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Form 20-F/A  
July 12, 2002

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 20-F/A

(Mark One)

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001  
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OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from  
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Commission file number 0-22704  
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Frontline Ltd  
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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Frontline Ltd.  
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(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Bermuda  
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(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

Par-la-Ville Place, 14 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton, HM 08, Bermuda  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of each class  
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Name of each exchange  
on which registered  
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None

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act.

American Depositary Shares each  
representing one Ordinary Share, \$2.50 Par Value  
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(Title of class)



PART I

ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORS

Not Applicable

ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not Applicable

ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION

A. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected income statement data of the Company with respect to the fiscal years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999 and the selected balance sheet data of the Company with respect to the fiscal years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 have been derived from the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included herein and should be read in conjunction with such statements and the notes thereto. The selected income statement data with respect to the fiscal years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 and the selected balance sheet data with respect to the fiscal years ended December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997 has been derived from consolidated financial statements of the Company not included herein. The selected financial data with respect to the fiscal years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 has been restated to reflect the treatment of ICB Aktiebolag (publ) ("ICB") as an investment accounted for in accordance with the equity method. (See Item 4. A "Information on the Company - History and development of the Company"). The following table should also be read in conjunction with Item 5. "Operating and Financial Review and Prospects" and the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included herein.

|   | Fiscal Year Ended December                 |            |             |
|---|--|------------|-------------|
|   | 2001                                       | 2000       | 1999        |
|   | (in thousands, except Ordinary Shares, per |            |             |
| <b>Income Statement Data:</b>   |  |            |             |
| -----   |  |            |             |
| Net operating revenues  | \$ 647,345                                 | \$ 599,944 | \$ 253,214  |
| Net operating (loss) income after depreciation                                  | \$ 384,754                                 | \$ 376,092 | \$ (12,210) |
| Net income (loss) before cumulative effect<br>of change in accounting principle | \$ 350,389                                 | \$ 313,867 | \$ (86,896) |
| Net (loss) income   | \$ 382,728                                 | \$ 313,867 | \$ (86,896) |
| Earnings (loss) per Ordinary Share  |  |            |             |
| - basic   | \$ 4.99                                    | \$ 4.28    | \$ (1.76)   |
| - diluted   | \$ 4.98                                    | \$ 4.27    | \$ (1.76)   |
| Cash dividends per Ordinary Share   | \$ 1.50                                    | \$ -       | \$ -        |
| <br>  |  |            |             |
| <b>Balance Sheet Data (at end of year):</b>                                     |  |            |             |
| -----   |  |            |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 178,176                                 | \$ 103,514 | \$ 65,467   |
| Newbuildings and vessel purchase options  | \$ 102,781                                 | \$ 36,326  | \$ 32,777   |

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|   |             |             |             |    |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|----|
| Vessels and equipment, net                                  | \$2,196,959 | \$2,254,921 | \$1,523,112 | \$ |
| Vessels under capital lease, net                            | \$ 317,208  | \$ 108,387  | \$ -        | \$ |
| Total assets  | \$3,033,774 | \$2,780,988 | \$1,726,793 | \$ |
| Long-term debt (including current portion)                  | \$1,391,951 | \$1,544,139 | \$1,079,694 | \$ |
| Obligations under capital lease (including current portion) | \$ 300,790  | \$ 109,763  | \$ -        | \$ |
| Stockholders' equity  | \$1,252,401 | \$1,029,490 | \$ 557,300  | \$ |
| Ordinary Shares outstanding                                 | 74,407,566  | 78,068,811  | 60,961,860  | 4  |

Cash Flow Data

|   |              |              |              |    |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|
| Cash provided by operating activities           | \$ 477,607   | \$ 271,582   | \$ 46,486    | \$ |
| Cash provided by (used in) investing activities | \$ (103,782) | \$ (496,918) | \$ 175,532   | \$ |
| Cash provided by (used in) financing activities | \$ (299,163) | \$ 263,383   | \$ (230,585) | \$ |

