investment Company and High-Q Investment Ltd.
- h) Purchase Agreement dated November 1, 2010 between Teekay Corporation and Teekay Tankers Ltd. For the sale and purchase of the entire membership interests in Esther Spirit L.L.C., and Iskmati Spirit L.L.C.
- i) Purchase Agreement dated June 15, 2012 between Teekay Corporation and Teekay Tankers Ltd. For the sale and purchase of the entire membership interests in Godavari Spirit L.L.C., Axel Spirit L.L.C., Mahanadi Spirit L.L.C., Teesta Spirit L.L.C., Hugli Spirit L.L.C., Americas Spirit L.L.C., Australia Spirit L.L.C., Pinnacle Spirit L.L.C., Donegal Spirit L.L.C., Galway Spirit L.L.C., Limerick Spirit L.L.C., Summit Spirit L.L.C., and Zenith Spirit L.L.C. Please read Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Significant Developments in 2012 and 2013 for a discussion on the additional Suezmax tankers, Aframax tankers, Long Range 2 tankers and Medium Range tankers we acquired from Teekay Corporation in 2012.
- j) Non-competition Agreement dated June 15, 2012 between Teekay Corporation and Teekay Tankers Ltd. Please read Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions B. Related Party Transactions for a discussion on the agreement.

Exchange Controls and Other Limitations Affecting Security Holders

We are not aware of any governmental laws, decrees or regulations, including foreign exchange controls, in the Republic of The Marshall Islands that restrict the export or import of capital or that affect the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments to non-resident holders of our securities.

We are not aware of any limitations on the right of non-resident or foreign owners to hold or vote our securities imposed by the laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands or our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

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Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to stockholders. This discussion is based upon the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the *Code*), legislative history, applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations (or *Treasury Regulations*), judicial authority and administrative interpretations, all as in effect on the date of this Annual Report, and which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect, or are subject to different interpretations. Changes in these authorities may cause the tax consequences to vary substantially from the consequences described below. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this section to we, our or us are references to Teekay Tankers Ltd.

This discussion is limited to stockholders who hold their common stock as a capital asset for tax purposes. This discussion does not address all tax considerations that may be important to a particular stockholder in light of the stockholder's circumstances, or to certain categories of stockholders that may be subject to special tax rules, such as:

dealers in securities or currencies,

traders in securities that have elected the mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities,

persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar,

persons holding our common stock as part of a hedge, straddle, conversion or other synthetic security or integrated transaction,

certain U.S. expatriates,

financial institutions,

insurance companies,

persons subject to the alternative minimum tax,

persons that actually or under applicable constructive ownership rules own 10% or more of our common stock; and

entities that are tax-exempt for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If a partnership (including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner in a partnership holding our common stock, you should consult your own tax advisor about the U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning and disposing the common stock.

This discussion does not address any U.S. estate tax considerations or tax considerations arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. jurisdiction. Each stockholder is urged to consult its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal, state, local and other tax consequences of the ownership or disposition of our common stock.

United States Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders

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As used herein, the term U.S. Holder means a beneficial owner of our common stock that is (i) a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien, (ii) a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that was created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, (iii) an estate whose income is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or (iv) a trust that either is subject to the supervision of a court within the United States and has one or more U.S. persons with authority to control all of its substantial decisions or has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

Distributions

Subject to the discussion of passive foreign investment companies (or *PFICs*) below, any distributions made by us with respect to our common stock to a U.S. Holder generally will constitute dividends, which may be taxable as ordinary income or qualified dividend income as described in more detail below, to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. Distributions in excess of our earnings and profits will be treated first as a nontaxable return of capital to the extent of the U.S. Holder's tax basis in its common stock and thereafter as capital gain. U.S. Holders that are corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes generally will 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 stock generally will be treated as passive category income or, in the case of certain types of U.S. Holders, general category income for purposes of computing allowable foreign tax credits for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Dividends paid on our common stock to a U.S. Holder who is an individual, trust or estate (or a U.S. Individual Holder) will be treated as qualified dividend income that is taxable to such U.S. Individual Holder at preferential capital gain tax rates provided that: (i) our common stock is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States (such as the New York Stock Exchange on which our common stock is traded); (ii) we are not a PFIC for the taxable year during which the dividend is paid or the immediately preceding taxable year (we intend to take the position that we are not now and have never been a PFIC, as discussed below); (iii) the U.S. Individual Holder has owned the common stock for more than 60 days in the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the date on which the common stock becomes ex-dividend; (iv) the U.S. Individual Holder is not under an obligation to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property; and (v) certain other conditions are met. There is no assurance that any dividends paid on our common stock will be eligible for these preferential rates in the hands of a U.S. Individual Holder. Any dividends paid on our common stock not eligible for these preferential rates will be taxed as ordinary income to a U.S. Individual Holder.

