

## To the Members

July 2012

Dear Sirs,

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

At a Board Meeting in Berlin, Germany on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 the following developments were reported:

#### Tonnage

The Directors were pleased to note the continued growth in the Association's owned entry, 2.74 million tons in the period 20<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

# Claims

#### 2012/13 Policy Year

On the basis of gross owned claims reported to date, the number of claims in the layer up to US\$250,000 is significantly lower than the level seen in the 2011/12 year but the average size is a little higher. The number of claims estimated in excess of US\$250,000 is similar to the experience of the last year. The experience on the International Group Pool has been worse than in recent years with four claims notified.

#### 2011/12 and Prior Years

On the experience of the five months to 20<sup>th</sup> July the forecast ultimate cost of claims for the 2011/12 year has increased but the forecast in respect of other prior years has reduced.

#### Investments

Investment markets stabilised in June after a widespread sell-off in May. Economic growth appears to be slowing in all parts of the world and markets continue to look for co-ordinated action by central banks and policymakers, particularly in the Eurozone, to provide monetary stimulus. Despite these conditions the combined portfolio of the Club and Trust has recorded a small positive return for the year to date.

### **Class 1 Mutual Premium 2012/13 Policy Year** The third instalment of Mutual Premium of 25% will be debited on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012 in the normal way.

Yours faithfully,

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