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# Mapletree Logistics Trust's 1Q FY20/21 Distributable Income Grows 5.7% Year-on-Year

### Highlights:

- Distribution per Unit for 1Q FY20/21 rose 1.0% year-on-year to 2.045 cents
- Continuing, steady growth in operating results underpinned by resilient logistics market

(S\$ '000)	1Q FY20/21 <sup>1</sup>	1Q FY19/20 <sup>1</sup>	Y-o-Y % change
Gross Revenue	132,371	119,811	10.5
Property Expenses	(13,533)	(13,683)	(1.1)
Net Property Income	118,838	106,128	12.0
Amount Distributable To Unitholders	77,804 <sup>2</sup>	73,602 <sup>3</sup>	5.7
Available DPU (cents)	2.045	2.025	1.0
Total issued units as at end of the period (million)	3,804	3,635	4.7

#### Footnotes:

- 1. 1Q FY20/21 started and ended with 145 properties. 1Q FY19/20 started with 141 properties and ended with 137 properties.
- 2. This includes partial distribution of the gains from the divestments of Mapletree Waigaoqiao Logistics Park of \$\$1,799,000 per quarter (for 12 quarters from 3Q FY19/20), Gyoda Centre, Iwatsuki B Centre, Atsugi Centre, Iruma Centre and Mokurenji Centre (collectively known as "5 divested properties in Japan") of \$\$990,000 per quarter (for 8 quarters from 1Q FY19/20) and 7 Tai Seng Drive of \$\$1,924,000 per quarter (for 12 quarters from 1Q FY18/19) respectively.
- 3. This includes partial distribution of written back provision of capital gain tax for 134 Joo Seng Road and 20 Tampines Street 92 of S\$513,000 per quarter (for 4 quarters from 1Q FY19/20) and the gains from the divestments of 5 divested properties in Japan of S\$990,000 per quarter (for 8 quarters from 1Q FY19/20), 531 Bukit Batok Street 23 of S\$379,000 per quarter (for 4 quarters from 3Q FY18/19), 7 Tai Seng Drive of S\$1,924,000 per quarter (for 12 quarters from 1Q FY18/19) and 4 Toh Tuck Link of S\$322,000 per quarter (for 8 quarters from 2Q FY17/18) respectively.

**Singapore**, **20 July 2020** – Mapletree Logistics Trust Management Ltd., as manager (the "Manager") of Mapletree Logistics Trust ("MLT"), is pleased to announce that for the financial quarter ended 30 June 2020 ("1Q FY20/21"), MLT's amount distributable to Unitholders rose 5.7% year-on-year to S\$77.8 million while distribution per Unit ("DPU") grew 1.0% to 2.045 cents, on an enlarged unit base.

Gross revenue for 1Q FY20/21 increased 10.5% year-on-year to S\$132.4 million underpinned by higher revenue from existing properties as well as contributions from accretive acquisitions completed in FY19/20. Overall revenue growth was partly offset by rental rebates granted to eligible tenants who were impacted by COVID-19 and the absence of contribution from six properties

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divested in FY19/20. Net property income increased by a higher rate of 12.0% to S\$118.8 million on

the back of a 1.1% decline in property expenses, mainly due to lower utilities cost, maintenance

expenses and absence of expenses in relation to the properties divested last year, partly offset by

expenses attributable to acquisitions.

Ms Ng Kiat, Chief Executive Officer of the Manager said, "COVID-19 has accelerated several pre-

existing structural trends, such as e-commerce growth and supply chain diversification, benefitting

the logistics market in Asia Pacific. Underpinned by these trends, the logistics sector has continued

to demonstrate resilience. With a quality portfolio and strong regional network, MLT remains well-

positioned to navigate the current challenges as well as capture opportunities in the market place."

