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**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

**(Mark One)**

**☒ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015**

**OR**

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

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission File Number: 001-35784**

**NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE HOLDINGS LTD.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Bermuda 98-0691007**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer**  
**incorporation or organization) Identification No.)**

**7665 Corporate Center Drive, Miami, Florida 33126**  
**(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)**

**(305) 436-4000**  
**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

N/A

**(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)**

Indicate by check mark whether 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 whether the registrant 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, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company (See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Large accelerated filer ☒ Accelerated filer ☐  
Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company ☐

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

There were 229,147,263 ordinary shares outstanding as of July 31, 2015.

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|                                                                | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                | <b>2015</b>                            | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b> |
| Revenue                                                        |                                        |             |                                      |             |
| Passenger ticket                                               | \$787,991                              | \$528,782   | \$1,458,474                          | \$977,362   |
| Onboard and other                                              | 297,442                                | 237,145     | 565,141                              | 452,593     |
| Total revenue                                                  | 1,085,433                              | 765,927     | 2,023,615                            | 1,429,955   |
| Cruise operating expense                                       |                                        |             |                                      |             |
| Commissions, transportation and other                          | 192,438                                | 114,712     | 364,265                              | 231,522     |
| Onboard and other                                              | 67,885                                 | 55,467      | 126,530                              | 103,391     |
| Payroll and related                                            | 161,930                                | 106,352     | 319,559                              | 205,418     |
| Fuel                                                           | 91,581                                 | 77,832      | 178,955                              | 156,872     |
| Food                                                           | 43,699                                 | 42,734      | 85,550                               | 80,417      |
| Other                                                          | 98,746                                 | 73,699      | 205,120                              | 139,086     |
| Total cruise operating expense                                 | 656,279                                | 470,796     | 1,279,979                            | 916,706     |
| Other operating expense                                        |                                        |             |                                      |             |
| Marketing, general and administrative                          | 107,164                                | 83,084      | 261,321                              | 166,473     |
| Depreciation and amortization                                  | 104,607                                | 63,459      | 204,583                              | 125,099     |
| Total other operating expense                                  | 211,771                                | 146,543     | 465,904                              | 291,572     |
| Operating income                                               | 217,383                                | 148,588     | 277,732                              | 221,677     |
| Non-operating income (expense)                                 |                                        |             |                                      |             |
| Interest expense, net                                          | (52,446)                               | ) (31,860)  | ) (103,435)                          | ) (63,032)  |
| Other income (expense)                                         | (3,717)                                | ) (325)     | ) (33,856)                           | ) 63        |
| Total non-operating income (expense)                           | (56,163)                               | ) (32,185)  | ) (137,291)                          | ) (62,969)  |
| Net income before income taxes                                 | 161,220                                | 116,403     | 140,441                              | 158,708     |
| Income tax benefit (expense)                                   | (2,726)                                | ) (3,124)   | ) (3,403)                            | ) 6,263     |
| Net income                                                     | 158,494                                | 113,279     | 137,038                              | 164,971     |
| Net income attributable to non-controlling interest            | —                                      | 1,663       | —                                    | 2,088       |
| Net income attributable to Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. | \$158,494                              | \$111,616   | \$137,038                            | \$162,883   |

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|                                     |             |             |             |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Weighted-average shares outstanding |             |             |             |             |
| Basic                               | 225,698,078 | 204,965,718 | 225,003,460 | 205,063,870 |
| Diluted                             | 230,228,144 | 210,472,991 | 229,664,210 | 210,742,655 |
| Earnings per share                  |             |             |             |             |
| Basic                               | \$0.70      | \$0.54      | \$0.61      | \$0.79      |
| Diluted                             | \$0.69      | \$0.54      | \$0.60      | \$0.78      |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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**Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.**

**Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**

**(Unaudited)**

**(in thousands)**

|                                                                                | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                | <b>2015</b>                            | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b> |
| Net income                                                                     | \$ 158,494                             | \$ 113,279  | \$ 137,038                           | \$ 164,971  |
| Other comprehensive income (loss):                                             |                                        |             |                                      |             |
| Shipboard Retirement Plan                                                      | 120                                    | 95          | 239                                  | 189         |
| Cash flow hedges:                                                              |                                        |             |                                      |             |
| Net unrealized income (loss)                                                   | 70,491                                 | 8,797       | (33,274 )                            | (6,559 )    |
| Amount realized and reclassified into earnings                                 | 26,564                                 | (147 )      | 48,450                               | 6           |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss)                                        | 97,175                                 | 8,745       | 15,415                               | (6,364 )    |
| Total comprehensive income                                                     | 255,669                                | 122,024     | 152,453                              | 158,607     |
| Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interest                  | —                                      | 1,757       | —                                    | 2,045       |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. | \$ 255,669                             | \$ 120,267  | \$ 152,453                           | \$ 156,562  |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.****Consolidated Balance Sheets****(Unaudited)****(in thousands, except share data)**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>June 30,<br/>2015</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2014</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |                              |
| Current assets:                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$ 172,958               | \$ 84,824                    |
| Accounts receivable, net                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 36,801                   | 32,432                       |
| Inventories                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 59,801                   | 56,555                       |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 130,357                  | 109,924                      |
| Total current assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 399,917                  | 283,735                      |
| Property and equipment, net                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8,674,815                | 8,623,773                    |
| Goodwill                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1,388,931                | 1,388,931                    |
| Intangible assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 958,394                  | 994,997                      |
| Other long-term assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 265,330                  | 281,641                      |
| Total assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$ 11,687,387            | \$ 11,573,077                |
| <b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |                              |
| Current liabilities:                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |                              |
| Current portion of long-term debt                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$ 585,875               | \$ 576,947                   |
| Accounts payable                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 55,061                   | 101,983                      |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                | 581,216                  | 552,514                      |
| Due to Affiliate                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 38,737                   | 37,948                       |
| Advance ticket sales                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,213,199                | 817,207                      |
| Total current liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2,474,088                | 2,086,599                    |
| Long-term debt                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 5,178,044                | 5,607,157                    |
| Due to Affiliate                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | —                        | 18,544                       |
| Other long-term liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 294,800                  | 341,964                      |
| Total liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7,946,932                | 8,054,264                    |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 9)                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |                              |
| Shareholders' equity:                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |                              |
| Ordinary shares, \$.001 par value; 490,000,000 shares authorized; 232,281,275 shares issued and 229,128,505 shares outstanding at June 30, 2015 and 230,116,780 shares issued and 227,630,430 shares outstanding at December 31, 2014 | 232                      | 230                          |
| Additional paid-in capital                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3,771,531                | 3,702,344                    |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)                                                                                                                                                                                         | (227,227 )               | (242,642 )                   |
| Retained earnings                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 277,919                  | 140,881                      |
| Treasury shares (3,152,770 and 2,486,350 ordinary shares at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, at cost)                                                                                                               | (82,000 )                | (82,000 )                    |
| Total shareholders' equity                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3,740,455                | 3,518,813                    |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$ 11,687,387            | \$ 11,573,077                |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****(Unaudited)****(in thousands)**

|                                                                                   | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                   | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                                       |                                      |             |
| Net income                                                                        | \$ 137,038                           | \$ 164,971  |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                      |             |
| Depreciation and amortization expense                                             | 214,717                              | 141,228     |
| Loss (gain) on derivatives                                                        | 27,475                               | (62 )       |
| Deferred income taxes, net                                                        | 424                                  | 2,786       |
| Contingent consideration                                                          | (43,400 )                            | —           |
| Write-off of deferred financing fees                                              | 195                                  | —           |
| Share-based compensation expense                                                  | 14,166                               | 5,079       |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                                      |                                      |             |
| Accounts receivable, net                                                          | (4,369 )                             | (8,885 )    |
| Inventories                                                                       | (3,246 )                             | (8,851 )    |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                                                 | (15,472 )                            | (8,943 )    |
| Accounts payable                                                                  | (47,038 )                            | 15,967      |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities                                            | (949 )                               | 20,905      |
| Advance ticket sales                                                              | 412,602                              | 194,913     |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                         | 692,143                              | 519,108     |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                                       |                                      |             |
| Additions to property and equipment                                               | (186,504)                            | (787,566)   |
| Net cash used in investing activities                                             | (186,504)                            | (787,566)   |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>                                       |                                      |             |
| Repayments of long-term debt                                                      | (791,403)                            | (540,237)   |
| Repayments to Affiliate                                                           | (18,522 )                            | (18,521 )   |
| Proceeds from long-term debt                                                      | 340,060                              | 914,545     |
| Proceeds from the exercise of share options                                       | 55,023                               | 2,158       |
| Purchases of treasury shares                                                      | —                                    | (79,155 )   |
| NCLC partnership tax distributions                                                | —                                    | (3,115 )    |
| Deferred financing fees and other                                                 | (2,663 )                             | (201 )      |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                               | (417,505)                            | 275,474     |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents                                         | 88,134                               | 7,016       |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                                  | 84,824                               | 56,467      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period                                        | \$ 172,958                           | \$ 63,483   |

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Table of Contents**Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.****Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity****(Unaudited)****(in thousands)**

|                                             | Ordinary<br>Shares | Additional<br>Paid-in<br>Capital | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income<br>(Loss) | Retained<br>Earnings<br>(Deficit) | Treasury<br>Shares | Non-controlling<br>Interest | Total<br>Shareholders'<br>Equity |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2013</b>           | \$ 205             | \$ 2,822,864                     | \$ (16,690 )                                              | \$ (197,471 )                     | \$ —               | \$ 22,358                   | \$ 2,631,266                     |
| Share-based compensation                    | —                  | 5,079                            | —                                                         | —                                 | —                  | —                           | 5,079                            |
| Transactions with Affiliates, net           | —                  | (59 )                            | —                                                         | —                                 | —                  | —                           | (59 )                            |
| NCLC partnership tax distributions          |                    |                                  |                                                           |                                   |                    | (3,115 )                    | (3,115 )                         |
| Proceeds from the exercise of share options | —                  | 2,158                            | —                                                         | —                                 | —                  | —                           | 2,158                            |
| Purchases of treasury shares                |                    |                                  |                                                           |                                   | (79,155 )          |                             | (79,155 )                        |
| Other comprehensive loss                    | —                  | —                                | (6,321 )                                                  | —                                 | —                  | (43 )                       | (6,364 )                         |
| Net income                                  | —                  | —                                | —                                                         | 162,883                           | —                  | 2,088                       | 164,971                          |
| Transfers to non-controlling interest       | —                  | (7,834 )                         | —                                                         | —                                 | —                  | 7,834                       | —                                |
| <b>Balance, June 30, 2014</b>               | \$ 205             | \$ 2,822,208                     | \$ (23,011 )                                              | \$ (34,588 )                      | \$ (79,155 )       | \$ 29,122                   | \$ 2,714,781                     |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b>           | \$ 230             | \$ 3,702,344                     | \$ (242,642 )                                             | \$ 140,881                        | \$ (82,000 )       | \$ —                        | \$ 3,518,813                     |
| Share-based compensation                    | —                  | 14,166                           | —                                                         | —                                 | —                  | —                           | 14,166                           |
| Proceeds from the exercise of share options | 2                  | 55,021                           | —                                                         | —                                 | —                  | —                           | 55,023                           |
| Other comprehensive income                  | —                  | —                                | 15,415                                                    | —                                 | —                  | —                           | 15,415                           |
| Net income                                  | —                  | —                                | —                                                         | 137,038                           | —                  | —                           | 137,038                          |
| <b>Balance, June 30, 2015</b>               | \$ 232             | \$ 3,771,531                     | \$ (227,227 )                                             | \$ 277,919                        | \$ (82,000 )       | \$ —                        | \$ 3,740,455                     |

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### **Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.**

### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### **(Unaudited)**

*Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, references in this report to (i) the “Company,” “we,” “our” and “us” refer to NCLH (as defined below) and its subsidiaries (including Prestige (as defined below), except for periods prior to the consummation of the Acquisition of Prestige (as defined below)), (ii) “NCLC” refers to NCL Corporation Ltd., (iii) “NCLH” refers to Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd., (iv) “Norwegian” refers to the Norwegian Cruise Line brand and its predecessors, (v) “Prestige” refers to Prestige Cruises International, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries, (vi) “PCH” refers to Prestige Cruise Holdings, Inc., Prestige’s direct wholly owned subsidiary, which in turn is the parent of Oceania Cruises, Inc. (“Oceania”) and Seven Seas Cruises S. DE R.L. (“Regent”) (Oceania also refers to the brand Oceania Cruises and Regent also refers to the brand Regent Seven Seas Cruises), (vii) “Apollo” refers to Apollo Global Management, LLC, its subsidiaries and the affiliated funds it manages and the “Apollo Holders” refers to one or more of AIF VI NCL (AIV), L.P., AIF VI NCL (AIV II), L.P., AIF VI NCL (AIV III), L.P., AIF VI NCL (AIV IV), L.P., AAA Guarantor — Co-Invest VI (B), L.P., Apollo Overseas Partners (Delaware) VI, L.P., Apollo Overseas Partners (Delaware 892) VI, L.P., Apollo Overseas Partners VI, L.P., Apollo Overseas Partners (Germany) VI, L.P., AAA Guarantor — Co-Invest VII, L.P., AIF VI Euro Holdings, L.P., AIF VII Euro Holdings, L.P., Apollo Alternative Assets, L.P., Apollo Management VI, L.P. and Apollo Management VII, L.P., (viii) “TPG Global” refers to TPG Global, LLC, “TPG” refers to TPG Global and its affiliates and the “TPG Viking Funds” refers to one or more of TPG Viking, L.P., TPG Viking AIV I, L.P., TPG Viking AIV II, L.P., and TPG Viking AIV-III, L.P. and/or certain other affiliated investment funds, each an affiliate of TPG, (ix) “Genting HK” refers to Genting Hong Kong Limited and/or its affiliates (formerly Star Cruises Limited and/or its affiliates) (Genting HK owns NCLH’s ordinary shares indirectly through Star NCLC Holdings Ltd., its wholly owned subsidiary (“Star NCLC”)), and (x) “Affiliate(s)” or “Sponsor(s)” refers to the Apollo Holders, Genting HK and/or the TPG Viking Funds.*

#### **1. Corporate Reorganization**

In February 2011, NCLH, a Bermuda limited company, was formed with the issuance to the Sponsors of, in aggregate, 10,000 ordinary shares, with a par value of \$.001 per share. On January 24, 2013, NCLH consummated its initial public offering (“IPO”). In connection with the consummation of the IPO, the Sponsors’ ordinary shares in NCLC were exchanged for the ordinary shares of NCLH at a share exchange ratio of 1.0 to 8.42565 and NCLH became the owner of 100% of the ordinary shares and parent company of NCLC (the “Corporate Reorganization”). Accordingly, NCLH contributed \$460.0 million to NCLC and the historical financial statements of NCLC became those of NCLH. The Corporate Reorganization was effected solely for the purpose of reorganizing our corporate structure. NCLH had not prior to the completion of the Corporate Reorganization conducted any activities other than those incidental to its formation and to preparations for the Corporate Reorganization and IPO. The Corporate Reorganization resulted in all parties being in the same economic position as they were immediately prior to the IPO. As the economic position of the investors did not change as part of the Corporate Reorganization it is considered a nonsubstantive merger from an

accounting perspective.

As a result of the Corporate Reorganization, NCLC was treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and the terms of the partnership (including the economic rights with respect thereto) are set forth in an amended and restated tax agreement for NCLC. Economic interests in NCLC were represented by the partnership interests established under the tax agreement, which we refer to as “NCL Corporation Units.” The NCL Corporation Units held by NCLH (as a result of its ownership of 100% of the ordinary shares of NCLC) represented a 97.3% economic interest in NCLC as of the consummation of the IPO. The remaining 2.7% economic interest in NCLC as of the consummation of the IPO was in the form of Management NCL Corporation Units held by management (or former management).

In the fourth quarter of 2014, all Management NCL Corporation Units were exchanged for NCLH ordinary shares and restricted ordinary shares. NCLH became the sole member and 100% owner of the economic interests in NCLC and the non-controlling interest no longer exists. Accordingly, NCLC is now treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes. No new NCLC profits interests or Management NCL Corporation Units will be issued; however, NCLH has granted, and expects to continue to grant to our management team, options to acquire its ordinary shares under its long-term incentive plan.

## **2.Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are unaudited and, in our opinion, contain all normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the results for the periods presented.

Our operations are seasonal and results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results for the entire fiscal year. Historically, demand for cruises has been strongest during the summer months. The interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, which are included in our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K.

During the three months ended June 30, 2015, we revised for the year ended December 31, 2014, the classification of goodwill and intangible assets to separately present goodwill and intangible assets, net. The revision was not deemed material to the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

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**Reclassification**

Certain amounts in prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

**Shareholders' Equity**

In connection with the Corporate Reorganization, previously granted profits interests to employees were exchanged for Management NCL Corporation Units ("Units"), and the vested Unit holders gained proportionate rights to distributions of NCLC and were therefore allocated a proportionate share of NCLC's equity. The effect of this change was a \$20.2 million increase in the non-controlling interest.

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, following the effectiveness of NCLH's registration statement on Form S-3, additional performance-based Units became eligible to participate in the earnings of NCLC, and as a result, a proportionate amount of NCLC's equity was allocated to the additional non-controlling interest. Each Unit holder had the right, subject to the same time-based and performance-based vesting requirements of the profits interests, to exchange Units for NCLH's ordinary shares at a rate equal to one ordinary share for every Unit. When such an exchange occurred, this resulted in the exchange of non-controlling interest to controlling interest. Accordingly, upon the exchange of a Unit for an ordinary share of NCLH, a portion of the non-controlling interest balance was reclassified to additional paid-in capital. As of June 30, 2014, there was \$7.8 million transferred to non-controlling interest.

As of June 30, 2014, Management NCL Corporation Unit holders were distributed cash to facilitate partnership tax payments of \$3.1 million and \$2.8 million of these distributions were subsequently repaid to NCLC upon exchange of each Unit holders' Units. In the fourth quarter of 2014, all Management NCL Corporation Units were exchanged for NCLH ordinary shares and restricted ordinary shares. We refer you to Note 1— "Corporate Reorganization".

On April 29, 2014, NCLH's Board of Directors authorized, and NCLH announced, a three-year share repurchase program for up to \$500.0 million. NCLH may make repurchases in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions, in accelerated repurchase programs or in structured share repurchase programs, and any repurchases may be made pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 plans. During the three months ended June 30, 2014, NCLH repurchased approximately 2.4 million ordinary shares under its share repurchase program for \$79.2 million, which shares are reflected as treasury shares at cost on the consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2014 included in NCLH's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on July 31, 2014. There was no share repurchase activity during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, and as of June 30, 2015, \$418.0 million remained available for repurchases of our outstanding ordinary shares under the share repurchase program. The increase in treasury shares reported in NCLH's consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2015 relates to certain forfeitures of restricted ordinary shares held by management or

former management of NCLH.

## Earnings Per Share

A reconciliation between basic and diluted earnings per share was as follows (in thousands, except share and per share data):

|                                                                | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |             | <b>Six Months Ended</b> |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                | <b>June 30,</b>           |             | <b>June 30,</b>         |             |
|                                                                | <b>2015</b>               | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>             | <b>2014</b> |
| Net income attributable to Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. | \$158,494                 | \$111,616   | \$137,038               | \$162,883   |
| Net income                                                     | \$158,494                 | \$113,279   | \$137,038               | \$164,971   |
| Basic weighted-average shares outstanding                      | 225,698,078               | 204,965,718 | 225,003,460             | 205,063,870 |
| Dilutive effect of share awards                                | 4,530,066                 | 5,507,273   | 4,660,750               | 5,678,785   |
| Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding                    | 230,228,144               | 210,472,991 | 229,664,210             | 210,742,655 |
| Basic earnings per share                                       | \$0.70                    | \$0.54      | \$0.61                  | \$0.79      |
| Diluted earnings per share                                     | \$0.69                    | \$0.54      | \$0.60                  | \$0.78      |

## Revenue and Expense Recognition

Revenue and expense includes taxes assessed by governmental authorities that are directly imposed on a revenue-producing transaction between a seller and a customer. The amounts included in revenue and expense on a gross basis were \$62.4 million and

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\$44.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$114.3 million and \$82.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Guest cancellation penalties are recognized in passenger ticket revenue at the time of the cancellation.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued ASU No. 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers.” ASU No. 2014-09 requires entities to recognize revenue through the application of a five-step model, which includes identification of the contract, identification of the performance obligations, determination of the transaction price, allocation of the transaction price to the performance obligation and recognition of revenue as the entity satisfies the performance obligations. Entities have the option of using either a full retrospective or a modified approach to adopt the guidance. The FASB approved a one-year deferral of the effective date. We can elect to adopt the provisions of ASU No. 2014-09 for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017 including interim periods within that reporting period or we can elect to early adopt the guidance as of the original effective date. We are currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this newly issued guidance to our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03 which was issued to simplify the presentation of debt issuance costs. The guidance requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by these amendments. This guidance should be applied on a retrospective basis, wherein the balance sheet of each individual period presented should be adjusted to reflect the period-specific effects of applying the new guidance. The guidance will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted for financial statements that have not been previously issued. We are currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this newly issued guidance to our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-05 which was issued to clarify a customer’s accounting for fees paid in a cloud computing arrangement. The amendments provide guidance to customers about whether a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license or if the arrangement should be accounted for as a service contract. This guidance will impact the accounting of software licenses but will not change a customer’s accounting for service contracts. The guidance will be effective for annual periods, including interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. An entity can elect to adopt the amendments either prospectively or retrospectively. We are currently evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of this newly issued guidance to our consolidated financial statements.

### **3. The Acquisition of Prestige**

On November 19, 2014, we completed the Acquisition of Prestige. Consideration for the Acquisition of Prestige includes a cash payment of up to \$50 million upon achievement of certain 2015 net revenue milestones. The contingent consideration is valued using various projected 2015 net revenue scenarios weighted by the likelihood of each scenario occurring. The probability-weighted payout is then discounted at an appropriate discount rate commensurate for the risk of meeting the probabilistic cash flows. As the fair value is measured based upon significant inputs that are unobservable in the market, it was classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. Level 3 consists of significant unobservable inputs we believe market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Company's contingent consideration are the estimated annual net revenue and the probabilities associated with attaining the threshold and target net revenue as defined by the Merger Agreement. A significant increase in the estimated net revenue or an increase in the probability associated with reaching the target would result in a significantly higher fair value measurement. The maximum fair value would not be able to exceed \$50 million, while an amount of net revenue less than 98% of target would result in no payout. For the six months ended June 30, 2015, the fair value of the contingent consideration was reduced to zero based upon updates to the probability-weighted assessment of various projected revenue scenarios. We do not believe that the net revenue target will be met, and accordingly, we recognized a \$43.4 million fair value adjustment in the six months ended June 30, 2015, which was included in marketing, general and administrative expense.

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The following table summarizes the change in fair value of the contingent consideration liability (in thousands):

|                                 | <b>Contingent<br/>Consideration Liability</b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2014 | \$ 43,400                                     |
| Fair value adjustment (Level 3) | (43,400 )                                     |
| Balance as of June 30, 2015     | \$ —                                          |

**4. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2015 was as follows (in thousands):

|                                                                      | <b>Accumulated<br/>Other<br/>Comprehensive<br/>Income (Loss)</b> | <b>Change<br/>Related to<br/>Cash Flow<br/>Hedges</b> | <b>Change<br/>Related to<br/>Shipboard<br/>Retirement<br/>Plan</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) at beginning of period | \$ (242,642 )                                                    | \$ (234,188 )                                         | \$ (8,454 )                                                        |
| Current period other comprehensive loss before reclassifications     | (33,274 )                                                        | (33,274 )                                             | —                                                                  |
| Amounts reclassified into earnings                                   | 48,689                                                           | 48,450 (1)                                            | 239 (2)                                                            |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) at end of period       | \$ (227,227 )                                                    | \$ (219,012 )(3)                                      | \$ (8,215 )                                                        |

(1) We refer you to Note 7— “Fair Value Measurements and Derivatives” for the affected line items in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

(2) Amortization of prior-service cost and actuarial loss reclassified to payroll and related expense.

(3) Includes \$63.0 million of losses expected to be reclassified into earnings in the next 12 months.

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was as follows (in thousands):

| <b>Accumulated<br/>Other<br/>Comprehensive<br/>Income (Loss)</b> | <b>Change<br/>Related to<br/>Cash Flow<br/>Hedges</b> | <b>Change<br/>Related to<br/>Shipboard<br/>Retirement<br/>Plan</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$ (16,690 )                                                     | \$ (10,532 )                                          | \$ (6,158 )                                                        |

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) at beginning of period

|                                                                  |            |   |            |     |           |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---|------------|-----|-----------|-----|
| Current period other comprehensive loss before reclassifications | (6,515     | ) | (6,515     | )   | —         |     |
| Amounts reclassified into earnings                               | 194        |   | 6          | (1) | 188       | (2) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) at end of period   | \$ (23,011 | ) | \$ (17,041 | )   | \$ (5,970 | )   |

(1) We refer you to Note 7— “Fair Value Measurements and Derivatives” for the affected line items in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

(2) Amortization of prior-service cost and actuarial loss reclassified to payroll and related expense.

