GRINDROD SHIPPING HOLDINGS LTD. ABBREVIATED NAME: GRINSHIP Registered in Singapore with registration number 201731497H JSE Share code: GSH ISIN: SG9999019087 Primary listing on NASDAQ Global Select Market Secondary listing on the JSE Main Board

Grindrod Shipping Holdings Ltd. Announces Becoming a Signatory of the Neptune Declaration on Seafarer Wellbeing and Crew Change

Grindrod Shipping Holdings Ltd. (NASDAQ: GRIN) (JSE: GSH) ("Grindrod Shipping" or "Company" or "it" or "we" or "our"), a global provider of maritime transportation services in the drybulk and product tanker sectors, announced it has signed the Neptune Declaration on Seafarer Wellbeing and Crew Change (the "Neptune Declaration"). The Neptune Declaration focuses on addressing the crew change crisis the shipping industry is facing due to the pandemic and prioritize high-quality health protocols.

The Neptune Declaration's four major aims are to:

- recognize seafarers as key workers and give them priority access to Covid-19 vaccinations;
- implement high-standard health protocols;
- increase collaboration between ship operators and charterers to facilitate crew changes; and
- ensure airline connectivity between key maritime hubs for seafarers.

Martyn Wade, the Chief Executive Officer of Grindrod Shipping, commented:

"We are committed to the well-being and safety of our seafarers and are pleased to join a global coalition of over 400 companies and organizations striving to achieve the same ambitions. During the pandemic, shipping reaffirmed its vital function as the artery of global trade keeping the global supply chain open for the benefit of societies around the world. This could not have happened without the endurance and sacrifices of our seafarers who have been facing unprecedented challenges. We look forward to working with our peers to address and resolve the challenges of crew changes and to ensure a safer and more resilient global maritime supply chain."

About Grindrod Shipping Holdings Ltd.

Grindrod Shipping owns and operates a diversified fleet of owned and long-term and short-term chartered-in drybulk vessels and product tankers. The drybulk business, which operates under the brand "Island View Shipping" ("IVS") includes a fleet of 15 handysize drybulk carriers and 16 supramax/ultramax drybulk carriers on the water. The tanker business, which operates under the brand "Unicorn Shipping" ("Unicorn") includes a fleet of three medium range tankers and one small tanker. The Company is based in Singapore, with offices in London,

Durban, Tokyo, Cape Town and Rotterdam. Grindrod Shipping is listed on NASDAQ under the ticker "GRIN" and on the JSE under the ticker "GSH".

Forward-Looking Statements

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