Special rules may apply to any extraordinary dividend paid by us. An extraordinary dividend is, generally, a dividend with respect to a share of stock if the amount of the dividend is equal to or in excess of 10% of a stockholder's adjusted basis (or fair market value in certain circumstances) in such stock. In addition, extraordinary dividends include dividends received within a one-year period that, in the aggregate, equal or exceed 20% of a shareholder's adjusted tax basis. If we pay an extraordinary dividend on our common stock that is treated as qualified dividend income, then any loss derived by a U.S. Individual Holder from the sale or exchange of such common stock will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of such dividend.

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Certain U.S. Individual Holders are subject to a 3.8% tax on certain investment income, including dividends for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012. U.S. Individuals Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the effect, if any, of this tax on their ownership of our common stock.

Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Common Stock

Subject to the discussion of PFICs below, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss upon a sale, exchange or other disposition of our common stock in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized by the U.S. Holder from such sale, exchange or other disposition and the U.S. Holder's tax basis in such stock. Subject to the discussion of extraordinary dividends above, such gain or loss will be treated as long term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period is greater than one year at the time of the sale, exchange or other disposition, and subject to preferential capital gain tax rates. Such capital gain or loss generally will be treated as U.S. source gain or loss, as applicable, for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. A U.S. Holder's ability to deduct capital losses is subject to certain limitations.

Certain U.S. Individual Holders are subject to a 3.8% tax on, certain investment income, including capital gains from the sale or other disposition of stock for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012. U.S. individual Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the effect, if any, of this tax on their disposition of our common stock.

Consequences of Possible PFIC Classification

A non U.S. entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be a PFIC in any taxable year in which, after taking into account the income and assets of the corporation and certain subsidiaries pursuant to a look through rule, either: (i) at least 75% of its gross income is passive income; or (ii) at least 50% of the average value of its assets is attributable to assets that produce passive income or are held for the production 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 that are received from unrelated parties in connection with the active conduct of a trade or business. By contrast, income derived from the performance of services does not constitute passive income.

There are legal uncertainties involved in determining whether the income derived from our time-chartering activities constitutes rental income or income derived from the performance of services, including the decision in *Tidewater Inc. v. United States*, 565 F.3d 299 (5th Cir. 2009), which held that income derived from certain time-chartering activities should be treated as rental income rather than services income for purposes of a foreign sales corporation provision of the Code. However, the Internal Revenue Service (or IRS) stated in an Action on Decision (AOD 2010-01) that it disagrees with, and will not acquiesce to, the way that the rental versus services framework was applied to the facts in the *Tidewater* decision, and in its discussion stated that the time charters at issue in *Tidewater* would be treated as producing services income for PFIC purposes. The IRS's statement with respect to *Tidewater* cannot be relied upon or otherwise cited as precedent by taxpayers. Consequently, in the absence of any binding legal authority specifically relating to the statutory provisions governing PFICs, there can be no assurance that the IRS or a court would not follow the *Tidewater* decision in interpreting the PFIC provisions of the Code. Nevertheless, based on our and our subsidiaries current assets and operations, we intend to take the position that we are not now and have never been a PFIC. No assurance can be given, however, that the IRS, or a court of law, will accept our position or that we would not constitute a PFIC for any future taxable year if there were to be changes in our or our subsidiaries' assets, income or operations.

As discussed more fully below, if we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, a U.S. Holder would be subject to different taxation rules depending on whether the U.S. Holder makes a timely and effective election to treat us as a Qualified Electing Fund (a QEF election). As an alternative to making a QEF election, a U.S. Holder should be able to make a mark to market election with respect to our common stock, as discussed below.

Taxation of U.S. Holders Making a Timely QEF Election. If a U.S. Holder makes a timely QEF election (an *Electing Holder*), the Electing Holder must report each taxable year for U.S. federal income tax purposes the Electing Holder's pro rata share of our ordinary earnings and net capital gain, if any, for each taxable year for which we are a PFIC that ends with or within the Electing Holder's taxable year, regardless of whether or not the Electing Holder received distributions from us in that year. Such pro rata share would not exceed the income allocable to dividends on our shares, although ordinary earnings could be allocated to a shareholder in a taxable year before the dividend is paid. Such income inclusions would not be eligible for the preferential tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income. The Electing Holder's adjusted tax basis in the common stock will be increased to reflect taxed but undistributed earnings and profits. Distributions of earnings and profits that were previously taxed will result in a corresponding reduction in the Electing Holder's adjusted tax basis in common stock and will not be taxed again once distributed. An Electing Holder generally will recognize capital gain or loss on the sale, exchange or other disposition of our common stock. A U.S. Holder makes a QEF election with respect to any year that we are a PFIC by filing IRS Form 8621 with the U.S. Holder's timely filed U.S. federal income tax return (including extensions).

