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THE TANKER MARKET 2015/2016

Oil prices remain exceptionally low

Driven by an ongoing drop in prices of crude oil (*see Figure 2*), 2015 saw oil demand increasing beyond what the normal economic growth would have implied. Continuously high production has helped to dampen any immediate hope for a recovery of the oil price. Moreover one of the largest oil producing countries, Iran, has announced to expand production in the near future.

OPEC production increased 3.3 % from 2014 to 2015 up to 38.7 million b/d. There are still some issues in OPEC countries like Libya, Nigeria and Venezuela but on the contrary Iraq increased its exports by about 20 %.

It is assumed that this trend will continue in 2016 as the countries on the Arabian peninsula announced to widen their production as they could not agree on upper production limits

The annual crude oil production capacity increased slightly from 4.0 billion tons in 2010 to 4.2 billion in 2014, the highest value ever. It is expected that the oil production capacity may remain on a high level in 2016.

The global oil consumption rose by 1.8 million b/d in 2015, totalling 94.6 million b/d for the year. Similar to the oil production the consumption is expected to grow further. China's oil consumption growth rates continued to decrease in 2014. Still the recorded growth of 5.7 per cent was significantly higher than the global average.

The oil consumption of European OECD countries climbed by 0.2 million b/d in 2015 and it is expected that this small upswing will go on in 2016. The non-OECD oil consumption increased by 1.3 million b/d in 2015. This development is expected to continue in 2016, with demand rising by almost 1.1 million b/d during the second quarter.

All in all it needs to be noted that the surprisingly strong growth of global oil demand during 2015 has been a oneoff-effect, supported by oil prices cut in half compared to 2014. As long as oil prices remain at low levels, this additional demand can be expected to stay. Yet it seems obvious that growth in 2016 will slow down as the oil price stabilized at low levels.

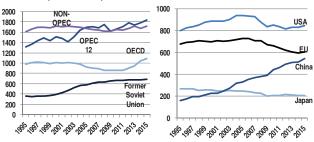
Drop in oil prices gives new impetus to oil trade

Crude oil is the only bulk commodity that shows growth rates above average of all major bulk goods over the last year. In 2015, seaborne crude oil trade increased 4.7 per cent to 1.8 billion tonnes, whereas shipments of oil products climbed about 2.2 per cent to 1.0 billion tonnes. With 2.9 billion tonnes, a little more than a quarter of total seaborne trade in 2015 has been crude oil and oil products. Furthermore another 0.33 billion tonnes of liquefied gas and 0.27 billion tonnes of other liquids were transported by ship. Half a decade ago, the share of oil and oil products was some five per cent higher.

Short term projections published by Clarkson Research predict a small growth of 3.5 per cent in this year for crude oil and 3.6 per cent for oil products, respectively.

Shipping of chemicals developed in line with previous years and grew by 3.4 per cent in 2015, reaching an annual

Fig. 1: World oil production and consumption 1995 - 2015 (mill tonnes)



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Fig. 2: Development of crude oil spot prices (weekly averages) 2010 – 2016

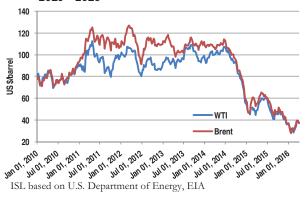
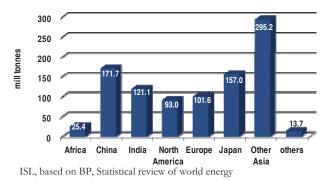
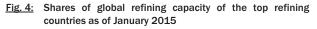
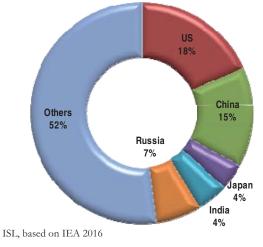


Fig. 3: Crude oil trade from Middle East/Gulf by direction in 2014







total of 274 million tons.