## 5. Related Party Disclosures

In May 2015, the Selling Shareholders sold 20,000,000 ordinary shares of NCLH in a Secondary Equity Offering. In March 2015, Genting HK and the TPG Viking Funds sold 12,500,000 ordinary shares of NCLH in a Secondary Equity Offering. The Company did not receive any proceeds from these offerings. As of June 30, 2015, the relative ownership percentages of NCLH’s ordinary shares were as follows: Genting HK (17.7%), the Apollo Holders (20.6%), the TPG Viking Funds (3.2%), and public shareholders (58.5%).

In March 2015, we entered into an agreement with SWB Yankees, LLC related to sponsorship of and advertising with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders, a Minor League Baseball team. Pursuant to the agreement, we will pay an annual fee to SWB Yankees, LLC of \$200,000. Mr. David M. Abrams, one of our directors, is the co-managing partner of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders.

## 6. Income Tax Benefit (Expense)

NCLH is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. For the three months ended June 30, 2015, we had an income tax expense of \$2.7 million compared to \$3.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014. For the six months ended June 30, 2015 we had an income tax expense of \$3.4 million compared to an income tax benefit of \$6.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014. The benefit for 2014 includes a \$6.7 million non-recurring benefit associated with the election of a tax method to calculate deductible interest expense.

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**7.Fair Value Measurements and Derivatives**

Fair value is defined as the price at which an orderly transaction to sell an asset or to transfer a liability would take place between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions (that is, an exit price at the measurement date from the perspective of a market participant that holds the asset or owes the liability).

**Fair Value Hierarchy**

The following hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value should maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that are accessible at the measurement dates.

Level 2 Significant other observable inputs that are used by market participants in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources.

Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs we believe market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available.

**Derivatives**

We are exposed to market risk attributable to changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and fuel prices. We attempt to minimize these risks through a combination of our normal operating and financing activities and through the use of derivatives. We assess whether derivatives used in hedging transactions are “highly effective” in offsetting changes in the cash flow of our hedged forecasted transactions. We use regression analysis for this hedge relationship and high effectiveness is achieved when a statistically valid relationship reflects a high degree of offset and correlation between the fair values of the derivative and the hedged forecasted transaction. Cash flows from the derivatives are classified in the same category as the cash flows from the underlying hedged transaction. The determination of ineffectiveness is based on the amount of dollar offset between the cumulative change in fair value of the derivative and the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged transaction at the end of the reporting period. If it is determined that a derivative is not highly effective as a hedge, or if the hedged forecasted transaction is no longer probable of occurring, then the amount recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) is released to earnings. In addition, the ineffective portion of our highly effective hedges is recognized in earnings immediately and reported in other income (expense) in our consolidated statements of operations. There are no amounts excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness and there are no credit-risk-related contingent features in our derivative agreements.

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We monitor concentrations of credit risk associated with financial and other institutions with which we conduct significant business. Credit risk, including but not limited to counterparty non-performance under derivatives and our revolving credit facility, is not considered significant, as we primarily conduct business with large, well-established financial institutions that we have established relationships with and that have credit risks acceptable to us or the credit risk is spread out among a large number of creditors. We do not anticipate non-performance by any of our significant counterparties.

The following table sets forth our derivatives measured at fair value and discloses the balance sheet location (in thousands):

|                                                                          | <b>Balance Sheet location</b>          | <b>Asset<br/>June<br/>30,<br/>2015</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2014</b> | <b>Liability<br/>June<br/>30,<br/>2015</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2014</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Fuel swaps designated as hedging instruments                             |                                        |                                        |                              |                                            |                              |
|                                                                          | Accrued expenses and other liabilities | \$1,744                                | \$ —                         | \$52,407                                   | \$ 111,304                   |
|                                                                          | Other long-term liabilities            | 1,075                                  | 190                          | 44,419                                     | 77,250                       |
| Fuel swaps not designated as hedging instruments                         |                                        |                                        |                              |                                            |                              |
|                                                                          | Accrued expenses and other liabilities | —                                      | —                            | 18,319                                     | —                            |
| Foreign currency forward contracts designated as hedging instruments     |                                        |                                        |                              |                                            |                              |
|                                                                          | Prepaid expenses and other assets      | 3,077                                  | —                            | —                                          | —                            |
|                                                                          | Other long-term assets                 | 1,730                                  | —                            | —                                          | —                            |
|                                                                          | Accrued expenses and other liabilities | —                                      | —                            | 84,588                                     | 29,498                       |
|                                                                          | Other long-term liabilities            | —                                      | —                            | 11,330                                     | 118                          |
| Foreign currency forward contracts not designated as hedging instruments |                                        |                                        |                              |                                            |                              |
|                                                                          | Prepaid expenses and other assets      | 99                                     | —                            | —                                          | —                            |
| Foreign currency collar not designated as a hedging instrument           |                                        |                                        |                              |                                            |                              |
|                                                                          | Other long-term liabilities            | —                                      | —                            | 36,347                                     | 16,744                       |
| Interest rate swaps designated as hedging instruments                    |                                        |                                        |                              |                                            |                              |
|                                                                          | Accrued expenses and other liabilities | —                                      | —                            | 6,100                                      | 5,736                        |
|                                                                          | Other long-term liabilities            | —                                      | —                            | 4,114                                      | 3,104                        |
| Interest rate swap not designated as a hedging instrument                |                                        |                                        |                              |                                            |                              |
|                                                                          | Accrued expenses and other liabilities | —                                      | —                            | —                                          | 3,823                        |



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The fair values of swap and forward contracts are determined based on inputs that are readily available in public markets or can be derived from information available in publicly quoted markets. The Company determines the value of options and collars utilizing an option pricing model based on inputs that are either readily available in public markets or can be derived from information available in publicly quoted markets. The option pricing model used by the Company is an industry standard model for valuing options and is used by the broker/dealer community. The inputs to this option pricing model are the option strike price, underlying price, risk free rate of interest, time to expiration, and volatility. The fair value of option contracts considers both the intrinsic value and any remaining time value associated with those derivatives that have not yet settled. The Company also considers counterparty credit risk and its own credit risk in its determination of all estimated fair values. Our derivatives and financial instruments were categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy, and we had no derivatives or financial instruments categorized as Level 1 or Level 3 as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

Our derivative contracts include rights of offset with our counterparties. We have elected to net certain assets and liabilities within counterparties. We are not required to post cash collateral related to our derivative instruments. The following table discloses the amounts recognized within the consolidated balance sheets (in thousands):

| <b>June 30, 2015</b> | <b>Gross Amounts</b> | <b>Gross Amounts Offset</b> | <b>Total Net Amounts</b> | <b>Gross Amounts Not Offset</b> | <b>Net Amounts</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Assets               | \$ 4,906             | \$ —                        | \$ 4,906                 | \$ (4,906                       | ) \$ —             |
| Liabilities          | 257,624              | (2,819                      | ) 254,805                | (142,479                        | ) 112,326          |

| <b>December 31, 2014</b> | <b>Gross Amounts</b> | <b>Gross Amounts Offset</b> | <b>Total Net Amounts</b> | <b>Gross Amounts Not Offset</b> | <b>Net Amounts</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Liabilities              | \$ 247,577           | \$ (190                     | ) \$ 247,387             | \$ (59,023                      | ) \$ 188,364       |

***Fuel Swaps***

As of June 30, 2015, we had fuel swaps maturing through December 31, 2018 which are used to mitigate the financial impact of volatility in fuel prices pertaining to approximately 1.1 million metric tons of our projected fuel purchases.

The effects on the consolidated financial statements of the fuel swaps which were designated as cash flow hedges were as follows (in thousands):

|                                                                                          | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |           | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |          | <b>2014</b> |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|--|
| Gain recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) – effective portion                 | \$ 34,133                                       | \$ 11,610 | \$ 31,332                                     | \$ 1,839 |             |  |
| Gain (loss) recognized in other income (expense) – ineffective portion                   | (3,194 )                                        | 451       | (9,245 )                                      | 35       |             |  |
| Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into fuel expense | 15,297                                          | (1,218 )  | 35,833                                        | (1,923 ) |             |  |

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As of June 30, 2015, we had fuel swaps pertaining to approximately 100,000 metric tons which were not designated as cash flow hedges. These fuel swaps were previously designated as cash flow hedges and were dedesignated due to a change in our expected future fuel purchases mix.

The effects on the consolidated financial statements of the fuel swaps which were dedesignated and immediately recognized into earnings were as follows (in thousands):

|                                                                                                    | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                                    |                                                     | <b>2014</b>                          | <b>2015</b> |
|                                                                                                    |                                                     | <b>2014</b>                          | <b>2015</b> |
| Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into other income (expense) | \$ 10,000                                           | \$ —                                 | \$ 10,000   |

***Fuel Collars and Options***

We had fuel collars and fuel options maturing through December 2014, which were used to mitigate the financial impact of volatility in fuel prices of our fuel purchases.

The effects on the consolidated financial statements of the fuel collars which were designated as cash flow hedges were as follows (in thousands):

|                                                                                          | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |             | <b>Six Months<br/>Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                          | <b>2015</b>                                         | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>                                       | <b>2014</b> |
| Gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) – effective portion          | \$ —                                                | \$ 15       | \$ —                                              | \$ (309 )   |
| Gain (loss) recognized in other income (expense) – ineffective portion                   | —                                                   | (1 )        | —                                                 | 107         |
| Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into fuel expense | 10                                                  | 371         | 248                                               | 741         |

The effects on the consolidated financial statements of the fuel options which were not designated as hedging instruments were as follows (in thousands):

|                                           | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |   | <b>2014</b> |     | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |   | <b>2014</b> |     |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---|-------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------|---|-------------|-----|
| Gain recognized in other income (expense) | \$                                              | — | \$          | 101 | \$                                            | — | \$          | 186 |

***Foreign Currency Options***

We had foreign currency options that matured through January 2014, which consisted of call options with deferred premiums. These options were used to mitigate the financial impact of volatility in foreign currency exchange rates related to our ship construction contracts denominated in euros. If the spot rate at the date the ships were delivered was less than the strike price under these option contracts, we would have paid the deferred premium and would not exercise the foreign currency options.

The effects on the consolidated financial statements of the foreign currency options which were designated as cash flow hedges were as follows (in thousands):

|                                                                                                                   | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |     | <b>2014</b> |     | <b>Six Months<br/>Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |     | <b>2014</b> |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------|----------|
| Loss recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) – effective portion                                          | \$                                                  | —   | \$          | —   | \$                                                | —   | \$          | (1,157 ) |
| Loss recognized in other income (expense) – ineffective portion                                                   |                                                     | —   |             | —   |                                                   | —   |             | (241 )   |
| Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into depreciation and amortization expense |                                                     | 330 |             | 329 |                                                   | 660 |             | 608      |

Table of Contents***Foreign Currency Forward Contracts***

As of June 30, 2015, we had foreign currency forward contracts which were used to mitigate the financial impact of volatility in foreign currency exchange rates related to our ship construction contracts and forecasted Dry-dock payments denominated in euros. The notional amount of our foreign currency forward contracts was €0.9 billion, or \$1.0 billion based on the euro/U.S. dollar exchange rate as of June 30, 2015.

The effects on the consolidated financial statements of the foreign currency forward contracts which were designated as cash flow hedges were as follows (in thousands):

|                                                                                                                   | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |       | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |  | <b>2014</b> |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| Gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) – effective portion                                   | \$ 36,928                                       | \$ 88 | \$ (60,447 )                                  |  | \$ (988 )   |  |
| Gain (loss) recognized in other income (expense) – ineffective portion                                            | 8                                               | —     | (7 )                                          |  | (1 )        |  |
| Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into depreciation and amortization expense | (63 )                                           | (64 ) | (127 )                                        |  | (117 )      |  |

As of June 30, 2015, we had a foreign currency forward contract related to a foreign currency financial instrument denominated in Norwegian kroner (“NOK”) which is an economic hedge. The notional amount of our foreign currency forward contract was NOK 124.8 million, or \$15.9 million based on the NOK/U.S. dollar exchange rate as of June 30, 2015.