**Portfolio Update** 

Amidst the current turbulent times, MLT's portfolio has remained relatively resilient. Portfolio

occupancy stood at 97.2% as at 30 June 2020 while the weighted average lease expiry of the

portfolio (by net lettable area) is unchanged at 4.3 years. During the quarter, leases for approximately

362,126 square metres ("sqm") were successfully renewed or replaced, achieving a positive average

rental reversion rate of around 1.9%. This was mainly attributable to China, Hong Kong, Malaysia

and Vietnam.

In June 2020, MLT announced the proposed acquisition of a freehold Grade-A warehouse in

Brisbane, Australia for A\$21.3 million (S\$20.2 million). The acquisition is line with MLT's portfolio

rejuvenation strategy to add quality, well-located properties to improve portfolio quality and growth

potential. The newly completed property is leased to Decina Bathroomware, Australia's largest

specialist bath, spa bath and shower manufacturer, for the next 10 years with annual rent escalations.

Scheduled for completion by 3Q FY20/21, the acquisition will provide MLT with a stable and growing

income stream.

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**Capital Management Update** 

MLT's aggregate leverage stood at 39.6%<sup>1</sup> as at 30 June 2020, with slightly lower weighted average borrowing cost of 2.3%<sup>2</sup> per annum for 1Q FY20/21. Total debt outstanding increased by S\$62 million from the previous quarter to S\$3,612 million<sup>3</sup>, mainly due to additional loans drawn for working capital

purpose.

During the quarter, MLT refinanced S\$127 million equivalent of HKD and AUD loans with existing available committed facilities. Consequently, total debt due in FY20/21 has been reduced to

approximately S\$139 million or just 4% of total debt.

In line with the Manager's prudent hedging strategy, about 80% of MLT's total debt has been hedged

into fixed rates while approximately 78% of income stream for the next 12 months has been hedged.

**Outlook** 

Following the progressive easing of restrictions and as economies reopen, all of MLT's tenants have resumed operations except for a small number of tenants representing 1.3% of MLT's revenue base

which are mainly from Singapore.

Overall leasing demand for warehouse space has stayed relatively resilient. MLT's diversified geographic presence and tenant trade sector mix continues to provide resilience to MLT's pan-Asia portfolio. COVID-19 is also seen to accelerate several structural trends, such as e-commerce and supply chain diversification to Southeast Asia, that will benefit the warehouse market. Nevertheless, the Manager remains watchful of the evolving environment. A prolonged COVID-19 situation and

economic downturn may adversely affect demand for warehouse space.

The Manager will continue to be vigilant on maintaining a strong balance sheet and prudent cash flow management. As at 30 June 2020, MLT has a gearing ratio of 39.6% and a well staggered debt

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Property Funds Guidelines, the aggregate leverage ratio includes proportionate share of borrowings of joint ventures

<sup>2</sup> Average debt duration and weighted average borrowing cost for 1Q FY20/21 are inclusive of proportionate share of borrowings of joint ventures

<sup>3</sup> Includes proportionate share of borrowings of joint ventures.



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maturity profile with an average debt duration of 4.0 years. Based on the available committed credit facilities on hand, MLT has more than sufficient liquidity to meet its maturing debt obligations in the coming twelve months.

### **Distribution to Unitholders**

MLT will pay a distribution of 2.045 cents per unit on 11 September 2020 for the period from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020. The record date is 28 July 2020.

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### **About Mapletree Logistics Trust (MLT)**

MLT, the first Asia-focused logistics REIT in Singapore, was listed on the SGX-ST main board on 28 July 2005. MLT's principal strategy is to invest in a diversified portfolio of income-producing logistics real estate and real estate-related assets. As at 30 June 2020, it has a portfolio of 145 properties, comprising 52 properties in Singapore, 9 in Hong Kong SAR, 17 in Japan, 10 in Australia, 13 in South Korea, 23 in China (50% interest in 15 properties), 15 in Malaysia and 6 in Vietnam. The total value of assets under management is S\$8.9 billion. MLT is managed by Mapletree Logistics Trust Management Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mapletree Investments Pte Ltd. For more information, please visit www.mapletreelogisticstrust.com.

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