The seaborne LNG/LPG trade is expected to grow by around 3.6 per cent, thanks to the development of new offshore gas fields and a steadily growing demand. Consequently, the transported LNG/LPG volumes are estimated to reach 339 million tonnes in 2016 after 327 million tonnes in 2015.

The more or less positive results are mainly sustained by a relatively stable demand growth in Asia and, to a lower extent, Western Europe as well as the ongoing substitution of nuclear power with oil and gas in Japan. In the years to come, the IEA expects a reduction in Middle East crude exports. Experts state this development will result from increasing local refining activities and a lower production in Yemen, Syria and Oman, and by the unstable political conditions.

In 2015, Asia was the biggest crude oil and oil products importing region. 53 per cent of the global oil exports and 35 per cent of the oil products exports, (995 million tonnes and 357 million tonnes respectively), are imported by Asian countries. Admittedly, nearly 50 per cent of these imports have their origin in the former Soviet Union, consequently often transported by pipeline. According to information provided in BP's "Review of World Energy", it is noteworthy that the US are the origin of 50 per cent of crude oil imported by Latin American countries.

Between 2011 and 2015, the seaborne trade volume of crude oil increased by only 0.3 per cent on average per year, whereas shipments of oil products gained around 3.0 per cent on average during the same period. Oil shipments are traditionally mostly affected by demand patterns in OECD countries, but during the last 10 to 15 years the demand growth of oil products in countries like India, China and Vietnam has become increasingly important. Noteworthy is the increasing share of oil product shipments from several OPEC countries to the industrialised economies.

The biggest refinery capacity globally is located in the USA. At the beginning of 2015, its throughput stood at 17.8 million barrel per day, equivalent to 18.4 per cent of the global capacity. China, with a refinery capacity of 14.1 Mbd at the end of 2014, has the second biggest refinery capacity in the world, accounting for 14.6 per cent of the world's total capacity. Together with Russia (6.6 per cent), India (4.5 per cent) and Japan (3.9 per cent) these countries account for nearly half of the global capacity (see Figure 4).

Liquid bulk traffic of the leading ports is determined by the market trends in seaborne oil trades and the exploitation of new natural deposits like the US activities in shale oil production, which changed, for example, the Port of Corpus Christi from an importing port of liquid bulks to a more export-oriented port.

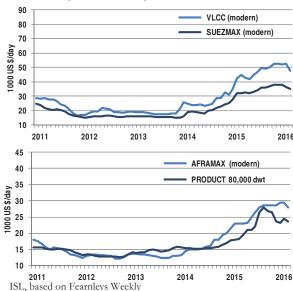
North European and South European ports showed contrasting developments concerning their liquid bulk traffic. Whilst the leading North European ports with the exception of Antwerp consistently showed negative yearon-year results, the Mediterranean ports listed in the table on page 42 all show increasing figures. Based on figures from EUROSTAT, about 42 per cent of the liquid bulk imports handled at South European ports came from other

Tab. 1: Liquid bulk imports of the top 3 ports per region 2000 -2015 (million tons and %)

	2000	2005	2010	2014	2015	over prev. year	growth rate 2005 - 2015
America major 3	136.92	133.97	164.19	172.57	173.87	0.8	2.6
Asia major 3	180.29	195.28	207.46	207.00	210.10	1.5	0.7
Europe major 3	174.10	227.69	239.27	230.54	271.74	17.9	1.8

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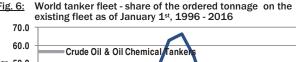
Monthly time charter rates for selected tanker sizes Fig. 5: January 2011 - February 2016