The effects on the consolidated financial statements of the foreign currency forward contract which was not designated as a cash flow hedge was as follows (in thousands):

|                                           | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |      | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> |  | <b>2014</b> |  |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| Gain recognized in other income (expense) | \$ 99                                           | \$ — | \$ 99                                         |  | \$ —        |  |

***Foreign Currency Collar***

We had a foreign currency collar that matured in January 2014, which was used to mitigate the volatility of foreign currency exchange rates related to our ship construction contracts denominated in euros.

The effects on the consolidated financial statements of the foreign currency collar which was designated as a cash flow hedge was as follows (in thousands):

|                                                                                                                   | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                                                   | <b>2015</b>                            | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b> |
| Loss recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) – effective portion                                          | \$ —                                   | \$ —        | \$ —                                 | \$ (1,588 ) |
| Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into depreciation and amortization expense | (91 )                                  | (91 )       | (182 )                               | (151 )      |

As of June 30, 2015, we had a foreign currency collar which was used to mitigate the financial impact of volatility in foreign currency exchange rates related to a ship construction contract. The notional amount of our foreign currency collar was €274.4 million, or \$305.9 million based on the euro/U.S. dollar exchange rate as of June 30, 2015.

The effect on the consolidated financial statements of the foreign currency collar contract which was not designated as a cash flow hedge was as follows (in thousands):

|                                                  | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2015</b> | <b>2014</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Gain (loss) recognized in other income (expense) | \$ 9,350                                        | \$ —        | \$ (19,603 )                                  | \$ —        |

Table of Contents***Interest Rate Swaps***

As of June 30, 2015, we had interest rate swap agreements to mitigate our exposure to interest rate movements and to manage our interest expense. The notional amount of outstanding debt associated with the interest rate swap agreements was \$1.2 billion.

The effects on the consolidated financial statements of the interest rates swaps which were designated as cash flow hedges were as follows (in thousands):

|                                                                                                   | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                                   | <b>2015</b>                            | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b> |
| Loss recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) – effective portion                          | \$ (570 )                              | \$ (2,916 ) | \$ (4,159 )                          | \$ (4,356 ) |
| Loss recognized in other income (expense) – ineffective portion                                   | (5 )                                   | —           | (12 )                                | —           |
| Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into interest expense, net | 1,081                                  | 526         | 2,018                                | 848         |

We had an interest rate swap that matured in January 2015, which was used to mitigate our exposure to interest rate movements and to manage our interest expense.

The effect on the consolidated financial statements of the interest rate swap which was not designated as a cash flow hedge was as follows (in thousands):

|                                           | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                           | <b>2015</b>                            | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b> |
| Loss recognized in other income (expense) | \$ —                                   | \$ —        | \$ (2 )                              | \$ —        |

**Long-Term Debt**

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the fair value of our long-term debt, including the current portion, was \$5,812.0 million and \$6,229.1 million, which was \$48.9 million and \$45.0 million higher, respectively, than the

carrying values. The difference between the fair value and carrying value of our long-term debt is due to our fixed and variable rate debt obligations carrying interest rates that are above or below market rates at the measurement dates. The fair value of our long-term debt was calculated based on estimated rates for the same or similar instruments with similar terms and remaining maturities. The calculation of the fair value of our long-term debt is considered a Level 2 input.

#### **Other**

The carrying amounts reported in the consolidated balance sheets of all financial assets and liabilities other than our long-term debt approximate fair value.

Table of Contents**8. Employee Benefits and Share Option Plans****Share Option Awards**

The following is a summary of option activity under our share option plan for the six months ended June 30, 2015:

|                                   | Number of Share Option Awards |                          | Weighted-Average Exercise Price |                          | Weighted-Average Contractual Term | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                   | Time-Based Awards             | Performance-Based Awards | Time-Based Awards               | Performance-Based Awards | (years)                           | (in thousands)            |
| Outstanding as of January 1, 2015 | 6,079,881                     | 1,457,314                | \$ 29.92                        | \$ 19.00                 | 7.61                              | \$ 142,831                |
| Granted                           | 250,000                       | —                        | 47.67                           | —                        |                                   |                           |
| Exercised                         | (1,799,944 )                  | (341,300 )               | 26.97                           | 19.00                    |                                   |                           |
| Forfeited and cancelled           | (819,137 )                    | (477,611 )               | 31.99                           | 19.00                    |                                   |                           |
| Outstanding as of June 30, 2015   | 3,710,800                     | 638,403                  | 32.09                           | 19.00                    | 7.61                              | 112,508                   |

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 was \$4.7 million and \$49.5 million, respectively, and total cash received by the Company from options exercised was \$3.2 million and \$55.0 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively. Share-based compensation expense for the three months ended June 30, 2015 was \$2.2 million and for the six months ended June 30, 2015 was \$14.2 million, which includes \$8.2 million related to the acceleration of certain equity awards of the former President and Chief Executive Officer, and was recorded in marketing, general and administrative expense.

On July 1, 2015, we granted approximately 3.4 million share option awards to our employees at an exercise price of \$56.19 with a contractual term of ten years. On August 4, 2015, we granted to our employees approximately 689.0 thousand share option awards at an exercise price of \$59.43 with a contractual term of ten years. The share option awards vest equally over three years. In addition, on August 4, 2015, we entered into an amendment to the employment agreement with our President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to which we granted 625.0 thousand time-based share option awards and 625.0 thousand performance-based share option awards at an exercise price of \$59.43 with a contractual term of ten years. The time-based share option awards vest 50% on June 30, 2017 and 50% on June 30, 2019. The performance-based share option awards vest upon certain hurdles being achieved. We also granted to our President and Chief Executive Officer 150.0 thousand restricted share units which ratably vest over four years through June 30, 2019 and 150.0 thousand performance-based restricted share units which vest upon certain hurdles being achieved.

**Restricted Ordinary Share Awards**

The following is a summary of restricted ordinary share activity for the six months ended June 30, 2015:

|                                                     | <b>Number of<br/>Time-Based<br/>Awards</b> | <b>Weighted-<br/>Average Grant<br/>Date Fair<br/>Value</b> | <b>Number of<br/>Performance-<br/>Based Awards</b> | <b>Weighted-<br/>Average Grant<br/>Date Fair<br/>Value</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Non-vested as of January 1, 2015                    | 196,644                                    | \$ 3.43                                                    | 1,208,608                                          | \$ 3.37                                                    |
| Granted                                             | 4,815                                      | 46.70                                                      | —                                                  | —                                                          |
| Vested                                              | (26,059 )                                  | 10.38                                                      | (56,687 )                                          | 4.13                                                       |
| Forfeited or Expired                                | (73,476 )                                  | 2.68                                                       | (587,869 )                                         | 2.79                                                       |
| Non-vested and expected to vest as of June 30, 2015 | 101,924                                    | 4.24                                                       | 564,052                                            | 3.90                                                       |

**Other Employee Matters**

On January 8, 2015, Kevin M. Sheehan resigned as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, together with all of his positions and offices with the Company and its subsidiaries or affiliates, effective immediately. In connection with Mr. Sheehan's resignation from the Company, Mr. Sheehan and the Company entered into a Separation Agreement and Release (the "Separation Agreement"). The Separation Agreement sets forth the terms of Mr. Sheehan's resignation from the Company, including, among other things, a general release of claims in favor of the Company and certain non-competition, non-solicitation, confidentiality and cooperation undertakings. The Separation Agreement also provides that Mr. Sheehan will receive (i) all of his accrued and unpaid base salary (and accrued and unpaid vacation time) through January 8, 2015 (the "Effective Date"), (ii) his previously approved bonus payment for fiscal year 2014 of \$1,627,500, (iii) a one-time cash separation payment in an amount equal to his base salary and target bonus and (iv) vesting of a portion of his outstanding unvested equity-based awards as of the Effective Date, and all remaining unvested equity-based awards shall immediately terminate, expire and be forfeited as of the Effective Date. This resulted in a total severance expense of \$13.4 million of which \$8.2 million was due to the acceleration of the equity-based awards which was recorded in marketing, general and administrative expense in January 2015.

Effective as of January 8, 2015, Frank J. Del Rio was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

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**9. Commitments and Contingencies**

**Ship Construction Contracts**

We have four Breakaway Plus Class Ships on order with Meyer Werft shipyard for delivery in the fall of 2015, spring of 2017, spring of 2018 and fall of 2019. These ships will be the largest in our fleet, reaching approximately 164,600 Gross Tons and up to 4,200 Berths each and will be similar in design and innovation to our Breakaway Class Ships. The combined contract price of these four ships is approximately €3.1 billion, or \$3.5 billion based on the euro/U.S. dollar exchange rate as of June 30, 2015. We have export credit financing in place that provides financing for 80% of their contract prices. We also have a contract with Fincantieri shipyard to build a luxury cruise ship to be named Seven Seas Explorer. The contract price of the ship is approximately €343.0 million, or approximately \$382.3 million based on the euro/U.S. dollar exchange rate as of June 30, 2015. We have export credit financing in place that provides financing for 80% of the ship's contract price. Seven Seas Explorer is expected to be delivered in the summer of 2016.

In connection with the contracts to build the ships, we do not anticipate any contractual breaches or cancellation to occur. However, if any would occur, it could result in, among other things, the forfeiture of prior deposits or payments made by us and potential claims and impairment losses which may materially impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

**Litigation**

In 2015, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation issued Notices of Violations to major cruise lines that operated in the state of Alaska, including Norwegian, for alleged violations of the Alaska Marine Vessel Visible Emission Standards that occurred over the last several years. We are cooperating with the state of Alaska and conducting our own internal investigation into these matters. However, we do not believe the ultimate outcome will have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In the normal course of our business, various claims and lawsuits have been filed or are pending against us. Most of these claims and lawsuits are covered by insurance and, accordingly, the maximum amount of our liability is typically limited to our deductible amount. Nonetheless, the ultimate outcome of these claims and lawsuits that are not covered by insurance cannot be determined at this time. We have evaluated our overall exposure with respect to all of our threatened and pending litigation and, to the extent required, we have accrued amounts for all estimable probable losses associated with our deemed exposure. We are currently unable to estimate any other potential contingent losses beyond those accrued, as discovery is not complete nor is adequate information available to estimate such range of loss or potential recovery. We intend to vigorously defend our legal position on all claims and, to the extent necessary, seek recovery.

## 10. Restructuring Costs

Due to the Acquisition of Prestige, a number of employee positions were consolidated. As of June 30, 2015, we had an accrual balance of \$7.2 million for restructuring costs for severance and other employee-related costs. The expense of \$11.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 is included in marketing general and administrative expense.

The following table summarizes changes in the accrual for restructuring costs (in thousands):

|                                                 | <b>Restructuring costs</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Accrued expense balance as of December 31, 2014 | \$ (7,956 )                |
| Amounts paid                                    | 11,991                     |
| Additional accrued expense                      | (11,244 )                  |
| Accrued expense balance as of June 30, 2015     | \$ (7,209 )                |

## 11. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

For the six months ended June 30, 2015, we had non-cash investing activities in connection with a capital lease of \$27.6 million.

## 12. Revision to the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

During the three months ended June 30, 2015, we determined that for the year ended December 31, 2014, non-cash transactions related to the financing of one of our ships was reported as cash used for additions to property and equipment and cash provided by proceeds from long-term debt. The Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, for the year ended December 31, 2014, will be revised in our Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2015, by decreasing cash used for additions to property and equipment and cash provided by proceeds from long-term debt by \$82.0 million. We have determined that the revision is not material to our consolidated financial statements.

