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Hamburg, 29 January 2016 - Despite the persistently challenging market conditions the Rickmers Group has reconfirmed its positive forecast for the financial year 2015 with regard to revenues and EBITDA, having now closed the financial year; this is in line with the outlook already communicated in the Half-Year Report 2015. Against the background of the positive effects of the USD / EUR exchange rate and in particular the sustainable turnaround of Rickmers-Linie, the Rickmers Group assumes a single-digit percentage improvement in revenues, a double-digit increase in EBITDA, and a corresponding improvement in cash flow from operating activities. Adjusted for negative effects related to extraordinary impairments on shipping assets, the net profit of Rickmers Group as at the close of the financial year on 31.12.2015 is expected to be at the previous year's level. The finalisation of the annual audit carried out by PricewaterhouseCoopers is currently scheduled for 29 February 2016. The publication of the audited annual figures for 2015 is presently set for 14 March 2016, whilst the comprehensive Annual Report 2015 will be available from 30 March 2016.

About Rickmers Group

The Rickmers Group is an international service provider in the maritime transport sector and a containership owner with a global blue chip customer base. It is represented in its main offices in Hamburg and Singapore, in eleven countries and more than 50 sales agencies worldwide. The group's business activities are divided into three segments: Maritime Assets, Maritime Services and Rickmers-Linie.

In the Maritime Assets segment the Rickmers Group is active as Asset Manager for its own vessels and also for those of third parties. The Group initiates and coordinates shipping projects, organises financing and acquires, charters and sells ships. In the Maritime Services business segment the Rickmers Group provides shipmanagement services for its own vessels as well as for those owned by third parties; these services comprise technical and operational management, crewing, newbuild supervision, consultancy and insurance-related services. In the Rickmers-Linie business segment the Rickmers Group operates as a shipping line for breakbulk, heavy lift and project cargo, and additionally offers individual voyages.

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