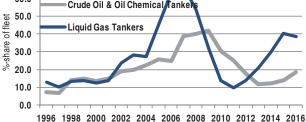


Tab. 2: Monthly figures for newbuilding, second hand and scrapping prices

	Unit	2013 Jan.	2014 Jan.	2015 Jan.	Nov.	Dec.	2016 Jan.	% change over prev. year
Newbuilding Price	mill US							
Product 47000	\$	32.0	38.0	37.0	35.5	35.5	35.0	-5.4
Aframax 105000		46.0	54.0	53.0	52.0	51.5	51.0	-3.8
Suezmax 150000		57.0	67.0	65.0	63.5	64.0	63.0	-3.1
VLCC 300000		88.0	100.0	97.0	95.0	93.0	92.0	-5.2
Second hand price	s (five yea	ars old	vessel)				
305000 dwt	mill US	60.0	65.0	81.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	-1.2
160000 dwt	\$	43.0	45.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	-
105000 dwt		29.0	35.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	
C 47000 dwt		26.0	30.0	27.0	28.0	28.0	29.0	7.4
Demolition prices								
Far East	US \$/	400.0	350.0	250.0	160.0	160.0	145.0	-42.0
Pakistan/India	Displ. t	430.0	455.0	415.0	305.0	280.0	298.0	-28.2

Source: ISL, based on Fearnleys (Newbuildings) and Platou (Second hand and scrapping)





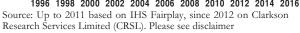


Fig. 6:

European countries, one third was imported from Africa and only 19 per cent arrived directly from Asia (e.g. Middle East); the remaining 5 per cent originated in America. By contrast, in the North European ports inbound liquid bulk traffic from other European countries amounted to 66 per cent and 17 percent of the imported liquid bulk came from Africa. Another 14 per cent came from Asia and 3 per cent from America. The analysis of the period 2005-2014 points to the fact that growth rates for all importing regions are more or less stable, while short-term developments differ noticeably. U.S. and European ports grow rather slowly, with European ports importing much larger volumes of liquid bulk.

Strong demand leads to unexpectedly high earnings

As a result of the overall strong demand growth for tanker tonnage, average earnings – particularly for large crude vessels – were up significantly in 2015.

Currently, the tanker market benefits from the collapsed crude oil prices, and ongoing high OPEC production. Though fleet growth exceeds demand, the supply side is reduced by using larger units as storage units as long as crude oil prices remain low. Backed by above average trade growth, tanker rates soared to the highest levels since 2008/2009.

Crude tanker time charter rates increased significantly at the end of 2015, reaching their highest levels since mid of 2009 with US\$ 52,500 per day in the VLCC sector. This leads to a more relaxed situation for tanker owners, as this is noticeably above the estimated costs of US\$ 25,000 per day owners must earn to break even. This recent increase was primarily due to robust Chinese crude oil imports, an increase in long-haul movements from the Atlantic basin to Asia, and seasonal factors.

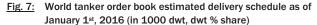
Even the LNG shipping is still in a good condition, although rates for a VLGC gas carrier are at US\$ 48,000 at the end of January 2016. That is 23.7 per cent lower than the 2015 average, but still enough to stay in the black.

During the past year, newbuilding prices as well as second hand prices have been mirroring the market situation. During 2015 second-hand and building prices more or less stagnated. A buyer had to pay around US\$ 80 million for a five year old VLCC at the end of 2015. One year earlier, this ship would have been 1.2 per cent more expensive. A new VLCC costs around US\$ 92.0 million, 5.2 per cent below the 2014 prices.

Renewed interest in oil tankers

Whereas the dry bulk market experienced a troublesome year, 2015 has been defined as one of the best years for the tanker market. Both the crude oil tanker and oil product tanker markets enjoyed an extraordinarily strong freight market throughout 2015. Looking at the gas tankers, the LPG market showed exceptional strength during 2015, whereas the LNG market remained at low levels since mid-2015.