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**Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

**Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this report constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained, or incorporated by reference, in this report, including, without limitation, those regarding our business strategy, financial position, results of operations, plans, prospects and objectives of management for future operations (including development plans and objectives relating to our activities), are forward-looking statements. Many, but not all, of these statements can be found by looking for words like “expect,” “anticipate,” “goal,” “project,” “plan,” “believe,” “seek,” “will,” “may,” “forecast,” “intend” and “future” and similar words. Forward-looking statements do not guarantee future performance and may involve risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from the future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied in those forward-looking statements. Examples of these risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to:

- the effects of costs incurred in connection with the Acquisition of Prestige;
- the ability to realize, or delays in realizing, the anticipated benefits of the Acquisition of Prestige;
- the assumption of certain potential liabilities relating to Prestige’s business;
- the diversion of management’s attention away from operations as a result of the integration of Prestige’s business;
- the effect that the Acquisition of Prestige may have on employee relations and on our ability to retain key personnel;
- the adverse impact of general economic conditions and related factors, such as fluctuating or increasing levels of unemployment, underemployment and the volatility of fuel prices, declines in the securities and real estate markets, and perceptions of these conditions that decrease the level of disposable income of consumers or consumer confidence;
- the risks associated with operating internationally, including changes in interest rates and/or foreign currency exchange rates;
- changes in fuel prices and/or other cruise operating costs;

the impact of our hedging strategies;

our efforts to expand our business into new markets;

our substantial indebtedness, including the ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, and to generate the necessary amount of cash to service our existing debt;

restrictions in the agreements governing our indebtedness that limit our flexibility in operating our business;

the significant portion of our assets pledged as collateral under our existing debt agreements and the ability of our creditors to accelerate the repayment of our indebtedness;

our ability to incur significantly more debt despite our substantial existing indebtedness;

the impact of volatility and disruptions in the global credit and financial markets, which may adversely affect our ability to borrow and could increase our counterparty credit risks, including those under our credit facilities, derivatives, contingent obligations, insurance contracts and new ship progress payment guarantees;

adverse events impacting the security of travel, such as terrorist acts, acts of piracy, armed conflict and threats thereof and other international events;

the impact of the spread of epidemics and viral outbreaks;

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- the impact of any future changes relating to how external distribution channels sell and market our cruises;
- our reliance on third parties to provide hotel management services to certain of our ships and certain other services;
- the impact of delays in our shipbuilding program and ship repairs, maintenance and refurbishments;
- the impact of any future increases in the price of, or major changes or reduction in, commercial airline services;
- the impact of seasonal variations in passenger fare rates and occupancy levels at different times of the year;
- the effect of adverse incidents involving cruise ships and our ability to obtain adequate insurance coverage;
- the impact of any breaches in data security or other disturbances to our information technology and other networks;
- our ability to keep pace with developments in technology;
- the impact of amendments to our collective bargaining agreements for crew members and other employee relation issues;
- the continued availability of attractive port destinations;
- the impact of pending or threatened litigation, investigations and enforcement actions;
- changes involving the tax and environmental regulatory regimes in which we operate;
- the significant percentage of ordinary shares held by our Sponsors; and
- other factors set forth under “Risk Factors” in our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and “Item 1A Risk Factors” in this report.

The above examples are not exhaustive and new risks emerge from time to time. Our forward-looking statements are based on our current beliefs, assumptions, expectations, estimates and projections regarding our present and future business strategies and the environment in which we will operate in the future. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made. We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates

or revisions to any forward-looking statement contained herein to reflect any change in our expectations with regard thereto or any change of events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement was based, except as required by law.

The interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, which are included in our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Terminology

This report includes certain non-GAAP financial measures, such as Net Revenue, Net Yield, Net Cruise Cost, Adjusted Net Yield, Adjusted Net Revenue, Adjusted Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS. Definitions of these non-GAAP financial measures are included below. For further information about our non-GAAP financial measures including detailed adjustments made in calculating our non-GAAP financial measures and a reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, we refer you to “Results of Operations” below. Unless otherwise indicated in this report, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

- *Acquisition of Prestige*. In November 2014, pursuant to the Merger Agreement, we acquired Prestige in a cash and stock transaction for total consideration of \$3.025 billion, including the assumption of debt. The acquisition consideration is subject to an additional cash payment of up to \$50 million upon achievement of certain 2015 revenue milestones.
- *Adjusted EBITDA*. EBITDA adjusted for other income (expense) and other supplemental adjustments.
- *Adjusted EPS*. Adjusted Net Income divided by the number of diluted weighted-average shares.
- *Adjusted Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel*. Net Cruise Cost less fuel expense adjusted for supplemental adjustments.
- *Adjusted Net Income*. Net income adjusted for supplemental adjustments.

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- *Adjusted Net Revenue*. Net Revenue adjusted for supplemental adjustments.
- *Adjusted Net Yield*. Net Yield adjusted for supplemental adjustments.
- *Berths*. Double occupancy capacity per stateroom (single occupancy per studio stateroom) even though many staterooms can accommodate three or more passengers.
- *Breakaway Class Ships*. Norwegian Breakaway and Norwegian Getaway.
- *Breakaway Plus Class Ships*. The next generation of ships which are similar in design and innovation to Breakaway Class Ships.
- *Breakaway Two Credit Facility*. €529.8 million Breakaway Two Credit Agreement, dated as of November 18, 2010, by and among Breakaway Two, Ltd. and a syndicate of international banks and related Guarantee by NCL Corporation Ltd., as amended.
- *Business Enhancement Capital Expenditures*. Capital expenditures other than those related to new ship construction and ROI Capital Expenditures.
- *Capacity Days*. Available Berths multiplied by the number of cruise days for the period.
- *Charter*. The hire of a ship for a specified period of time.
- *Constant Currency*. A calculation whereby foreign currency-denominated revenue and expenses in a period are converted at the U.S. dollar exchange rate of a comparable period in order to eliminate the effects of the foreign exchange fluctuations.

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- *Dry-dock*. A process whereby a ship is positioned in a large basin where all of the fresh/sea water is pumped out in order to carry out cleaning and repairs of those parts of a ship which are below the water line.
- *Gross Tons*. A unit of enclosed passenger space on a cruise ship, such that one gross ton = 100 cubic feet or 2.831 cubic meters.
- *EBITDA*. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.
- *EPS*. Earnings per share.
- *GAAP*. Generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S.
- *Gross Cruise Cost*. The sum of total cruise operating expense and marketing, general and administrative expense.
- *Gross Yield*. Total revenue per Capacity Day.
- *IPO*. The initial public offering of 27,058,824 ordinary shares, par value \$.001 per share, of NCLH, which was consummated on January 24, 2013.
- *Management NCL Corporation Units*. NCLC's previously outstanding profits interests issued to management (or former management) of NCLC which were converted into units in NCLC in connection with the Corporate Reorganization.
- *Merger Agreement*. Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 2, 2014, by and among Prestige, NCLH, Portland Merger Sub, Inc. and Apollo Management, L.P., as amended, for the Acquisition of Prestige.
- *Net Cruise Cost*. Gross Cruise Cost less commissions, transportation and other expense and onboard and other expense.

- *Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel.* Net Cruise Cost less fuel expense.
- *Net Revenue.* Total revenue less commissions, transportation and other expense and onboard and other expense.
- *Net Yield.* Net Revenue per Capacity Day.

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- *Occupancy Percentage*. The ratio of Passenger Cruise Days to Capacity Days. A percentage in excess of 100% indicates that three or more passengers occupied some staterooms.
- *Passenger Cruise Days*. The number of passengers carried for the period, multiplied by the number of days in their respective cruises.
- *Revolving Loan Facility*. \$625.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility maturing on May 24, 2018.
- *Secondary Equity Offering(s)*. Secondary public offering(s) of NCLH's ordinary shares in May 2015, March 2015, March 2014, December 2013 and August 2013.
- *Selling Shareholders*. Apollo Holders, Star NCLC and the TPG Viking Funds.
- *Shipboard Retirement Plan*. An unfunded defined benefit pension plan for certain crew members which computes benefits based on years of service, subject to certain requirements.

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**Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We use certain non-GAAP financial measures, such as Net Revenue, Adjusted Net Revenue, Gross Yield, Net Yield, Adjusted Net Yield, Net Cruise Cost, Adjusted Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS, to enable us to analyze our performance. See “Terminology” for the definitions of these non-GAAP financial measures. We utilize Net Revenue and Net Yield to manage our business on a day-to-day basis and believe that they are the most relevant measures of our revenue performance because they reflect the revenue earned by us net of significant variable costs. In measuring our ability to control costs in a manner that positively impacts net income, we believe changes in Net Cruise Cost and Adjusted Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel to be the most relevant indicators of our performance.

As our business includes the sourcing of passengers and deployment of vessels outside of North America, a portion of our revenue and expenses are denominated in foreign currencies, particularly euro and British Pound sterling, which are subject to fluctuations in currency exchange rates versus our reporting currency, the U.S. dollar. In order to monitor results excluding these fluctuations, we calculate certain non-GAAP measures on a Constant Currency basis whereby current period revenue and expenses denominated in foreign currencies are converted to U.S. dollars using currency exchange rates of the comparable period. We believe that presenting these non-GAAP measures on both a reported and Constant Currency basis is useful in providing a more comprehensive view of trends in our business.

We believe that Adjusted EBITDA is appropriate as a supplemental financial measure as it is used by management to assess operating performance. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA is a useful measure in determining our performance as it reflects certain operating drivers of our business, such as sales growth, operating costs, marketing, general and administrative expense and other operating income and expense. Adjusted EBITDA is not a defined term under GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to be a measure of liquidity or cash flows from operations or a measure comparable to net income as it does not take into account certain requirements such as capital expenditures and related depreciation, principal and interest payments and tax payments and it includes other supplemental adjustments.

In addition, Adjusted Net Revenue and Adjusted Net Yield, which excludes certain business combination accounting entries, are non-GAAP financial measures that we believe are useful as supplemental measures in evaluating the performance of our operating business and provide greater transparency into our results of operations. Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS are non-GAAP financial measures that exclude certain charges and are used to supplement GAAP net income and EPS. We use Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS as key performance measures of our earnings performance. We believe that both management and investors benefit from referring to these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing our performance and when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods. These non-GAAP financial measures also facilitate management’s internal comparison to our historical performance. The charges excluded in the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures may vary from period to period; accordingly, our presentation of Adjusted Net Revenue, Adjusted Net Yield, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS may not be indicative of future adjustments or results.

You are encouraged to evaluate each adjustment used in calculating our non-GAAP financial measures and the reasons we consider our non-GAAP financial measures appropriate for supplemental analysis. In evaluating our non-GAAP financial measures, you should be aware that in the future we may incur expenses similar to the adjustments in our presentation. Our non-GAAP financial measures have limitations as analytical tools, and you should not consider these measures in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Our presentation of our non-GAAP financial measures should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items. Our non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to other companies. Please see a historical reconciliation of these measures to the most comparable GAAP measure presented in our consolidated financial statements below in the “Results of Operations” section.

## **Financial Presentation**

Revenue from our cruise and cruise-related activities are categorized by us as “passenger ticket revenue” and “onboard and other revenue.” Passenger ticket revenue and onboard and other revenue vary according to product offering, the size of the ship in operation, the length of cruises operated and the markets in which the ship operates. Our revenue is seasonal based on demand for cruises, which has historically been strongest during the summer months.

Passenger ticket revenue primarily consists of revenue for accommodations, meals in certain restaurants on the ship, certain onboard entertainment, and includes revenue for service charges and air and land transportation to and from the ship to the extent guests purchase these items from us. Onboard and other revenue primarily consists of revenue from gaming, beverage sales, shore excursions, specialty dining, retail sales, spa services, photo services as well as certain Charter revenue. We record onboard revenue from onboard activities we perform directly or that are performed by independent concessionaires, from which we receive a share of their revenue.

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Our cruise operating expense is classified as follows:

Commissions, transportation and other primarily consists of direct costs associated with passenger ticket revenue. These costs include travel agent commissions, air and land transportation expenses, related credit card fees, costs associated with service charges, certain port expenses, the costs associated with shore excursions and hotel accommodations included as part of the overall cruise purchase price.

Onboard and other primarily consists of direct costs that are incurred in connection with onboard and other revenue. These include costs incurred in connection with shore excursions, beverage sales and gaming.

Payroll and related consists of the cost of wages and benefits for shipboard employees and costs for a third party that provides crew and other services for certain of our ships.

Fuel includes fuel costs, the impact of certain fuel hedges and fuel delivery costs.

Food consists of food costs for passengers and crew on certain of our ships.

Other consists of repairs and maintenance (including Dry-dock costs), ship insurance, Charter costs and other ship expenses.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

For a discussion of our critical accounting policies and estimates, see “Critical Accounting Policies” included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 under the caption “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.” We have made no significant changes to our critical accounting policies and estimates from those described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

## **Quarterly Overview**

For the second quarter of 2015, on a GAAP basis, net income and diluted earnings per share were \$158.5 million and \$0.69, respectively. We reported Adjusted Net Income of \$171.6 million and Adjusted EPS of \$0.75, which primarily excludes \$3.3 million of expenses related to non-cash compensation, \$1.0 million related to Secondary Equity Offering expenses, \$3.3 million of expenses related to severance costs, \$10.9 million related to the Acquisition of

Prestige, \$7.3 million of a deferred revenue adjustment, \$20.9 million related to the amortization of intangible assets, \$(34.3) million of contingent consideration income adjustment and \$0.7 million related to derivative adjustments.

In May 2015, the Selling Shareholders sold 20,000,000 ordinary shares of NCLH in a Secondary Equity Offering. We did not receive any proceeds from this offering.

### Three months ended June 30, 2015 (“2015”) compared to the three months ended June 30, 2014 (“2014”)

Total revenue increased 41.7% to \$1,085.4 million in 2015 compared to \$765.9 million in 2014. Net Revenue in 2015 increased 38.5% to \$825.1 million from \$595.7 million in 2014 due to an increase in Capacity Days of 18.2% and Net Yield of 17.2%. The increase in Capacity Days was primarily due to the Acquisition of Prestige.

Operating income was \$217.4 million in 2015 compared to \$148.6 million in 2014 and Adjusted EBITDA (we refer you to our “Results of Operations” below for a calculation of Adjusted EBITDA) improved 42.8% for the same period.

### Results of Operations

The following table sets forth operating data as a percentage of total revenue:

|                                       | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |   |       |   | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |   |       |   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------|---|------------------------------|---|-------|---|
|                                       | 2015                           |   | 2014  |   | 2015                         |   | 2014  |   |
| <b>Revenue</b>                        |                                |   |       |   |                              |   |       |   |
| Passenger ticket                      | 72.6                           | % | 69.0  | % | 72.1                         | % | 68.3  | % |
| Onboard and other                     | 27.4                           | % | 31.0  | % | 27.9                         | % | 31.7  | % |
| Total revenue                         | 100.0                          | % | 100.0 | % | 100.0                        | % | 100.0 | % |
| <b>Cruise operating expense</b>       |                                |   |       |   |                              |   |       |   |
| Commissions, transportation and other | 17.7                           | % | 15.0  | % | 18.0                         | % | 16.2  | % |
| Onboard and other                     | 6.3                            | % | 7.2   | % | 6.3                          | % | 7.2   | % |
| Payroll and related                   | 14.9                           | % | 13.9  | % | 15.8                         | % | 14.4  | % |
| Fuel                                  | 8.5                            | % | 10.2  | % | 8.9                          | % | 11.0  | % |
| Food                                  | 4.0                            | % | 5.6   | % | 4.2                          | % | 5.6   | % |
| Other                                 | 9.1                            | % | 9.6   | % | 10.1                         | % | 9.7   | % |
| Total cruise operating expense        | 60.5                           | % | 61.5  | % | 63.3                         | % | 64.1  | % |
| <b>Other operating expense</b>        |                                |   |       |   |                              |   |       |   |
| Marketing, general and administrative | 9.9                            | % | 10.8  | % | 12.9                         | % | 11.6  | % |
| Depreciation and amortization         | 9.6                            | % | 8.3   | % | 10.1                         | % | 8.8   | % |

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|                                                                       |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|
| Total other operating expense                                         | 19.5  | %  | 19.1  | %  | 23.0  | %  | 20.4  | %  |
| Operating income                                                      | 20.0  | %  | 19.4  | %  | 13.7  | %  | 15.5  | %  |
| <b>Non-operating income (expense)</b>                                 |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |
| Interest expense, net                                                 | (4.8) | )% | (4.2) | )% | (5.1) | )% | (4.4) | )% |
| Other income (expense)                                                | (0.4) | )% | —     | %  | (1.7) | )% | —     | %  |
| Total non-operating income (expense)                                  | (5.2) | )% | (4.2) | )% | (6.8) | )% | (4.4) | )% |
| <b>Net income before income taxes</b>                                 | 14.8  | %  | 15.2  | %  | 6.9   | %  | 11.1  | %  |
| <b>Income tax benefit (expense)</b>                                   | (0.2) | )% | (0.4) | )% | (0.1) | )% | 0.4   | %  |
| <b>Net income</b>                                                     | 14.6  | %  | 14.8  | %  | 6.8   | %  | 11.5  | %  |
| <b>Net income attributable to non-controlling interest</b>            | —     | %  | 0.2   | %  | —     | %  | 0.1   | %  |
| <b>Net income attributable to Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.</b> | 14.6  | %  | 14.6  | %  | 6.8   | %  | 11.4  | %  |

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The following table sets forth selected statistical information:

|                       | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                       | <b>2015</b>                            | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b> |
| Passengers carried    | 527,676                                | 482,837     | 1,041,202                            | 990,109     |
| Passenger Cruise Days | 3,948,773                              | 3,394,649   | 7,716,888                            | 6,470,051   |
| Capacity Days         | 3,634,143                              | 3,074,415   | 7,190,611                            | 5,970,399   |
| Occupancy Percentage  | 108.7 %                                | 110.4 %     | 107.3 %                              | 108.4 %     |

Net Revenue, Adjusted Net Revenue, Gross Yield, Net Yield and Adjusted Net Yield were calculated as follows (in thousands, except Capacity Days and Yield data):

|                                               | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |                                       |             | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |                                       |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                               | <b>2015</b>                            | <b>2015<br/>Constant<br/>Currency</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2015<br/>Constant<br/>Currency</b> | <b>2014</b> |
| Passenger ticket revenue                      | \$787,991                              | \$806,372                             | \$528,782   | \$1,458,474                          | \$1,485,065                           | \$977,362   |
| Onboard and other revenue                     | 297,442                                | 296,994                               | 237,145     | 565,141                              | 564,693                               | 452,593     |
| Total revenue                                 | 1,085,433                              | 1,103,366                             | 765,927     | 2,023,615                            | 2,049,758                             | 1,429,955   |
| Less:                                         |                                        |                                       |             |                                      |                                       |             |
| Commissions, transportation and other expense | 192,438                                | 196,721                               | 114,712     | 364,265                              | 370,510                               | 231,522     |
| Onboard and other expense                     | 67,885                                 | 67,435                                | 55,467      | 126,530                              | 126,080                               | 103,391     |
| Net Revenue                                   | 825,110                                | 839,210                               | 595,748     | 1,532,820                            | 1,553,168                             | 1,095,042   |
| <b>Non-GAAP Adjustment:</b>                   |                                        |                                       |             |                                      |                                       |             |
| Deferred revenue (1)                          | 7,294                                  | 7,294                                 | —           | 28,488                               | 28,488                                | —           |
| Adjusted Net Revenue                          | \$832,404                              | \$846,504                             | \$595,748   | \$1,561,308                          | \$1,581,656                           | \$1,095,042 |
| Capacity Days                                 | 3,634,143                              | 3,634,143                             | 3,074,415   | 7,190,611                            | 7,190,611                             | 5,970,399   |
| Gross Yield                                   | \$298.68                               | \$303.61                              | \$249.13    | \$281.42                             | \$285.06                              | \$239.51    |
| Net Yield                                     | \$227.04                               | \$230.92                              | \$193.78    | \$213.17                             | \$216.00                              | \$183.41    |
| Adjusted Net Yield                            | \$229.05                               | \$232.93                              | \$193.78    | \$217.13                             | \$219.96                              | \$183.41    |

Reflects deferred revenue fair value adjustments totaling \$7.3 million and \$28.5 million for the three months and (1) six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, related to the Acquisition of Prestige that were made pursuant to business combination accounting rules.

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Gross Cruise Cost, Net Cruise Cost, Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel and Adjusted Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel were calculated as follows (in thousands, except Capacity Days and per Capacity Day data):

|                                                          | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |                                       |             | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |                                       |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                          | <b>2015</b>                            | <b>2015<br/>Constant<br/>Currency</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2015<br/>Constant<br/>Currency</b> | <b>2014</b> |
| Total cruise operating expense                           | \$656,279                              | \$661,730                             | \$470,796   | \$1,279,979                          | \$1,288,029                           | \$916,706   |
| Marketing, general and administrative expense            | 107,164                                | 108,738                               | 83,084      | 261,321                              | 264,051                               | 166,473     |
| Gross Cruise Cost                                        | 763,443                                | 770,468                               | 553,880     | 1,541,300                            | 1,552,080                             | 1,083,179   |
| Less:                                                    |                                        |                                       |             |                                      |                                       |             |
| Commissions, transportation and other expense            | 192,438                                | 196,722                               | 114,712     | 364,265                              | 370,510                               | 231,522     |
| Onboard and other expense                                | 67,885                                 | 67,435                                | 55,467      | 126,530                              | 126,080                               | 103,391     |
| Net Cruise Cost                                          | 503,120                                | 506,311                               | 383,701     | 1,050,505                            | 1,055,490                             | 748,266     |
| Less: Fuel expense                                       | 91,581                                 | 91,581                                | 77,832      | 178,955                              | 178,955                               | 156,872     |
| Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel                           | 411,539                                | 414,730                               | 305,869     | 871,550                              | 876,535                               | 591,394     |
| <b>Less Non-GAAP Adjustments:</b>                        |                                        |                                       |             |                                      |                                       |             |
| Non-cash deferred compensation (1)                       | 1,029                                  | 1,029                                 | 1,770       | 2,482                                | 2,482                                 | 2,609       |
| Non-cash share-based compensation (2)                    | 2,161                                  | 2,161                                 | 3,244       | 14,166                               | 14,166                                | 5,079       |
| Secondary Equity Offering expenses (3)                   | 1,022                                  | 1,022                                 | —           | 1,022                                | 1,022                                 | 1,877       |
| Severance payments and other fees (4)                    | 3,289                                  | 3,289                                 | —           | 13,676                               | 13,676                                | —           |
| Management NCL Corporation Units exchange expenses (5)   | —                                      | —                                     | —           | 624                                  | 624                                   | —           |
| Acquisition of Prestige expenses (6)                     | 10,891                                 | 10,891                                | —           | 11,291                               | 11,291                                | —           |
| Contingent consideration adjustment (7)                  | (34,300 )                              | (34,300 )                             | —           | (43,400 )                            | (43,400 )                             | —           |
| Other (8)                                                | —                                      | —                                     | 2,331       | —                                    | —                                     | 2,331       |
| Adjusted Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel                  | \$427,447                              | \$430,638                             | \$298,524   | \$871,689                            | \$876,674                             | \$579,498   |
| Capacity Days                                            | 3,634,143                              | 3,634,143                             | 3,074,415   | 7,190,611                            | 7,190,611                             | 5,970,399   |
| Gross Cruise Cost per Capacity Day                       | \$210.08                               | \$212.01                              | \$180.16    | \$214.35                             | \$215.85                              | \$181.42    |
| Net Cruise Cost per Capacity Day                         | \$138.44                               | \$139.32                              | \$124.80    | \$146.09                             | \$146.79                              | \$125.33    |
| Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel per Capacity Day          | \$113.24                               | \$114.12                              | \$99.49     | \$121.21                             | \$121.90                              | \$99.05     |
| Adjusted Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel per Capacity Day | \$117.62                               | \$118.50                              | \$97.10     | \$121.23                             | \$121.92                              | \$97.06     |

- (1) Non-cash share-based compensation expenses related to the crew pension plan, which are included in payroll and related expense.
- (2) Non-cash share-based compensation expenses related to equity grants, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (3) Expenses related to the Secondary Equity Offerings, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (4) Severance payments and other expenses related to restructuring costs and other severance arrangements, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (5) Expenses related to the exchange of Management NCL Corporation Units for ordinary shares, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (6) Expenses related to the Acquisition of Prestige, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (7) Contingent consideration fair value adjustment related to the Acquisition of Prestige, which is included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (8) Expenses primarily related to the Corporate Reorganization and the settlement of a 2007 breach of contract claim, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.

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Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS were calculated as follows (in thousands, except share and per share data):

|                                                                   | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |             | <b>Six Months Ended</b> |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                   | <b>June 30,</b>           |             | <b>June 30,</b>         |             |
|                                                                   | <b>2015</b>               | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>             | <b>2014</b> |
| Net income attributable to Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.    | \$ 158,494                | \$ 111,616  | \$ 137,038              | \$ 162,883  |
| Net income attributable to non-controlling interest               | —                         | 1,663       | —                       | 2,088       |
| Net income                                                        | 158,494                   | 113,279     | 137,038                 | 164,971     |
| <b>Non-GAAP Adjustments:</b>                                      |                           |             |                         |             |
| Non-cash deferred compensation (1)                                | 1,029                     | 1,770       | 2,482                   | 2,609       |
| Non-cash share-based compensation (2)                             | 2,334                     | 3,244       | 14,339                  | 5,079       |
| Secondary Equity Offerings' expenses (3)                          | 1,022                     | —           | 1,022                   | 1,877       |
| Tax benefit (4)                                                   | —                         | 511         | —                       | (6,174 )    |
| Severance payments and other fees (5)                             | 3,289                     | —           | 13,676                  | —           |
| Management NCL Corporation Units exchange expenses (6)            | —                         | —           | 624                     | —           |
| Acquisition of Prestige expenses (7)                              | 10,891                    | —           | 11,291                  | —           |
| Deferred revenue (8)                                              | 7,294                     | —           | 28,488                  | —           |
| Amortization of intangible assets (9)                             | 20,913                    | —           | 39,059                  | —           |
| Contingent consideration adjustment (10)                          | (34,300 )                 | —           | (43,400 )               | —           |
| Derivative expense (11)                                           | 650                       | —           | 29,603                  | —           |
| Other (12)                                                        | —                         | 2,331       | —                       | 2,331       |
| Adjusted Net Income                                               | \$ 171,616                | \$ 121,135  | \$ 234,222              | \$ 170,693  |
| Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding – Net income          | 230,228,144               | 210,472,991 | 229,664,210             | 210,742,655 |
| Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding – Adjusted Net Income | 230,228,144               | 210,472,991 | 229,664,210             | 210,742,655 |
| Diluted earnings per share                                        | \$ 0.69                   | \$ 0.54     | \$ 0.60                 | \$ 0.78     |
| Adjusted EPS                                                      | \$ 0.75                   | \$ 0.58     | \$ 1.02                 | \$ 0.81     |

- (1) Non-cash share-based compensation expenses related to the crew pension plan, which are included in payroll and related expense.
- (2) Non-cash share-based compensation expenses related to equity grants, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (3) Expenses related to the Secondary Equity Offerings, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (4) Tax benefit of \$6.2 million from a change in estimate of tax provision associated with a change in our corporate entity structure, which is included in income tax benefit (expense).
- (5) Severance payments and other expenses related to restructuring costs and other severance arrangements, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (6) Expenses related to the exchange of Management NCL Corporation Units for ordinary shares, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (7) Expenses related to the Acquisition of Prestige, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.

- (8) Deferred revenue fair value adjustments related to the Acquisition of Prestige that were made pursuant to business combination accounting rules, which are primarily included in Net Revenue.
- (9) Amortization of intangible assets related to the Acquisition of Prestige, which are included in depreciation and amortization expense.
- (10) Contingent consideration fair value adjustment related to the Acquisition of Prestige, which is included in marketing, general and administrative expense.  
Losses of approximately \$(10.0) million related to certain fuel swap derivative hedge contracts and the fair value adjustment of \$9.4 million for a foreign exchange collar which does not receive hedge accounting treatment,
- (11) which are included in other income (expense) for the three months ended June 30, 2015. Losses of \$(19.6) million for a foreign exchange collar which does not receive hedge accounting treatment and \$(10.0) million related to certain fuel swap derivative hedge contracts for the six months ended June 30, 2015.
- (12) Expenses primarily related to the Corporate Reorganization and the settlement of a 2007 breach of contract claim, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.

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EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA was calculated as follows (in thousands):

|                                                                | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                | <b>2015</b>                            | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b> |
| Net income attributable to Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. | \$ 158,494                             | \$ 111,616  | \$ 137,038                           | \$ 162,883  |
| Interest expense, net                                          | 52,446                                 | 31,860      | 103,435                              | 63,032      |
| Income tax (benefit) expense                                   | 2,726                                  | 3,124       | 3,403                                | (6,263 )    |
| Depreciation and amortization expense                          | 104,607                                | 63,459      | 204,583                              | 125,099     |
| EBITDA                                                         | 318,273                                | 210,059     | 448,459                              | 344,751     |
| Net income attributable to Non-controlling interest            | —                                      | 1,663       | —                                    | 2,088       |
| Other (income) expense                                         | 3,717                                  | 325         | 33,856                               | (63 )       |
| <b>Non-GAAP Adjustments:</b>                                   |                                        |             |                                      |             |
| Non-cash deferred compensation (1)                             | 1,029                                  | 1,770       | 2,482                                | 2,609       |
| Non-cash share-based compensation (2)                          | 2,161                                  | 3,244       | 14,166                               | 5,079       |
| Secondary Equity Offerings' expenses (3)                       | 1,022                                  | —           | 1,022                                | 1,877       |
| Severance payments and other fees (4)                          | 3,289                                  | —           | 13,676                               | —           |
| Management NCL Corporation Units exchange expenses (5)         | —                                      | —           | 624                                  | —           |
| Acquisition of Prestige expenses (6)                           | 10,891                                 | —           | 11,291                               | —           |
| Deferred revenue (7)                                           | 7,294                                  | —           | 28,488                               | —           |
| Contingent consideration adjustment (8)                        | (34,300 )                              | —           | (43,400 )                            | —           |
| Other (9)                                                      | —                                      | 2,331       | —                                    | 2,331       |
| Adjusted EBITDA                                                | \$ 313,376                             | \$ 219,392  | \$ 510,664                           | \$ 358,672  |

- (1) Non-cash share-based compensation expenses related to the crew pension plan, which are included in payroll and related expense.
- (2) Non-cash share-based compensation expenses related to equity grants, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (3) Expenses related to the Secondary Equity Offerings, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (4) Severance payments and other expenses related to restructuring costs and other severance arrangements, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (5) Expenses related to the exchange of Management NCL Corporation Units for ordinary shares, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (6) Expenses related to the Acquisition of Prestige, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (7) Deferred revenue fair value adjustments related to the Acquisition of Prestige that were made pursuant to business combination accounting rules, which are primarily included in Net Revenue.
- (8) Contingent consideration fair value adjustment related to the Acquisition of Prestige, which is included in marketing, general and administrative expense.
- (9) Expenses primarily related to the Corporate Reorganization and the settlement of a 2007 breach of contract claim, which are included in marketing, general and administrative expense.

**Three months ended June 30, 2015 ("2015") compared to three months ended June 30, 2014 ("2014")**

### ***Revenue***

Total revenue increased 41.7% to \$1,085.4 million in 2015 compared to \$765.9 million in 2014. Net Revenue in 2015 increased 38.5% to \$825.1 million from \$595.7 million in 2014 due to an increase in Capacity Days of 18.2% and Net Yield of 17.2%. The increase in Capacity Days was primarily due to the Acquisition of Prestige. The increase in Net Yield was primarily due to an increase in passenger ticket pricing and higher onboard and other revenue. Adjusted Net Revenue includes a deferred revenue fair value adjustment of \$7.3 million related to the Acquisition of Prestige. On a Constant Currency basis, Net Yield and Adjusted Net Yield increased 19.2% and 20.2%, respectively, in 2015 compared to 2014.

### ***Expense***

Total cruise operating expense increased 39.4% in 2015 compared to 2014 primarily due to the increase in Capacity Days as discussed above. Total other operating expense increased 44.5% in 2015 compared to 2014 primarily due to the amortization expense related to the intangible assets and depreciation related to the Prestige ships and an increase in marketing general and administrative expenses primarily related to the Acquisition of Prestige partially offset by the adjustment for the contingent consideration related to the Acquisition of Prestige. On a Capacity Day basis, Net Cruise Cost increased 10.9% (11.6% on a Constant Currency basis) due to certain crew related expenses and an increase in marketing general and administrative expenses as discussed above. Adjusted Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel per Capacity Day increased 21.1% (22.0% on a Constant Currency basis) primarily due to the increase in expenses discussed above.

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Interest expense, net increased to \$52.4 million in 2015 from \$31.9 million in 2014 primarily due to an increase in average debt outstanding in connection with the Acquisition of Prestige. Other income (expense) was an expense of \$3.7 million in 2015 compared to \$0.3 million in 2014 primarily related to the expense recorded from the dedesignation of certain fuel swap derivative hedge contracts and the ineffectiveness of settled fuel swaps in 2015. The expense was partially offset by income related to the fair value adjustment for a foreign exchange collar which does not receive hedge accounting treatment.

In 2015, we had an income tax expense of \$2.7 million compared to \$3.1 million in 2014.

**Six months ended June 30, 2015 (“2015”) compared to six months ended June 30, 2014 (“2014”)**

***Revenue***

Total revenue increased 41.5% to \$2,023.6 million in 2015 compared to \$1,430.0 million in 2014. Net Revenue in 2015 increased 40.0% to \$1,532.8 million from \$1,095.0 million in 2014 due to an increase in Capacity Days of 20.4% and Net Yield of 16.2%. The increase in Capacity Days was primarily due to the Acquisition of Prestige and the operation of Norwegian Getaway for the entire six months of 2015. The increase in Net Yield was primarily due to an increase in passenger ticket pricing and higher onboard and other revenue. Adjusted Net Revenue includes a deferred revenue fair value adjustment of \$28.5 million related to the Acquisition of Prestige. On a Constant Currency basis, Net Yield and Adjusted Net Yield increased 17.8% and 19.9%, respectively, in 2015 compared to 2014.

***Expense***

Total cruise operating expense increased 39.6% in 2015 compared to 2014 primarily due to the increase in Capacity Days as discussed above. Total other operating expense increased 59.8% in 2015 compared to 2014 primarily due to an increase in marketing general and administrative expenses primarily related to the Acquisition of Prestige including certain restructuring and severance costs, as well as amortization expense related to the intangible assets and depreciation related to the Prestige ships. This was partially offset by the adjustment for the contingent consideration related to the Acquisition of Prestige. On a Capacity Day basis, Net Cruise Cost increased 16.6% (17.1% on a Constant Currency basis) due to an increase in marketing general and administrative expenses as discussed above and certain crew related expenses partially offset by the decrease in fuel expense which was primarily the result of a 14.4% decrease in the average fuel price to \$542 per metric ton in 2015 from \$633 per metric ton in 2014. Adjusted Net Cruise Cost Excluding Fuel per Capacity Day increased 24.9% (25.6% on a Constant Currency basis) primarily due to the increase in expenses discussed above.

Interest expense, net increased to \$103.4 million in 2015 from \$63.0 million in 2014 primarily due to an increase in average debt outstanding in connection with the Acquisition of Prestige. Other income (expense) was an expense of \$33.9 million in 2015 compared to income of \$63.0 thousand in 2014 primarily related to the expense from the dedesignation of certain fuel swap derivative hedge contracts and the ineffectiveness of settled fuel swaps in 2015. Also included in 2015 was the expense related to the fair value adjustment for a foreign exchange collar which does not receive hedge accounting treatment.

In 2015, we had an income tax expense of \$3.4 million. In 2014, we had an income tax benefit of \$6.3 million. During the fourth quarter of 2013, we completed the implementation of a global tax platform, which had a favorable impact on the amount of income subject to U.S. corporate tax. This favorable impact continued through calendar year 2014. In addition, during the first quarter of 2014, we received information which allowed us to elect a tax method to calculate deductible interest expense resulting in a tax benefit of \$11.1 million including a \$6.2 million non-recurring benefit that has been excluded from Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS for the six months ended June 30, 2014.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

### ***General***

As of June 30, 2015, our liquidity was \$798.0 million consisting of \$173.0 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$625.0 million, which is the full amount available under our Revolving Loan Facility. Our primary ongoing liquidity requirements are to finance working capital, capital expenditures and debt service.

As of June 30, 2015, we had a working capital deficit of \$2.1 billion. This deficit included \$1.2 billion of advance ticket sales, which represents the passenger ticket revenue we collect in advance of sailing dates, and accordingly, are substantially more like deferred revenue balances rather than actual current cash liabilities. Our business model, along with our Revolving Loan Facility, allows us to operate with a working capital deficit and still meet our operating, investing and financing needs.

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***Sources and Uses of Cash***

***In this section, references to “2015” refer to the six months ended June 30, 2015 and references to “2014” refer to the six months ended June 30, 2014.***

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$692.1 million in 2015 as compared to \$519.1 million in 2014. The change in net cash provided by operating activities included timing differences in cash receipts and payments relating to operating assets and liabilities with advance ticket sales of \$412.6 million in 2015 compared to \$194.9 million in 2014. The increase was partially offset by lower net income of \$137.0 million in 2015 compared to net income of \$165.0 million in 2014.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$186.5 million in 2015, primarily related to payments for our newbuild ships and ship improvements and shoreside projects. Net cash used in investing activities was \$787.6 million in 2014, primarily related to the payments for delivery of Norwegian Getaway and other ship improvements and shoreside projects.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$417.5 million in 2015, primarily due to repayments of our Revolving Loan Facility and other loan facilities. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$275.5 million in 2014, primarily due to proceeds from the Breakaway Two Credit Facility.

***Future Capital Commitments***

Future capital commitments consist of contracted commitments, including ship construction contracts, and future expected capital expenditures necessary for operations. As of June 30, 2015, anticipated capital expenditures were \$1.0 billion for the remainder of 2015, and \$0.9 billion and \$1.1 billion for each of the years ending December 31, 2016 and 2017, respectively, of which we have export credit financing in place for the expenditures related to ship construction contracts of \$0.7 billion for the remainder of 2015, \$0.5 billion for 2016 and \$0.6 billion for 2017.

We have four Breakaway Plus Class Ships on order with Meyer Werft shipyard for delivery in the fall of 2015, spring of 2017, spring of 2018 and fall of 2019. These ships will be the largest in our fleet, reaching approximately 164,600 Gross Tons and up to 4,200 Berths each and will be similar in design and innovation to our Breakaway Class Ships. The combined contract price of these four ships is approximately €3.1 billion, or \$3.5 billion based on the euro/U.S. dollar exchange rate as of June 30, 2015. We have export credit financing in place that provides financing for 80% of their contract prices. We also have a contract with Fincantieri shipyard to build a luxury cruise ship to be named

Seven Seas Explorer. The contract price of the ship is approximately €343.0 million, or approximately \$382.3 million based on the euro/U.S. dollar exchange rate as of June 30, 2015. We have export credit financing in place that provides financing for 80% of the ship's contract price. Seven Seas Explorer is expected to be delivered in the summer of 2016.

In connection with the contracts to build these ships, we do not anticipate any contractual breaches or cancellation to occur. However, if any would occur, it could result in, among other things, the forfeiture of prior deposits or payments made by us, subject to certain refund guarantees, and potential claims and impairment losses which may materially impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Capitalized interest for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 was \$7.4 million and \$15.1 million, respectively, and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 was \$4.1 million and \$9.2 million, respectively, primarily associated with the construction of our Breakaway Plus Class Ships.

#### Off-Balance Sheet Transactions

None.

#### Contractual Obligations

As of June 30, 2015, our contractual obligations, with initial or remaining terms in excess of one year, including interest payments on long-term debt obligations, were as follows (in thousands):

|                                 | <b>Total</b>        | <b>Less than<br/>1 year</b> | <b>1-3 years</b>   | <b>3-5 years</b>   | <b>More than<br/>5 years</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Long-term debt (1)              | \$5,763,919         | \$585,875                   | \$2,213,864        | \$1,310,419        | \$1,653,761                  |
| Due to Affiliate (2)            | 38,737              | 38,737                      | —                  | —                  | —                            |
| Operating leases (3)            | 150,014             | 11,579                      | 24,542             | 24,750             | 89,143                       |
| Ship construction contracts (4) | 3,713,432           | 1,314,918                   | 1,629,128          | 769,386            | —                            |
| Port facilities (5)             | 198,815             | 31,675                      | 53,809             | 41,719             | 71,612                       |
| Interest (6)                    | 777,830             | 173,353                     | 305,256            | 167,641            | 131,580                      |
| Other (7)                       | 121,644             | 48,453                      | 32,510             | 13,943             | 26,738                       |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$10,764,391</b> | <b>\$2,204,590</b>          | <b>\$4,259,109</b> | <b>\$2,327,858</b> | <b>\$1,972,834</b>           |

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- (1) Net of unamortized original issue discount of \$0.9 million and includes premiums aggregating \$0.8 million. Also includes capital leases.
- (2) Primarily related to the purchase of Norwegian Sky.
- (3) Primarily for offices, motor vehicles and office equipment.
- (4) For our newbuild ships based on the euro/U.S. dollar exchange rate as of June 30, 2015. Export credit financing is in place from a syndicate of banks.
- (5) Primarily for our usage of certain port facilities.
- (6) Includes fixed and variable rates with LIBOR held constant as of June 30, 2015.
- (7) Future commitments for service, maintenance and other Business Enhancement Capital Expenditure contracts.

As of June 30, 2015, we had a liability for unrecognized tax benefits and an accrual for the payment of related interest and penalties totaling \$11.3 million. Due to the uncertainties related to these tax matters, we are unable to make a reasonably reliable estimate when cash settlement with a taxing authority will occur in relation to these liabilities.

## **Other**

Certain of our service providers may require collateral in the normal course of our business. The amount of collateral may change based on certain terms and conditions.

As a routine part of our business, depending on market conditions, exchange rates, pricing and our strategy for growth, we regularly consider opportunities to enter into contracts for the building of additional ships. We may also consider the sale of ships, potential acquisitions and strategic alliances. If any of these were to occur, they may be financed through the incurrence of additional permitted indebtedness, through cash flows from operations, or through the issuance of debt, equity or equity-related securities.

## **Funding Sources**

Our debt agreements contain covenants that, among other things, require us to maintain a minimum level of liquidity, as well as limit our net funded debt-to-capital ratio, maintain certain other ratios and restrict our ability to pay dividends. Our ships and substantially all other property and equipment are pledged as collateral for our debt. We believe we were in compliance with these covenants as of June 30, 2015.

We believe our cash on hand, expected future operating cash inflows, available borrowings under our existing credit facility and our ability to issue debt securities or raise equity, will be sufficient to fund operations, debt payment requirements, capital expenditures and maintain compliance with covenants under our debt agreements over the next

twelve-month period. There is no assurance that cash flows from operations and additional financings will be available in the future to fund our future obligations.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

#### **General**

We are exposed to market risk attributable to changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and fuel prices. We attempt to minimize these risks through a combination of our normal operating and financing activities and through the use of derivatives. The financial impacts of these derivative instruments are primarily offset by corresponding changes in the underlying exposures being hedged. We achieve this by closely matching the amount, term and conditions of the derivatives with the underlying risk being hedged. We do not hold or issue derivatives for trading or other speculative purposes. Derivative positions are monitored using techniques including market valuations and sensitivity analyses.

#### ***Interest Rate Risk***

As of June 30, 2015, we had interest rate swap agreements to mitigate our exposure to interest rate movements and to manage our interest expense. As of June 30, 2015, 55% of our debt was fixed and 45% was variable, which includes the effects of the interest rate swaps. The notional amount of outstanding debt associated with the interest rate swap agreements as of June 30, 2015 was \$1.2 billion. Based on our June 30, 2015 outstanding variable rate debt balance, a one percentage point increase in annual LIBOR interest rates would increase our annual interest expense by approximately \$26.0 million excluding the effects of capitalization of interest.

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***Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk***

As of June 30, 2015, we had foreign currency derivatives to hedge the exposure to volatility in foreign currency exchange rates related to our ship construction contracts denominated in euros. These derivatives hedge the foreign currency exchange rate risk on a portion of the payments on our ship construction contracts and forecasted Dry-dock payments. The payments not hedged aggregate €2.0 billion, or \$2.2 billion based on the euro/U.S. dollar exchange rate as of June 30, 2015. We estimate that a 10% change in the euro as of June 30, 2015 would result in a \$223.4 million change in the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency denominated remaining payments.

***Fuel Price Risk***

Our exposure to market risk for changes in fuel prices relates to the forecasted purchases of fuel on our ships. Fuel expense, as a percentage of our total cruise operating expense, was 14.1% and 16.5% for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and 14.1% and 17.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. We use fuel derivative agreements to mitigate the financial impact of fluctuations in fuel prices and as of June 30, 2015, we had hedged approximately 48%, 54%, 44% and 17% of our 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 projected metric tons of fuel purchases, respectively. We estimate that a 10% increase in our weighted-average fuel price would increase our anticipated remaining 2015 fuel expense by \$15.9 million. This increase would be partially offset by an increase in the fair value of our fuel swap agreements of \$4.7 million. Fair value of our derivative contracts is derived using valuation models that utilize the income valuation approach. These valuation models take into account the contract terms such as maturity, as well as other inputs such as fuel types, fuel curves, creditworthiness of the counterparty and the Company, as well as other data points.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management has evaluated, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of June 30, 2015. There are inherent limitations to the effectiveness of any system of disclosure controls and procedures, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of the controls and procedures. Accordingly, even effective disclosure controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives. Based upon our management's evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2015 to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and

Exchange Commission, and that it is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended June 30, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### **Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls**

It should be noted that any system of controls, however well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system will be met. In addition, the design of any control system is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. Because of these and other inherent limitations of control systems, there is only the reasonable assurance that our controls will succeed in achieving their goals under all potential future conditions.

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**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

In 2015, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation issued Notices of Violations to major cruise lines that operated in the state of Alaska, including Norwegian, for alleged violations of the Alaska Marine Vessel Visible Emission Standards that occurred over the last several years. We are cooperating with the state of Alaska and conducting our own internal investigation into these matters. However, we do not believe the ultimate outcome will have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In the normal course of our business, various claims and lawsuits have been filed or are pending against us. Most of these claims and lawsuits are covered by insurance and, accordingly, the maximum amount of our liability is typically limited to our deductible amount. Nonetheless, the ultimate outcome of these claims and lawsuits that are not covered by insurance cannot be determined at this time. We have evaluated our overall exposure with respect to all of our threatened and pending litigation and, to the extent required, we have accrued amounts for all estimable probable losses associated with our deemed exposure. We are currently unable to estimate any other potential contingent losses beyond those accrued, as discovery is not complete nor is adequate information available to estimate such range of loss or potential recovery. We intend to vigorously defend our legal position on all claims and, to the extent necessary, seek recovery.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

We refer you to our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion of the risk factors that affect our business and financial results. We wish to caution the reader that the risk factors discussed in “*Item 1A. Risk Factors*” in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K, and those described below and elsewhere in this report or other Securities and Exchange Commission filings, could cause future results to differ materially from those stated in any forward-looking statements.

***Our hedging strategies may not be cost-effective or adequately protect us from increased costs related to changes in fuel prices.***

In order to manage risks associated with the variable market prices of fuel, we routinely hedge a portion of our future fuel requirements. However, our hedging program may not be successful in mitigating higher fuel costs, and any price protection provided may be limited due to market conditions, including choice of hedging instruments, breakdown of

correlation between hedging instrument and market price of fuel and failure of hedge counterparties. To the extent that we use hedge contracts that have the potential to create an obligation to pay upon settlement if fuel prices decline significantly, such hedge contracts may limit our ability to benefit fully from lower fuel costs in the future. There can be no assurance that our hedging arrangements will be cost-effective, will provide any particular level of protection against rises in fuel prices or that our counterparties will be able to perform under our hedging arrangements. Additionally, deterioration in our financial condition could negatively affect our ability to enter into new hedge contracts in the future.

## **Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

### **Share Repurchase Program**

On April 29, 2014, NCLH's Board of Directors authorized, and NCLH announced, a three-year share repurchase program for up to \$500.0 million. NCLH may make repurchases in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions, in accelerated repurchase programs or in structured share repurchase programs, and any repurchases may be made pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 plans. There was no share repurchase activity during the three months and six months ended June 30, 2015 and as of June 30, 2015, \$418.0 million remained available for repurchases of our outstanding ordinary shares under the share repurchase program. The increase in treasury shares reported in the consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2015 relates to certain forfeitures of restricted ordinary shares held by management or former management of NCLH.

## **Item 6. Exhibits**

2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 2, 2014, by and among Prestige Cruises International, Inc., Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd., Portland Merger Sub, Inc. and Apollo Management, L.P. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.'s Form 8-K filed on September 4, 2014 (File No. 001-35784))

2.2 Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 6, 2014, by and among Prestige Cruises International, Inc., Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd., Portland Merger Sub, Inc. and Apollo Management, L.P. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.'s Form 8-K filed on October 8, 2014 (File No. 001-35784))

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Amended and Restated Bye-Laws of Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd., effective as of May 20, 2015 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.'s Form 8-K filed on May 26, 2015 (File No. 001-35784))

3.2

Directors' Compensation Policy

10.1\*

Amendment No. 9, dated June 30, 2015, to Office Lease Agreement, dated December 1, 2006, as amended, by and between SPUS7 Miami ACC, LP and NCL (Bahamas) Ltd.+

10.2\*

Certification of the President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

31.1\*

Certification of the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

31.2\*

Certifications of the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code

32.1\*\*

The following unaudited financial statements are from Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL), as follows:

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(i) the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014;

(ii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014;

(iii) the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014;

(iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014;

(v) the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholder's Equity for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014; and

(vi) the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged in summary and detail.

\* Filed herewith.

\*\*Furnished herewith.

+ Confidential treatment has been requested with respect to certain portions of this exhibit. Omitted portions have been filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE HOLDINGS LTD.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ FRANK J. DEL RIO

Name: Frank J. Del Rio

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ WENDY A. BECK

Name: Wendy A. Beck

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal  
Accounting Officer)

Dated: August 7, 2015