NCL Corporation Ltd. Announces Closing of $750,000,000 of Senior Secured Notes and $400,000,000 of Exchangeable Notes

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MIAMI, July 21, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- NCL Corporation Ltd. (“NCLC”), a subsidiary of Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: NCLH) (“NCLH”), announced today that it has closed its previously announced private offering of $750 million aggregate principal amount of its 10.250% senior secured notes due 2026 (the “Secured Notes”). The Secured Notes and certain of the related guarantees will be secured by a first-priority interest in, among other things and subject to certain agreed security principles, one of our vessels. NCLC expects to use the net proceeds from the offering of the Secured Notes to repay its $675 million senior secured revolving credit facility and to pay any related transaction fees and expenses, with the remainder of the net proceeds to be used for general corporate purposes.

NCLC has also closed its previously announced private offering of $400 million aggregate principal amount of its 5.375% exchangeable senior notes due 2025 (the “Exchangeable Notes”). NCLC has granted the initial purchasers of the Exchangeable Notes an option to purchase, on or before August 2, 2020, up to an additional $60 million aggregate principal amount of Exchangeable Notes. NCLC expects to use the net proceeds from the offering of the Exchangeable Notes for general corporate purposes.

The Exchangeable Notes will be general senior unsecured obligations of NCLC, guaranteed by NCLH, and will be convertible at the holder’s option at any time prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the maturity date into Series A Preference Shares of NCLC (“Preference Shares”), which shall be automatically exchangeable into a number of ordinary shares of NCLH. The initial exchange rate per $1,000 principal amount of Exchangeable Notes is 53.3333 ordinary shares of NCLH, which is equivalent to an initial exchange price of approximately $18.75 per ordinary share, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. The initial exchange price represents a premium of approximately 25.00% to the public offering price in NCLH’s concurrent offering of ordinary shares.

The Secured Notes were offered only to persons reasonably believed to be qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and outside the United States, only to non-U.S. investors pursuant to Regulation S. The Exchangeable Notes were offered only to persons reasonably believed to be qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act. The Secured Notes, the Exchangeable Notes, the Preference Shares and the ordinary shares of NCLH issuable upon the exchange of Preference Shares will not be registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state laws.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any security and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful. This press release is being issued pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 135c under the Securities Act.

Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the statements, estimates or projections contained in this press release are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this press release, including, without limitation, those regarding our business strategy, financial position, results of operations, plans, prospects, actions taken or strategies being considered with respect to our liquidity position, valuation and appraisals of our assets and objectives of management for future operations (including those regarding expected fleet additions, our voluntary suspension, our ability to develop strategies to enhance our health and safety protocols to adapt to the current pandemic environment's unique challenges once operations resume and to otherwise safely resume our operations when conditions allow; coordination and cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the federal government and global public health authorities to take precautions to protect the health, safety and security of guests, crew and the communities visited and the implementation of any such precautions; the accuracy of any appraisals of our assets as a result of the impact of COVID-19 or otherwise; our success in reducing operating expenses and capital expenditures and the impact of any such reductions;
- our guests’ election to take cash refunds in lieu of future cruise credits or the continuation of any trends relating to such election;

- trends in, or changes to, future bookings and our ability to take future reservations and receive deposits related thereto;

- the unavailability of ports of call;

- future increases in the price of, or major changes or reduction in, commercial airline services;

- our ability to work with lenders and others or otherwise pursue options to defer or refinance our existing debt profile, near-term debt amortization, newbuild related payments and other obligations and to work with credit card processors to satisfy current or potential future demands for collateral on cash advanced from customers relating to future cruises;

- adverse events impacting the security of travel, such as terrorist acts, armed conflict and threats thereof, acts of piracy, and other international events;

- adverse incidents involving cruise ships;

- adverse general economic and related factors, such as fluctuating or increasing levels of unemployment, underemployment and the volatility of fuel prices, declines in the securities and real estate markets, and perceptions of these conditions that decrease the level of disposable income of consumers or consumer confidence;

- our potential future need for additional financing, which may not be available on favorable terms, or at all, and may be dilutive to existing shareholders;

- any further impairment of our trademarks, trade names or goodwill;

- breaches in data security or other disturbances to our information technology and other networks or our actual or perceived failure to comply with requirements regarding data privacy and protection;

- changes in fuel prices and the type of fuel we are permitted to use and/or other cruise operating costs;

- mechanical malfunctions and repairs, delays in our shipbuilding program, maintenance and refurbishments and the consolidation of qualified shipyard facilities;

- the risks and increased costs associated with operating internationally;

- fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates;

- overcapacity in key markets or globally;

- our expansion into and investments in new markets;

- our inability to obtain adequate insurance coverage;

- our indebtedness and restrictions in the agreements governing our indebtedness that require us to maintain minimum levels of liquidity and otherwise limit our flexibility in operating our business, including the significant portion of assets that are collateral under these agreements;

- pending or threatened litigation, investigations and enforcement actions;

- volatility and disruptions in the global credit and financial markets, which may adversely affect our ability to borrow and could increase our counterparty credit risks, including those under our credit facilities, derivatives, contingent obligations, insurance contracts and new ship progress payment guarantees;

- our inability to recruit or retain qualified personnel or the loss of key personnel or employee relations issues;

- our reliance on third parties to provide hotel management services for certain ships and certain other services;

- our inability to keep pace with developments in technology;
changes involving the tax and environmental regulatory regimes in which we operate; and


Additionally, many of these risks and uncertainties are currently amplified by and will continue to be amplified by, or in the future may be amplified by, the COVID-19 outbreak. It is not possible to predict or identify all such risks. There may be additional risks that we consider immaterial or which are unknown.

The above examples are not exhaustive and new risks emerge from time to time. Such forward-looking statements are based on our current beliefs, assumptions, expectations, estimates and projections regarding our present and future business strategies and the environment in which we expect to operate in the future. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made.

We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in our expectations with regard thereto or any change of events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement was based, except as required by law.

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