



**Nordic American
Tanker Shipping Ltd.**

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Distribution of dividend 2009

A distribution by a corporation to its shareholders is treated as a dividend for US federal income tax purposes to the extent it comes from current or accumulated earnings and profits ("E&P") and as a return of capital to the extent that it exceeds E&P.

In 2009 Nordic American Tanker Shipping Limited made a total of \$95.4 million in distributions to its shareholders. Of this amount, \$1.0 million (1.1%) was distributed from current or accumulated earnings and thus will be treated as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes and \$94.4 million (98.9%) was distributed as a return of capital.

You are encouraged to consult your tax advisor regarding the federal, state, local and other tax consequences of those distributions in your particular situations.