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If a U.S. Holder has not made a timely QEF election with respect to the first year in the U.S. Holder's holding period of our common stock during which we qualified as a PFIC, the U.S. Holder may be treated as having made a timely QEF election by filing a QEF election with the U.S. Holder's timely filed U.S. federal income tax return (including extensions) and, under the rules of Section 1291 of the Code, a deemed sale election to include in income as an excess distribution (described below) the amount of any gain that the U.S. Holder would otherwise recognize if the U.S. Holder sold the U.S. Holder's common stock on the qualification date. The qualification date is the first day of our taxable year in which we qualified as a qualified electing fund with respect to such U.S. Holder. In addition to the above rules, under very limited circumstances, a U.S. Holder may make a retroactive QEF election if the U.S. Holder failed to file the QEF election documents in a timely manner. If a U.S. Holder makes a timely QEF election for one of our taxable years, but did not make such election with respect to the first year in the U.S. Holder's holding period of our common stock during which we qualified as a PFIC and the U.S. Holder did not make the deemed sale election described above, the U.S. Holder also will be subject to the more adverse rules described below.

A U.S. Holder's QEF election will not be effective unless we annually provide the U.S. Holder with certain information concerning our income and gain, calculated in accordance with the Code, to be included with the U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax return. We have not provided our U.S. Holders with such information in prior taxable years and do not intend to provide such information in the current taxable year. Accordingly, U.S. Holders will not be able to make an effective QEF election at this time. If, contrary to our expectations, we determine that we are or will be a PFIC for any taxable year, we will provide U.S. Holders with the information necessary to make an effective QEF election with respect to our common stock.

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Taxation of U.S. Holders Making a Mark to Market Election. If we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year and, as we anticipate, our stock were treated as marketable stock, then, as an alternative to making a QEF election, a U.S. Holder would be allowed to make a mark to market election with respect to our common stock, provided the U.S. Holder completes and files IRS Form 8621 in accordance with the relevant instructions and related Treasury Regulations. If that election is made for the first year a U.S. Holder holds or is deemed to hold our common stock and for which we are a PFIC, the U.S. Holder generally would include as ordinary income in each taxable year that we are a PFIC the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the U.S. Holder's common stock at the end of the taxable year over the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the common stock. The U.S. Holder also would be permitted an ordinary loss in respect of the excess, if any, of the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the common stock over the fair market value thereof at the end of the taxable year that we are a PFIC, but only to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the mark to market election. A U.S. Holder's tax basis in the U.S. Holder's common stock would be adjusted to reflect any such income or loss recognized. Gain recognized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of our common stock in taxable years that we are a PFIC would be treated as ordinary income, and any loss recognized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of the common stock in taxable years that we are a PFIC would be treated as ordinary loss to the extent that such loss does not exceed the net mark to market gains previously included in income by the U.S. Holder. Because the mark to market election only applies to marketable stock, however, it would not apply to a U.S. Holder's indirect interest in any of our subsidiaries that were also determined to be PFICs.

If a U.S. Holder makes a mark-to-market election for one of our taxable years and we were a PFIC for a prior taxable year during which such U.S. Holder held our common stock and for which (i) we were not a QEF with respect to such U.S. Holder and (ii) such U.S. Holder did not make a timely mark-to-market election, such U.S. Holder would also be subject to the more adverse rules described below in the first taxable year for which the mark-to-market election is in effect and also to the extent the fair market value of the U.S. Holder's common stock exceeds the holder's adjusted tax basis in the common stock at the end of the first taxable year for which the mark-to-market election is in effect.

Taxation of U.S. Holders Not Making a Timely QEF or Mark to Market Election. If we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, a U.S. Holder who does not make either a QEF election or a mark to market election for that year (a *Non Electing Holder*) would be subject to special rules resulting in increased tax liability with respect to (1) any excess distribution (i.e., the portion of any distributions received by the Non Electing Holder on our common stock 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 stock), and (2) any gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of the stock. 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 stock;

the amount allocated to the current taxable year and any taxable year prior to the taxable year we were first treated as a PFIC with respect to the Non-Electing Holder would be taxed as ordinary income in the current taxable year;

the amount allocated to each of the other taxable years would be subject to U.S. federal income 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 deferral benefit would be imposed with respect to the resulting tax attributable to each such other taxable year.

