



Orient Overseas (International) Ltd

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- Increase of turnover by 11% to US\$969.3 million
- Operating profit before financing increased by US\$9.3 million to US\$23.6 million
- Profit before taxation of US\$5.7 million compared with loss of US\$11.9 million
- Loss after taxation of US\$1.3 million compared with loss of US\$14.6 million
- Loss per share of US0.3 cents
- Improvement in second quarter results



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US\$'000	Six months ended 30th June		Change
	1999	1998	
• Turnover	969,314	875,199	+11%
• Liftings (TEU's)	786,110	672,592	+17%
• Profit before financing	23,577	14,241	+66%
• Profit/(loss) after financing	4,618	(8,978)	+151%
• Profit/(loss) before taxation	5,697	(11,911)	+148%
• Loss after taxation	(1,319)	(14,570)	+91%
• Loss per share (US Cents)	(0.3)	(3.1)	+90%
• Shareholders' funds	653,827	675,361	-21,534
• Net asset value per share (US\$)	1.26	1.25	+0.01
• Group debt	740,904	791,195	-50,291
• Cash & marketable securities	360,029	387,931	-27,902
• Net debt to equity (Ratio)	0.6	0.6	-



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1999 Second Half Profitability Outlook

Prospects Flags:

- ↑ Coming seasonal upswing
- ↑ Continued strength in the US economy
- ↑ Improving European economy and signs of the Asian recovery
- ↑ Freight rate improvement on the major trans-oceanic routes outbound from Asia continues
- ↑ Continued performance according to budget in our non-containerised activities
- ↓ Freight rates on trans-oceanic routes inbound to Asia remain soft
- ↓ Transatlantic services continue to operate under severe capacity and pricing pressure
- ↓ Interest expense vulnerable to changes in interest rate in the US market
- ↓ Weakening US\$ exchange rate against other major currencies



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1999 Financial Highlight

US\$Million	<i>For six months of</i>		<i>For the year of</i>		
	1999	1998	1998	1997	1996
• Turnover	969.3	875.2	1,832.8	1,896.0	1,882.3
• Operating profit before financing	23.6	14.2	20.7	46.2	99.8
• Net finance expense	19.0	23.2	42.9	42.5	42.9
• Operating profit/(loss) after financing	4.6	(9.0)	(22.2)	3.7	56.9
• Profit/(loss) after taxation but before exceptional items	(1.3)	(11.6)	(29.3)	1.0	49.5
• Exceptional items	-	(3.0)	29.5	23.2	57.7
• Profit/(loss) after taxation	(1.3)	(14.6)	0.2	24.2	107.2
• Shareholders' funds	653.8	675.4	656.3	690.9	702.2
• Group debt	740.9	791.2	772.0	800.5	682.4
• Cash/marketable securities	360.0	387.9	375.5	458.9	447.4