In contrast to the bulker or container market, the situation in the tanker segment was marked by moderate fleet growth in previous years. In 2015, 25 million dwt of new tanker tonnage entered in operation in 2015, up 18 per cent year-on-year. At the same time, only 93 tankers (2.5 million





Tab. 3: Tanker order book by ship type as of January 1st, 2015 and 2016

		2015			2016		% cha	ange
	No. of	1000	1000	No. of	1000	1000	2015/2	2016
Tanker type	ships	dwt	cgt	ships	dwt	cgt	dwt	cgt
Total Oil tankers	952	74893	20943	1049	101086	24752	35.0	18.2
- Crude/product tankers	422	56460	10663	589	86182	16220	52.6	52.1
- Oil/chemical tankers	530	18433	10280	460	14904	8532	-19.1	-17.0
Liquid gas tankers	385	19958	16938	362	19692	16865	-1.3	-0.4
- LPG tankers	227	7286	4441	207	6978	4254	-4.2	-4.2
- LNG tankers	158	12672	12497	155	12714	12611	0.3	0.9
Total	1337	94851	37881	1411	120777	41618	27.3	9.9

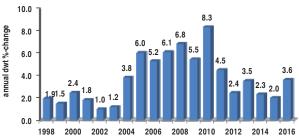
Source: Clarkson Research Services

Tab. 4: New tanker orders by type during 2012, 2014, 2015

	201	2	2014				201	5	dwt-%		
Ship type	No of ships	mill dwt		No of ships	mill dwt	mill cgt	No of ships	mill dwt	mill cgt	change '14/'15	
Oil tankers	281	14.9	4.5	336	27.5	7.4	418	47.1	10.5	71.2	
- Crude/product tankers	153	10.5	2.1	155	22.5	4.3	288	43.0	8.1	91.1	
- Oil/chemical tankers	128	4.4	2.4	181	5.0	3.1	130	4.1	2.4	-18.3	
Liquid gas tankers	85	4.2	3.7	183	9.9	8.1	92	4.8	3.9	-51.1	
- LPG tankers	50	1.2	0.8	108	4.2	2.4	60	2.3	1.4	-44.2	
- LNG tankers	35	3.0	2.9	75	5.7	5.8	32	2.5	2.5	-56.1	
Total	366	19.1	8.2	519	37.4	15.5	510	51.9	14.4	38.8	

Source: Based on Clarkson Research Services Limited (CRSL). Please see disclaimer. Note: Figures are partly revised

Fig. 8: World total tanker fleet – annual tonnage changes January 1st 1998 – January 1st, 2016 (dwt-%)



Source: Up to 2011 based on IHS Fairplay, since 2012 on Clarkson Research Services Limited (CRSL). Please see disclaimer dwt) were sent to ship breaking yards, the lowest level of the past 20 years. The total tanker fleet increased by a moderate 3.6 per cent to 600 million dwt at the start of 2016.

Due to the good market conditions, in 2015 the volume of new tanker tonnage ordered reached its highest level since 2008. A total of 510 tankers of a combined 52 million dwt were contracted globally. Thus, after three years of strong ordering, more than 1,400 tankers with a combined capacity of 120 million dwt have been on order early in 2016. While the last ordering wave around ten years ago was a reaction to IMO's single hull phase out scheme and strong crude demand growth from China, the current phase is driven by nothing but high market earnings driven by high demand in response to weak oil prices.

The ratio of deadweight tonnage under construction to the trading tanker fleet rose from 16.4 per cent to 20.1 per cent. We expect that the scheduled deliveries of tanker capacity will outperform demand growth in 2016 and thus probably exert some downward pressure on what have been the highest tanker charter rates since 2008/2009 in 2016.

Crude oil, oil product and oil/chemical tankers

After having peaked at more than 4 per cent in 2011, the crude oil and oil product tanker fleet growth has been declining and in 2015 it slowed to 2 per cent. In 2015, only 125 crude oil and oil product tankers with a combined 12 million dwt were delivered. At the end of 2015, the crude oil and oil product tanker fleet comprised 7,065 tankers with 444 million dwt.

In 2015, contracting in the crude/product sector increased by 91 per cent y-o-y in tonnage terms to 43 million dwt, the highest level since 2008. At the start of 2016, the crude oil and product tanker order book comprised 589 vessels of 86 million dwt, up by 53 per cent year on year in 2015. The order book for crude oil and product tankers corresponded to 19.4 per cent of the existing crude oil and oil product tanker fleet in terms of dwt, compared with 13.0 per cent one year earlier.