If we were treated as a PFIC, a U.S. Holder would be required to file Form 8621 annually with the IRS with respect to the U.S. Holder's common stock. In addition, if a Non Electing Holder who is an individual dies while owning our common stock, such Non-Electing Holder's successor generally would not receive a step up in tax basis with respect to such stock.

U.S. Holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the applicability, availability and advisability of, and procedure for, making QEF, Mark-to-Market Elections and other available elections with respect to us, and the U.S. federal income tax consequences of making such elections.

Consequences of Possible Controlled Foreign Corporation Classification

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If CFC Shareholders (generally, U.S. Holders who each own, directly, indirectly or constructively, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of our outstanding shares entitled to vote) own directly, indirectly or constructively more than 50% of either the total combined voting power of our outstanding shares entitled to vote or the total value of all of our outstanding shares, we generally would be treated as a controlled foreign corporation (or a *CFC*).

CFC Shareholders are treated as receiving current distributions of their shares of certain income of the CFC without regard to any actual distributions and are subject to other burdensome U.S. federal income tax and administrative requirements but generally are not also subject to the requirements generally applicable to shareholders of a PFIC. In addition, a person who is or has been a CFC Shareholder may recognize ordinary income on the disposition of shares of the CFC. Although we do not believe we are or will become a CFC, U.S. persons owning a substantial interest in us should consider the potential implications of being treated as a CFC Shareholder in the event we become a CFC in the future.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. Holders who are not CFC Shareholders would not change in the event we become a CFC in the future.

U.S. Return Disclosure Requirements for U.S. Individual Holders

U.S. Individual Holders who hold certain specified foreign financial assets, including stock in a foreign corporation that is not held in an account maintained by a financial institution with an aggregate values in excess of \$50,000 may be required to report such assets on IRS Form 8938 with their U.S. federal income tax return. Penalties apply for failure to properly complete and file Form 8938. You are encouraged to consult with your tax advisor regarding the possible application of this disclosure requirement.

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United States Federal Income Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders

A beneficial owner of our common stock (other than a partnership, including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that is not a U.S. Holder is a Non-U.S. Holder.

Distributions

In general, distributions we make to a Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax if the Non-U.S. Holder is not engaged in a U.S. trade or business. If the Non-U.S. Holder is engaged in a U.S. trade or business, distributions we make will be subject to U.S. federal income tax to the extent those distributions constitute income effectively connected with that Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. trade or business. However, distributions made to a Non-U.S. Holder that is engaged in a trade or business may be exempt from taxation under an income tax treaty if the income represented thereby is not attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder.

Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Common Stock

The U.S. federal income taxation of Non-U.S. Holders on any gain resulting from the disposition of our common stock generally is the same as described above regarding distributions. However, an individual Non-U.S. Holder may be subject to tax on gain resulting from the disposition of our common stock if the Non-U.S. Holder is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year in which such disposition occurs and meets certain other requirements.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

In general, payments of distributions or the proceeds of a disposition of common stock to a non-corporate U.S. Holder will be subject to information reporting requirements. These payments to a non-corporate U.S. Holder also may be subject to backup withholding if the non-corporate U.S. Holder:

fails to timely provide an accurate taxpayer identification number;

is notified by the IRS that the U.S. Holder has failed to report all interest or distributions required to be shown on the U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax returns; or

in certain circumstances, fails to comply with applicable certification requirements.

Non-U.S. Holders may be required to establish their exemption from information reporting and backup withholding on payments within the United States, or through a U.S. payor, by certifying their status on IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8ECI or W-8IMY, as applicable.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, a stockholder generally may obtain a credit for any amount withheld against its liability for U.S. federal income tax (and a refund of any amounts withheld in excess of such liability) by accurately completing and timely filing a return with the IRS.

Non-United States Tax Considerations

Marshall Islands Tax Considerations.

Because we and our subsidiaries do not, and we do not expect that we or any of our subsidiaries will, conduct business or operations in the Republic of The Marshall Islands, and because all documentation related to the offering was executed outside of the Republic of The Marshall Islands, under current Marshall Islands law, holders of shares of our common stock will not be subject to Marshall Islands taxation or withholding on distributions. In addition, holders of shares of our common stock will not be subject to Marshall Islands stamp, capital gains or other taxes on the purchase, ownership or disposition of shares of Class A common stock, and will not be required by the Republic of The Marshall Islands to file a tax return relating to the Class A common stock. This paragraph is applicable only to persons who do not reside in, maintain offices in or engage in business in the Republic of The Marshall Islands.