Other Financial Data

|   |            |           |           |    |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|----|
| EBITDA (1)                                  | \$ 528,796 | \$481,789 | \$ 82,292 | \$ |
| Cash Earnings (2)                           | \$ 443,796 | \$392,184 | \$ 5,662  | \$ |
| Return on capital employed (percentage) (3) | 14.7%      | 18.2%     | 0.1%      |    |
| Equity to assets ratio (percentage) (4)     | 41.3%      | 37.0%     | 32.3%     |    |
| Debt to equity ratio (5)                    | 1.4        | 1.6       | 1.9       |    |
| Price earnings ratio (6)                    | 2.1        | 3.3       | neg.      |    |

Footnotes

(1) EBITDA represents net income (loss) before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortisation expenses. EBITDA is not required by US generally accepted accounting principles and should not be considered as an alternative to net income or any other indicator of

Contractual Commitments

In February 2001, the Company entered into five newbuilding contracts. Two Suezmaxes were ordered with Sasebo Shipyard in Japan for delivery in August and October, 2001. In addition, three VLCCs were ordered with Hitachi for delivery in April, August and October 2002. In connection with acquiring Mosvold Shipping Limited in May 2001, the Company secured control over another three VLCC newbuilding contracts scheduled for delivery from Samsung in 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively. The aforementioned 2001 delivery was subsequently delayed until 2002. In addition, in June 2001, Frontline announced that two joint ventures in which Frontline owns 33.33 per cent of the share capital, had acquired two newbuilding contracts from Bergesen. At December 31, 2001, all eight VLCCs were still to be delivered. Total contract amount for the eight vessels were \$591.9 million on a 100 per cent basis or adjusting for other owners shares in the two joint ventures, \$487.2 million. By December 31, 2001 \$115.1 million (\$102.8 million adjusted for other owners) had been paid to the yards as instalments in accordance with the respective contracts. The Company expects to finance the remaining commitments of \$476.8 million (\$384.4 million adjusted for the other owners shares) through its working capital and by obtaining bank loans.

At December 31 2001, the Company had outstanding debt of \$1,392.0 million which is repayable as follows:

Year ending December 31,  
(in thousands of \$)  
2002

227,597

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|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| 2003           | 294,122   |
| 2004           | 119,374   |
| 2005           | 106,291   |
| 2006           | 245,906   |
| 2007 and later | 398,661   |
| -----          |           |
| Total debt     | 1,391,951 |
| =====          |           |

At December 31 2001, the Company had eight vessels under capital leases. The outstanding obligations under capital leases are payable as follows:

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Year ending December 31,                          |         |
| (in thousands of \$)                              |         |
| -----   |         |
| 2002  | 34,409  |
| 2003  | 34,517  |
| 2004  | 34,792  |
| 2005  | 35,859  |
| 2006  | 35,980  |
| 2007 and later                                    | 255,757 |
| -----   |         |
| Minimum lease payments                            | 431,314 |
| -----   |         |
| Less imputed interest                             | 130,524 |
| -----   |         |
| Present value of obligations under capital leases | 300,790 |
| =====   |         |

In March 2001, the Company acquired from a third party, two companies that owned four drybulk carriers that were chartered in by the Company under capital leases. These drybulk carriers were then refinanced by traditional bank financing.

Off-Balance Sheet Financing

In 1998 and 1999, the Company entered into a total of four sale and leaseback transactions with German KG structures. In addition, one of the vessels obtained through the acquisition of ICB was also sold and leased back prior to the Company's acquisition of ICB. The minimum terms of these leases range up to eight years. The leases of these five vessels are being accounted for as operating leases. The future minimum rental payments under the Company's non-cancellable operating leases, are as follows:

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Year ending December 31,     |         |
| (in thousands of \$)         |         |
| -----                        |         |
| 2002                         | 40,971  |
| 2003                         | 24,516  |
| 2004                         | 24,123  |
| 2005                         | 24,628  |
| 2006                         | 24,638  |
| 2007 and later               | 6,023   |
| -----                        |         |
| Total minimum lease payments | 144,899 |
| =====                        |         |

SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Frontline Ltd.  
(Registrant)

Date June 28, 2002

By /s/ Kate Blankenship  
Kate Blankenship  
Company Secretary

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