In 2015, a total of 206 oil/chemical tankers were reported Tab. 7: World tanker fleet - additions (newbuildings) by type 2011, delivered, equivalent to 7.6 million dwt, a year-on-year increase of 7.8 per cent. In the same year, only 0.3 million dwt of oil/chemical tanker tonnage was recycled. At the beginning of 2016, the oil/chemical tanker fleet comprised 5,204 ships with a capacity of 102 million dwt.

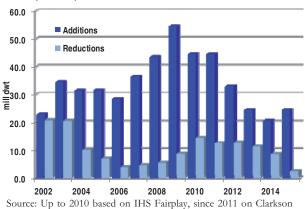
At the start of 2016, the oil/chemical tanker order book comprised 460 vessels of 15 million dwt (8.1 million compensated gross tons), down by 20.1 per cent year on year in terms of capacity. At the start of 2016, the order book for oil/chemical tankers was equivalent to 14.6 per cent of the fleet in dwt-terms, down from 19.7 per cent at the start of 2015.

Liquid gas tankers

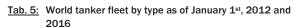
The liquid gas tanker fleet comprised 1,770 tankers with a capacity of 90 million cbm. Together with the oil/chemical tanker fleet, the LPG/LNG tanker fleet features the highest tonnage growth within the total tanker fleet. In the period 2012-2016, this fleet segment expanded by 5.5 per cent on average annually.

In 2015, the LNG carrier fleet capacity increased by 7.1 per

Fig. 9: World tanker fleet – additions and reductions 2002-2015 (mill dwt)



Research Services Limited (CRSL). Please see disclaimer



		2012		2	016		Av. dwt/cbm
Ship type	No	mill dwt	mill cbm	No	mill dwt	mill cbm	growth
Total Oil tankers	11324	492.3	-	12269	545.7	-	2.6
- Crude/product tankers	6576	408.4	-	7065	443.9	-	2.1
- Oil/chemical tankers	4748	83.9	-	5204	101.7	-	5.0
Liquid gas tankers	1567	44.0	72.7	1770	54.5	90.4	5.6
- LPG tankers	1194	15.1	19.6	1327	19.4	25.8	7.2
- LNG tankers	373	29.0	53.1	443	35.0	64.6	5.0
Total	12891	536.3	72.7	14039	600.1	90.4	2.9

Tab. 6: World tanker fleet - reductions by type 2011, 2014, 2015

		2011			2014			2015	
Ship type	No of ships	1000 dwt		No of ships	1000 dwt		No of ships	1000 dwt	1000 cbm
Total Oil tankers	274	12168	-	124	8472	-	70	2283	-
- Crude oil/product tankers	176	10601	-	94	7841	-	54	1997	-
- Oil/chemical tankers	98	1567	-	30	631	-	16	286	-
Liquid gas tankers	26	497	656	32	330	442	23	258	382
- LPG tankers	20	307	383	29	176	173	20	105	101
- LNG tankers	6	191	273	3	154	269	3	154	281
Total	300	12665	656	156	8802	442	93	2541	382

2014 and 2015

	20)11			2014			2015		capacity-%	average
Ship type	No of ships	1000 dwt		No of ships	1000 dwt	1000 cbm	No of ships	1000 dwt	1000 cbm	change '14/'15	growth % '11-'15
Total oil tankers	576	41397	-	338	17138	-	331	19450	-	13.5	-17.2
 Crude oil/product 	342	36721	-	165	11535		125	11842		2.7	-24.6
 Oil/chemical tankers 	234	4676	-	173	5603		206	7608		35.8	12.9
Liquid gas tankers	72	1560	2523	85	3605	6285	116	5126	8495	35.2	35.5
- LPG tankers	56	554	690	53	842	1131	83	2493	3621	220.2	51.4
 LNG tankers 	16	1006	1833	32	2763	5154	33	2633	4874	-5.4	27.7
Total	648	42957	2523	423	20743	6285	447	24576	8495	18.5	-13.0
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Source: Based on Clarkson Research Services Limited (CRSL). Please see disclaimer

Sources

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Explanatory notes

Oil tankers: including crude oil tankers and oil/ product tankers Oil/Chemical tankers including oil/chemical tankers, pure chemical tankers, and other tankers

Liquid gas tankers including LNG, LPG and other liquid gas carriers

cent. 33 LNG carriers (4.9 million cbm) entered into operation during 2015. At the beginning of 2016, the LNG fleet was composed of 443 carriers with a capacity of 65 million cbm.