Documents on Display

Documents concerning us that are referred to herein may be inspected at our principal executive headquarters at 4th Floor, Belvedere Building, 69 Pitts Bay Road, Hamilton, HM 08 Bermuda. Those documents electronically filed via the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (or *EDGAR*) system may also be obtained from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, free of charge, or from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. Further information on the operation of the SEC public reference rooms may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to market risk from foreign currency fluctuations, changes in interest rates and changes in spot tanker market rates. We have not used foreign currency forward contracts to manage foreign currency fluctuation, but we may do so in the future. We use interest rate swaps to manage interest rate risks. We do not use these financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Foreign Currency Fluctuation Risk

Our primary economic environment is the international shipping market. This market utilizes the U.S. Dollar as its functional currency. Consequently, virtually all our revenues and the majority of our operating costs are in U.S. Dollars. We incur certain voyage expenses, vessel operating expenses, dry-docking expenditures and general and administrative expenses in foreign currencies, the most significant of which are Euro and British Pound. We did not enter into forward contracts as a hedge against changes in certain foreign exchange rates during 2012, 2011 or 2010.

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We are exposed to the impact of interest rate changes primarily through our floating-rate borrowings that require us to make interest payments based on LIBOR. Significant increases in interest rates could adversely affect operating margins, results of operations and our ability to service debt. From time to time, we 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 floating-rate debt.

We are exposed to credit loss in the event of non-performance by the counterparties to the interest rate swap agreements. In order to minimize counterparty risk, we only enter into derivative transactions with counterparties that are rated A- or better by Standard & Poor's or A3 or better by Moody's at the time of the transactions. In addition, to the extent possible and practical, interest rate swaps are entered into with different counterparties to reduce concentration risk.

The table below provides information about financial instruments as at December 31, 2012 that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. For long-term debt, the table presents principal payments and related weighted-average interest rates by expected maturity dates. For interest rate swaps, the table presents notional amounts and weighted-average interest rates by expected contractual maturity dates.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Thereafter	Total	Fair Value Asset / (Liability)	Rate ⁽¹⁾
	(in millions of U.S. dollars, except percentages)								
Long-term debt:									
Variable rate ⁽²⁾	15.4	15.5	42.3	81.8	424.4	98.9	678.3	(591.5)	0.94%
Fixed rate	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.9	9.3	57.4	(57.2)	4.78%
Interest Rate Swaps:									
U.S. Dollar-denominated interest rate swap ^{(2) (3)}				200.0			200.0	(13.1)	2.61%
U.S. Dollar-denominated interest rate swap ^{(2) (3)}					100.0		100.0	(20.3)	5.55%
U.S. Dollar-denominated interest rate swap ^{(2) (3)}	45.0						45.0	(0.2)	1.19%

(1) Rate refers to the weighted-average effective interest rate for our long-term as at December 31, 2012, including the margin we pay on our variable-rate and fixed-rate debt. The fixed rate we pay under our interest rate swap agreements, as shown above, excludes the margin we pay on our variable-rate debt.

(2) Interest payments on U.S. Dollar-denominated debt and interest rate swaps are based on LIBOR.

(3) The average variable rate paid to us under our interest rate swaps are set quarterly at the three-month LIBOR.

Spot Tanker 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 that trade in the spot tanker market. From time to time we may use freight forward agreements as a hedge to protect against changes in spot tanker market rates. Freight forward agreements involve contracts to provide a fixed number of theoretical voyages along a specified route at a contracted charter rate. Freight forward agreements settle in cash based on the difference between the contracted charter rate and the average rate of an identified index. As at March 1, 2013, we had not entered into any freight forward agreements, although we may do so in the future.

Item 12. Description of Securities Other than Equity Securities

Not applicable.

Item 13. Defaults, Dividend Arrearages and Delinquencies

None.

Item 14. Material Modifications to the Rights of Security Holders and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

Item 15. Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (or the *Exchange Act*)) that are designed to ensure that (i) information required to be disclosed in our reports that are filed or submitted under the Exchange Act, are recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and (ii) information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

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We conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures under the supervision and with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Based on the evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of December 31, 2012.

During the year ended 2012, we implemented a new accounting system designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our accounting and financial reporting processes. Although this implementation changed certain specific activities within the accounting function, it did not significantly affect the overall controls and procedures followed by the Company in establishing internal controls over financial reporting. Other than this accounting system implementation, there have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2012 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer do not expect that our disclosure controls or internal controls will prevent all error and all fraud. Although our disclosure controls and procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives, a control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within us have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control. The design of any system of controls also is based partly on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated g