

Ship Finance International LTD  
Form 6-K  
May 15, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of May 2008

Commission File Number: 0-22704

Ship Finance International Limited  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Par-la-Ville Place, 14 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton, HM 08, Bermuda  
(Address of principal executive office)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the press release of Ship Finance International Limited (the “Company”), dated May 15, 2008, announcing the release of the Company’s first quarter 2008 financial results and scheduled conference call.

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SFL – Invitation to Presentation of 1Q 2008 Results

Ship Finance International Limited (“Ship Finance”) (NYSE: SFL) plans to release its financial results for first quarter 2008 on Thursday, May 22, 2008.

The Company plans to host a conference call and a webcast for all shareholders and interested parties on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 10:00 AM (EST) / 4:00 PM (Central European Time). Relevant material will be available from the Investor Relations section at [www.shipfinance.org](http://www.shipfinance.org) from Thursday.

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

a. Webcast

Go to the Investor Relations section at [www.shipfinance.org](http://www.shipfinance.org) and click on the link to “Webcast”. To listen to the conference call from the web, you need to have installed Windows Media Player, and you need to have a sound card on your computer.

b. Conference Call

Participants dial in numbers:

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| US Toll Free #          | 1-888-935-4577   |
| International Dial In # | +44 207 806 1968 |
| Norwegian Toll Free #   | 800 19640        |

The Conference ID is: 2094366

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

A replay of the conference call will be available until Thursday, May 29, 2008 by dialing:

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| US Toll Free #          | 1-866-239-0765   |
| International Dial In # | +44 207 806 1970 |

The replay access code is: 2094366#

About Ship Finance

Ship Finance is a major ship owning company listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: SFL). Including newbuildings and announced acquisitions/disposals, Ship Finance has a fleet consisting of 72 vessels, including 35 crude oil tankers (VLCC and Suezmax), two chemical tankers, eight oil/bulk/ore vessels, 13 container vessels, three dry bulk carriers, two jack-up drilling rigs, six offshore supply vessels and three seismic vessels. The fleet is one of the largest in the world with a total cargo capacity of more than 11 million dwt. and most of the vessels are employed on long term charters.

More information can be found on the Company’s website: [www.shipfinance.org](http://www.shipfinance.org)

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Statements

This press release may contain forward looking statements. These statements are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including Ship Finance management's examination of historical operating trends. Although Ship Finance believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond its control, Ship Finance cannot give assurance that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or intentions.

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

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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.

SHIP FINANCE INTERNATIONAL  
LIMITED  
(registrant)

Dated: May 15, 2008

By: /s/ Lars Solbakken  
Name: Lars Solbakken  
Title: Chief Executive Officer  
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