



DRYSHIPS ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF THE “ATM” EQUITY OFFERING

Athens, Greece - April 16, 2009. DryShips Inc. (NASDAQ:DRYS) (the "Company" or "DryShips"), a global provider of marine transportation services for drybulk cargoes and off-shore contract drilling oil services, announced today the completion of the ATM Equity OfferingSM in which the Company raised gross proceeds of approximately \$500 million since commencing the offering pursuant to the prospectus supplement filed on January 28, 2009. Merrill Lynch & Co. acted as sales agent in the offering. Following the completion of the program, the Company has approximately 184,760,000 common shares outstanding.

George Economou, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, commented: “Given the status of the world economy, the fact that we have successfully raised \$500 million of primary equity is a testament of DryShip’s ability to tap the capital markets at any point in time. We would like to thank Merrill Lynch & Co. for their assistance. We believe the primary equity that we have raised has significantly improved our balance sheet and liquidity, and will enable us to continue reducing our debt obligations while also allowing us to take advantage of future growth opportunities.”

About DryShips Inc.

DryShips Inc., based in Greece, is an owner and operator of drybulk carriers that operate worldwide. As of the date of this release, DryShips owns a fleet of 43 drybulk carriers comprising 7 Capesize, 28 Panamax, 2 Supramax and 5 newbuilding drybulk vessels with a combined deadweight tonnage of over 3.4 million tons, 2 ultra deep water semisubmersible drilling rigs and 2 ultra deep water newbuilding drillships. DryShips Inc.'s common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market where trades under the symbol "DRYS." Visit our website at www.dryships.com

Forward-Looking Statements

Matters discussed in this release may constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance and may include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical facts. The forward-looking statements in this release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although DryShips Inc. believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, DryShips Inc. cannot assure you that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections. Important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements

include the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including changes in charterhire rates and vessel values, changes in demand that may affect attitudes of time charterers to scheduled and unscheduled drydocking, changes in DryShips Inc.'s operating expenses, including bunker prices, drydocking and insurance costs, or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents and political events or acts by terrorists. Risks and uncertainties are further described in reports filed by DryShips Inc. with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

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