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## Grindrod Shipping Holdings Ltd announces the effectiveness of the Selective Capital Reduction

Taylor Maritime Investments Limited, the specialist dry bulk shipping investment company, is pleased to disclose that its subsidiary, Grindrod Shipping Holdings Ltd. ("Grindrod Shipping"), today announced that the Selective Capital Reduction  $became\ effective\ upon\ lodgement\ of\ the\ Court\ Order\ with\ the\ Singapore\ Registrar\ on\ 16\ August\ 2024.$ 

As a result, all of the ordinary shares of Grindrod Shipping held by shareholders, comprising 3,479,225 shares, other than shares held by TMI's subsidiary, Good Falkirk (MI) Limited ("GF"), have been cancelled and Grindrod Shipping has become a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company through GF (which now owns 100% of the shares in Grindrod Shipping - up from its previous shareholdings of 82.33%). Grindrod Shipping will be delisted from the NASDAQ and JSE.

The Last Day of Trading of Grindrod Shipping's shares on the NASDAQ was on 15 August 2024 and the Last Day of Trading of Grindrod Shipping's shares on the JSE will be on 16 August 2024.

The cash distribution is expected to be paid to Grindrod Shipping's shareholders on 21 August 2024 and, in any event, will be paid no later than 27 August 2024. The Record Date for the cash distribution for JSE purposes is 20 August 2024.

Further details can be found in the announcement released today by Grindrod Shipping.

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**Notes to Editors** 

# About the Company

Taylor Maritime Investments Limited is an internally managed investment company listed on the Premium Segment of the Official List, its shares trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange since May 2021. The Company specializes in the acquisition and chartering of vessels in the Handysize and Supra/Ultramax bulk carrier segments of the global shipping sector. The Company invests in a diversified portfolio of vessels which are primarily second-hand. TMI's fleet portfolio currently numbers 17 vessels, including one vessel held for sale, in the geared dry bulk segment. The ships are employed utilising a variety of employment/charter strategies.

On 20 December 2022, the Company announced it acquired a controlling majority interest in Grindrod Shipping Holdings Ltd ("Grindrod") (NASDAQ:GRIN, JSE:GSH), a Singapore incorporated, dual listed company on NASDAQ and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Following a Selective Capital Reduction, which took effect on 16 August 2024, Grindrod became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company through its subsidiary Good Falkirk (MI) Limited "GF". Grindrod has an owned fleet of 17 dry bulk vessels, including one vessel held for sale, complementary to the Company's fleet. They are Japanese built, including ten Handysize vessels and seven Supra/Ultramax vessels. Grindrod has seven vessels in its chartered in fleet with purchase options on three.

The Combined TMI and Grindrod fleet numbers 38vessels (including chartered in vessels with purchase options and

including vessels held for sale).

The Company's target dividend policy is 8 cents p.a. paid on a quarterly basis, with a targeted total NAV return of 10-12% per annum over the medium to long-term.

The Company has the benefit of an experienced Executive Team led by Edward Buttery and who previously worked closely together at Taylor Maritime. Taylor Maritime was established in 2014 as a privately owned ship-owning and management business with a seasoned team including the founders of dry bulk shipping company Pacific Basin Shipping (listed in Hong Kong 2343.HK) and gas shipping company BW Epic Kosan (formerly Epic Shipping). The commercial and technical management arms of Taylor Maritime were acquired by Grindrod in October 2023.

For more information, please visit www.taylormaritimeinvestments.com.

#### **About Geared Vessels**

Geared vessels are characterised by their own loading equipment. The Handysize and Supra/Ultramax market segments are particularly attractive, given the flexibility, versatility and port accessibility of these vessels which carry necessity goods - principally food and products related to infrastructure building - ensuring broad diversification of fleet activity and stability of earnings through the cycle.

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