Contracting declined in 2015, with 32 orders placed (4.8 million cbm), compared to 75 orders in 2014. At the end of 2015, the order book for LNG carriers comprised 155 vessels of 24.5 million cbm, representing 38 per cent of the existing fleet.

At least 83 LPG carriers of a combined 3.6 million cbm were delivered in 2015. Thus, the LPG carrier fleet grew by 15 per cent in 2015, a new record high. At the start of 2016, the LPG fleet was composed of 1,327 carriers with 25.8 million cbm.

After record ordering in 2014 (102 LPG carriers with 5.5 million cbm), contracting activity has slowed during 2015, 60 carriers of a combined 3.5 million cbm has been reported ordered. The LPG order book at the start of 2016 stood at 207 carriers of a combined 10.2 million cbm, an increase of 15.9 per cent compared to 2015. Meanwhile, the LPG carrier order book corresponds to 40 per cent of the total LPG fleet in service in terms of cbm.

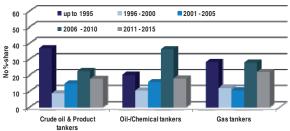
Tanker scrapping down to minimum

Given the good market conditions, it is not surprising that tanker demolition has been strongly subdued with just 93 tankers of a combined 2.5 million dwt in 2015, compared to an annual average of 200 vessels during 2005-2014. Obviously, strong freight rates and low scrap prices have played their part in limiting demolition to the minimum. The average scrapping age for tankers rose from 26.8 years in 2014 to 28.7 years in 2015.

Oil tankers sold in the demolition market during 2015 reached a 20 year low with 2.3 million dwt. According to CRSL, 54 crude oil and product tankers (2.0 million dwt) and 16 oil chemical tankers (0.3 million dwt) were reported broken up. Only five of the reported broken-up oil tanker units were attributable to size classes over 80,000 dwt (Aframax+). The average age for oil tankers scrapped was 29.9 years against 25.8 years one year earlier.

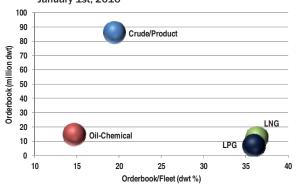
Demolition for gas carriers remained at low levels, just 23 carriers of 0.4 million cbm have been demolished in 2015, compared to 32 units (0.4 million cbm) one year earlier. The LNG fleet is relatively new (young), which reflects in the broken up tonnage: Both, in 2014 and 2015 we recorded only 3 units (each 0.3 million cbm).

Fig. 10: World tanker fleet – age structure by major types as of January 1st, 2016 (dwt%-share)



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Fig. 11: Size of order book in relation to fleet (in %), January 1st, 2016



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Explanatory note - Tanker size classes

Handysize:	10,000 < 40,000
Handymax:	40,000 < 60,000
Panamax:	60,000 - 80,000
Aframax:	80,000 - 120,000
Suezmax:	120,000 - 199,999
VLCC:	200,000 - 324,999
ULCC:	>= 325,000

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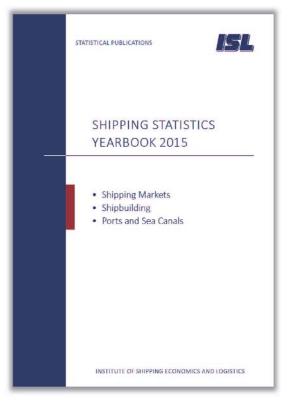
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